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## Newsletter Autumn Term 2020



Dear Parents

### Welcome Back

I would like to give a warm welcome back to all our children and families after a well-earned summer holiday. I hope that you all took advantage of the break and now feel refreshed and ready to face the challenges of the new school year. We had some lovely weather and I hope that you all made the most of it.

Yesterday saw the return of all children in all year groups from Year 1 to Year 6. It was wonderful to see everybody again. Many thanks to parents for supporting us with the systems we put in place for the start and end of the day. There were many 'eager beavers' yesterday who arrived at school really early and raring to go! The gates will open at **08:30** ready for Years 4/5/6 and will remain open until 09:00. Please try to stick to the time allocated to your year group where possible.

We understand that some families will need to drop off in multiple locations at different times and we are being flexible. No child will be marked as 'late' until after 09:05 when the registers close. During the first part of the day all classes will be doing activities to revise and refresh learning until the register closes. Where families do have children in several year groups please drop me an email as we will look to adjust arrangements to make it easier for you if we can.

If your child is late, the gates are locked at 9:00am. We ask in this instance that you bring your child to the main door where the office will sign your child in to school and they will be taken to their 'bubble'.

In order to ensure the Health and Safety of all our children please remember that if your child will be absent, the school should be contacted by 9.30am. We may phone after this time in order to clarify the situation if your child has not arrived in school and we have not had notification otherwise. On return to school, please can you make sure that we have had communication to explain the reason for your child's absence, in order for the office to accurately maintain our attendance records.

Unfortunately at the end of the day yesterday the weather decided to work against us and it was very wet. Despite this all children were safely collected and we thank parents for their patience. None of us wanted to have to implement a one way system and impose the current restrictions, but this is necessary and it is vital if we are to play our part in controlling the pandemic.

### Incident

It was brought to my attention yesterday morning that there was a traffic incident on Bradfield Road where a gentleman was knocked from his bicycle. This added to traffic congestion in the area as Bradfield Road was closed and traffic was



diverting down Mabllins Lane. We do not know the gentleman, or know how serious his injuries were, but we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery. It does highlight the importance of 'road safety', and both parents and children being extra careful around the busy junctions.

### **New starters**

I would like to give a special welcome to Harrison, Corban, Serena, Lily, Poppy, Ahmed, Carin, Finlay, Chloe, Jensen and Bobby who are joining our school. A very warm welcome to these pupils and their families. We now have 570 pupils on role at the school.

### **EYFS**

Our new EYFS children are starting this week on half days with lunch at school. We have 77 children starting in EYFS spread across 3 classes. They are not starting until 09:15 to give extra flexibility this week, but the gates are open earlier and the doors will be open from 09:00. Our morning pupils will leave at 12 noon and parents should collect from Parkers Road following the one way system. Afternoon pupils arrive at 12:30. The gates will not be open until 12:30 to allow us the half hour to clean the EYFS area and complete preparations. Collection is at 3:00 from Parkers Road.

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September **ALL** EYFS will attend for the full day. The doors will be open from 08:55 until 09:10 with the register taken at 09:15. At the end of the day parents should use the Parkers Road gate which will be open for collection at 3:00pm.

Our new starters all looked very smart and had an excellent day yesterday. We are so pleased to welcome them to our Mabllins school family.

### **Staff**

Hopefully all children will have now met their new teacher and support staff. Each year group is working as a 'bubble' with the same staff supporting throughout the day. Classes within a year group may mix occasionally, but there will be little contact between year groups. Year groups have staggered break times with the same staff sharing the duties. Midday assistant have been allocated to 'bubbles' as have cleaners.

### **New staff**

I would like to welcome new members of staff who have joined the team since March when we partially closed the school; Miss S Meadows (EYFS teacher), Miss S Collins (EYFS PPA/Support teacher), Mrs L Coleman (EYFS Teaching support) Mrs L Bradbury (Y3 Teaching support), Mrs C Gibson (Y3 Teaching support), Mrs M Kulikowska (Y4 Teaching support) and Miss S Pollard (Y6 Teaching support).

### **Staff News**

We are pleased to pass on some good news that Mrs Knight gave birth to beautiful twin boys at the start of the summer break. Mum and boys are doing very well, although Mrs Knight says that she officially 'doesn't sleep' anymore!

