

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 4th February 2021

Dear Parents and Children

I can't believe that this is the penultimate week of the half term. Time certainly seems to be moving on swiftly. Hopefully that will bring the time when we are all back in school here sooner than we think. Our children and families continue to show resilience in the face of difficulty and we are definitely making this uncomfortable situation work.

This week has seen the passing of Captain Tom. He was a figure who certainly showed us resilience, determination and tenacity. Listening to the news I heard this quote that he had made reference to and it certainly rings true.

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination."
Tommy Lasorda

Determination runs strong at Mablins. We will get through this together.

Positive Cases

We are pleased to report that there have been no further cases within our direct school community this week. Protective measures are still very much in place, but I am pleased to report that following the late delivery of Lateral Flow Test kits, all staff working in school are taking the additional measure of twice weekly testing. This will allow us to identify anybody who could be asymptomatic and enable them to start an isolation period at the earliest opportunity. This will be another safeguard against the spreading of the virus.

School Attendance – Key workers

ONLY COME TO SCHOOL ON THE DAYS YOU NEED TO!

The school is now closed to the vast majority of pupils; the exception being those children who have an EHCP, are classed as vulnerable or whose parents have a critical frontline key worker role.

We continue to have over 30% of the school accessing key worker places. I have had further requests this week and have now set up a waiting list for places. We cannot currently take any additional pupils.

Many thanks as parents are only sending their children on the days they need. (We do not need shift patterns,

we will code the register accordingly and the place is secure once a name is on the register.)

If your situation changes then please let me know as this may release a place for someone on the waiting list.

Start and End of the Day

The number of parents and children accessing the premises at the start and end of the day has been greatly reduced, but please can I remind parents to park responsibly, and be mindful of pedestrians. There should be no dropping off on the 'zig zag' lines, or driving in to the school gateways or on to the school premises. We still don't have a crossing patrol so extra vigilance is needed on Parker's Road. Our PCSO has been supporting us and has been to supervise this week.



Uniform

If your child is attending school then they should wear school uniform each day. The teacher may ask for a PE kit to be worn if that has been planned – this should be suitable and warm given the current weather conditions. All children **MUST** bring their coat, as they will be going outside for fresh air breaks.



School Lunches

The school kitchen is open providing a hot meal each day. Joy has adjusted the menu with one choice each day. An alternative will be provided for dietary requirements. If children wish to bring a packed lunch they will eat this in their class area.





Mablins Virtual School Assembly

We would really like it if children in school and at home could join us for our **Friday Celebration Assembly, on Friday 5th February**. It was lovely to catch up with all those children that joined us from home last week! We have posted out certificates to all the 'Shout Out' certificate winners! Well done to you all who are working hard in school and at home.



EYFS Certificates:

George, Alfie B and Zach

Year 1 Certificates:

Lexi, James K, Olivia C, Sophia, Jorge and Jayden

Year 2 Certificates:

Georgina, Albie, Callum, Emily, Millie and Imogen

Year 3 Certificates:

Tyler, Harrison T, Harrison P, Aaron, Jakub and Tristan

Year 4 Certificates:

Isla, Grace, William, Luke, Jacob, Phoebe D

Year 5 Certificates:

Toby, Maisie, Jacob L, Hannah P, Scarlett R, Oscar K and Christian M

Year 6 Certificates:

Lucas, Neve, Amelia Z, Brandon, Lexi and Thomas W

Click on the boxes named KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 ASSEMBLY Links for joining details on TEAMS.



KS1 Assembly



Lower KS2 (Y3&Y4)
Assembly



Upper KS2 (Y5&Y6)
Assembly

We will be singing this week the song 'Lovely Day', words can be found on the assembly channel posts.

Friday Celebration Assembly 5th February 2021

KS1 Assembly – Year 1 & Year 2

9:30am

Lower KS2 Assembly – Yr 3 & Yr 4

12:00 pm

Upper KS2 Assembly – Yr 5 & Yr 6

2:30 pm

Remote Learning –WEEK 5

Thank you again for another great week of remote learning. Week 5 on TEAMS and EYFS on the VLE and you are all STILL doing a great job! EYFS this week have also be joining teachers on TEAMS for story time sessions.



Teachers are online every school day and there if you need any support with work via DOJO or by year group emails. **Please get in touch with us if you need any support with home learning, we are here if you need anything!**

If you are struggling with resources e.g. calculators/paper/notebooks/writing equipment then also please get in touch with us.

If you need further help with Teams then please contact us at school on deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or see this [support guidance](#).

Remember just do what you can at home; we are here if you need us!



Please note: There will be no remote learning on Friday 12th February as it is an INSET day, and during the ½ term holidays.

DfE help with technology – Only for Years 3 to Year 6

As part of the Government programme to help families who do not have access to a device, we have been allocated a small number of laptops.



These laptops are currently being allocated to families who are struggling at home to access remote learning. Parents will need to sign an agreement with the school to accept responsibility for the device and return it to us once children return back to school.

If you are struggling with remote learning devices then please get in touch with us, we also have a small number of laptops (these are being given to children in ALL year groups) that have been donated to us and we really want these to go to children who need them most.

Please email: deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Wi-Fi Support

BT are offering free Wi-Fi via hotspot vouchers for anyone who doesn't have internet. Each voucher can have 3 devices attached to it in the home.



Please contact us: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to take up this offer of support. As a school we can apply for up to 60 vouchers.

On-Line safety

How do I keep my child safe whilst accessing remote learning?

Parents need to make sure



that children are supervised whilst using the Internet to ensure that they are only accessing content that is appropriate to them. Children have had online safety lessons in school and should be aware of how to keep themselves safe online and what to do if they don't feel safe (remind them of the SMART rules).

It would be a good idea to ask your child to tell you ways in which they can keep themselves safe while using the Internet so that you as a parent can ensure that they understand. It is also important that you consider the amount of time that your child is spending online and sitting at a tablet/computer screen. Make sure that you build in time for breaks so that children are not looking at a screen for long periods of time.

Home Learning Packs

We have been providing home learning packs for some children who have limited access to technology. Following the distribution of laptops to some families we are hoping that this can now be reduced. Whilst we are happy to provide a paper pack, this does involve much time and paper and is not very environmentally friendly. It also means additional contact with the school office. **Please only request a paper pack as a last resort. Thank you.**



FOREST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 4

Looking for Tracks

Mud is everywhere at the moment so why not look out for animal tracks? You could look in your garden, in parks or anywhere else you might go for a walk. You might find footprints from cats, squirrels, birds, or even a fox. We'd love to hear about your discoveries.



hedgehog



fox



squirrel

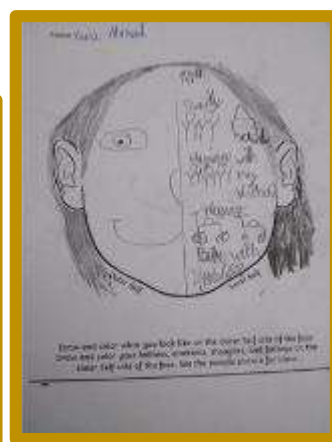