### **Parent's Welcome Meeting**

Traditionally at this time of year we would be inviting parents to 'Welcome Meetings' in school to meet the new staff and receive information about how each year group works. Due to the current restrictions we have changed the organization and these information sessions will be recorded by each class teacher and will be posted on the website where they can be accessed via a link. Each teacher will record information including timetabling, organization, homework etc. This will be made live on Wednesday next week (9<sup>th</sup> September).

### **Parents Evenings**

During the first half of the Autumn Term we would also usually hold a face-to-face parents evening appointment. We still very much want to meet with parents and are currently looking at how we can do this safely and within current guidelines. We will let you know as soon as we have put arrangements in place.

### **School trips**

Prior to 'lockdown' we already had the Y6 Lake District residential visit in the diary, as well as Beeston and Anglesey provisionally booked for the Spring Term. The current guidance is that there should be 'no overnight visits during the Autumn Term'. To this end we have managed to transfer the Lake District booking to Easter time. A letter will be sent to all Y6 pupils around half term giving all children the chance to make a decision about attending the visit again. For those who

had already paid a deposit this is safe, but should the visit have to be cancelled then the deposit will be returned to you. The visit will be undertaken according to the guidance issued at that time.

The visits to Beeston and Anglesey will remain in the diary and a decision will be made about the viability in due course. We are very conscious that our current Y5 pupils missed their visit to Anglesey and have not yet had the opportunity to experience an overnight stay so they will be given priority when visits can go ahead.

Day visits are permitted, but due to the level of risk we have decided that for at least the first half term all learning will be undertaken on the school premises or in the direct locality of the school. Should guidance change then we will consider very carefully and consult with parents around any off site activity.

### **Clubs**

The first few weeks back at school will be a time of adjustment for all. Our main focus will be on the safe day-to-day running of the school and providing relevant activities and opportunities to get our children back on track. For September we will not be operating any after school clubs, rather we will focus on the challenge of the day. Going forward we do not want to lose the rich and varied lunch time and after school opportunities that were on offer and will look to re-instate clubs as soon as we possibly can. The first clubs will be those that can be held outdoors in the fresh air so will mainly be sport clubs.

### **Communication**

Now that we have welcomed our 'whole school family' back to Mablins we will be returning to 'ClassDojo'. This is a great positive communication system for use between home and school. Please see below (end of the newsletter) for how to re-join:



Year group emails – we will continue to use year group email addresses. This email box will be monitored by the Year group team.

[eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

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[year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

Parents can call the school at any time on: 01270 685085 There is an answerphone service available on this number and messages are checked regularly. Calls regarding absence can be left on the answerphone and the registers will be updated accordingly. Parents may wish to email directly to me or via the school office. Addresses are as follows:

**Headteacher:** [head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Office:** [admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are present each morning on the main entry doors/gates to school. A texting service is in place for short messages. Newsletters and other correspondence will be sent by email or paper copies can be made available. If you require more than one copy then do please let us know.

We have a school website [www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk](http://www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk)

Please regularly check online for lots of additional information. You can also keep up to speed with events as they happen by following our Twitter feed **@MablinsSchool**

We also have a YouTube Channel, which we hope to use more frequently this year.



A direct link to our channel is below:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV\\_mo49zISKGodm-kJiglyg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV_mo49zISKGodm-kJiglyg)

We look forward to sharing even more of the amazing things our children do and involving you more in your child's learning journey.

### Contact details

It is important that the school holds the correct contact details for all our children and families. We may need to phone parents and therefore need the current numbers. Letters and information may be sent by email and therefore we need an up to date contact email address. Please can parents email: [admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) if their details have changed since March. If it seems that other parents are receiving information that you have not, please email us directly in order for us to check that we do hold the correct information. Many thanks.

Communication will be sent in English, but should parents require translation then please let us know as we can offer this service to parents in some cases.



### Photo Permissions

During the course of the day we take lots of photos of the children as they are working and some of these are posted on our Twitter feed or on the school website. PLEASE CAN PARENTS INFORM US IF THEY DO NOT WISH THEIR CHILD TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED in order for us to update our list. Many thanks.

### Uniform

It is lovely to see all the children in their school uniform. Second hand uniform is always available please just ask. Please make sure that **ALL** your child's uniform, coats and PE kit is clearly labelled with his/her name. A quick reminder on school uniform:

Black/grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses  
White/pale blue polo shirts  
Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan  
White/grey/black socks or tights  
Black school shoes

Uniform can be bought with the Mablins logo online. Plain items can be purchased from local shops and supermarkets very reasonably.

### Name Labels

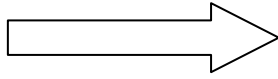
Easy to use name labels can be purchased from the school office. (25 name labels for £2.50 and 5 pairs of shoe labels for £3.00). Labels can be prepared swiftly, no long wait and no postage and packing! Please think about using this service. This will help to significantly reduce our lost property pile. PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

### School Lunch Payments

The school kitchen is now fully open and providing hot meals for children across the school. Please can I remind parents that dinner money is £2.40 per day (£12.00 per full week, £88.80 for this half term of 37 days). Pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal and will not need to send in any payment. Please be reminded that registration is still required for Free School Meals if parents are in receipt of some benefits. This applies to pupils in any year group across the school including EYFS, Y1 and Y2. This registration releases money in to the school budget (Pupil Premium Funding) which helps to support pupil learning. The number to call is 0300 123 5012. If you are unsure if you are eligible or require assistance in your application then do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Dinner money is payable in **advance** and is due weekly on a **Monday**, or at the start of the half term. Please send in half termly payments before Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September if possible. **Children who owe for dinners will not be able to continue until all arrears are paid.** If you are paying for more than one child, please state clearly on the envelope which money is due to

which child. Payments should where possible be made online via the Cheshire East School Portal <https://online.cheshireeast.gov.uk/SchoolShop/ParentLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSchoolShop%2fSecureApp%2fParentHome.aspx>. If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office.



### Medicine

Some pupils take regular medicine and need to do this during the school day. Please ensure that a new form has been completed for the office and that medication in school is in date and current doses are accurate. We will not be able to administer any medication until forms are signed and complete for this school year. Mrs Eastwood is our designated medical needs support worker and will be contacting families during the next couple of weeks. Please look out for this correspondence and reply accordingly.

Some pupils may need to take a course of medication after a short illness and this may require administering during the school day. We can only administer medicine prescribed by a doctor and to the dose prescribed on the label. A form will need to be completed at the time in the office.

Some pupils will take regular medicine, but this may be outside of school hours. It is useful for us to know this in case there is an emergency. Please could parents add this to the data sheet or let us know in writing so that we can add this to our records.

### Allergies Information **\*NUT FREE\***

It is very important for you to inform us at school if your child suffers from any allergies. All our staff have been trained to deal with reactions and can work accordingly.

**We do have a pupil who has a severe nut allergy and we are therefore becoming a NUT FREE SCHOOL.**

**Please can all parents support us in this pledge by checking any snacks and lunch box items to make sure that they DO NOT contain any nuts in order to keep all our pupils safe.**

Many thanks for your cooperation with this request.

### Parking Outside School



The safety of our children is paramount and it is essential therefore that everyone parks thoughtfully and considerately around school. We do have our yellow zig-zag lines giving a clear zone, but I do urge all parents to be vigilant in keeping the front of the school clear. We are hoping that with staggered start and finish times this may help to alleviate the problem. If parking in any of the estates, parents must ensure that they do not park across or block the driveways of our neighbours. Last year we had numerous complaints from our neighbours who have been met with abuse when asking parents not to block their driveways. Anyone parking in a dangerous manner or showing dis-regard will be reported to the police.

### Back to school – safely!

Very few parents are aware that children up to the age of 12 are required to use a booster seat of some sort. The only exemption is if a child is taller than 135cm. The full legislation is copied below.

1. Using a child car seat or booster seat

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135cm tall.

### Types of child car seat

Which child car seat to use depends on the child's weight.

Type of seat	Weight
Rear-facing baby seats	Babies up to 13kg
Forward or rear-facing baby seats	Children from 9 to 18kg
Forward-facing child car seats (booster seats)	Children from 15 to 25kg
Booster cushions	Children over 22kg

*Only EU-approved child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle.*

*It is a frightening fact that if you are involved in an accident, even if you are not at fault and you are found to be committing any offence, be that a bald tyre, using your phone or not using a booster seat, your insurer is unlikely to pay your claim and a prosecution is a possibility.*

*Could you live with yourself if you injured your child permanently because they were wearing an ill-fitting seat belt? The legislation is there for your child's protection. Please ensure you comply.*

May I remind you that I am always available should you have any queries or concerns no matter how small. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I wish you all a most successful term.

Yours sincerely  
Justine Joule



## **Welcome back to Dojo!**

We are pleased to let parents know that Dojo will be switched back on from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### **What does this mean?**

Children will start receiving positive points as praise for good work/behaviour in school. Parents will also be able to reconnect with teachers via the Dojo app. EYFS parents will receive an invite from their child's class teacher explaining how to connect.

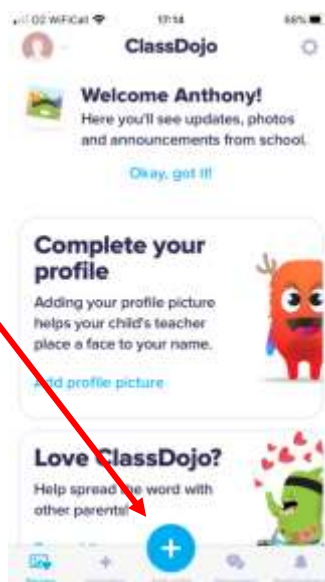
### **How do I reconnect with my child's class teacher (Yrs. 1-6)?**

Use the instructions below to reconnect with your child's new class teacher.

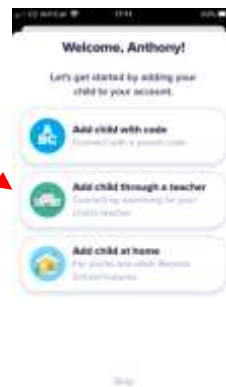
**\*\*Ensure that you have the app downloaded and you are logged in\*\***

Follow the steps below which illustrate how we reconnected with our fictitious pupil 'George George' from Mr Poole's class.

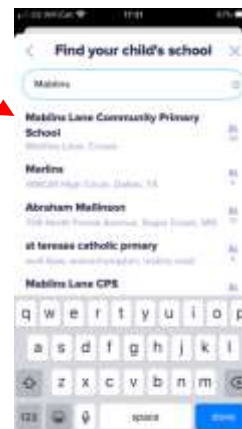
Step 1: Click the 'Add child' icon at the bottom of app.



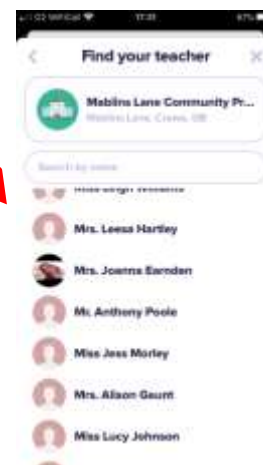
Step 2: Select 'Add child through a class teacher'.



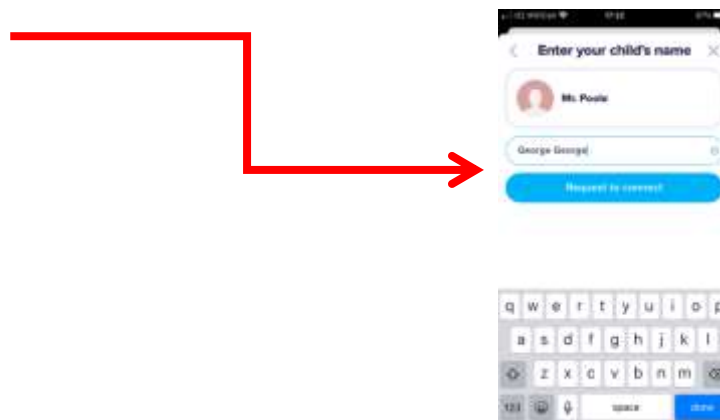
Step 3: The screen will display a search tool for you to search for Mabllins Lane Community Primary School. Select Mabllins Lane.



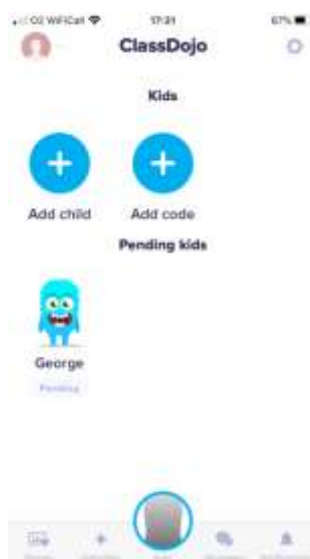
Step 3: Search for your child's new class teacher.



Step 4: Type your child's FULL name. Select 'Request to connect'.



Step 5: Your request will now be pending, once your child's new class teacher approves your request you will be reconnected with Dojo.



**We can't wait to connect with you again!**

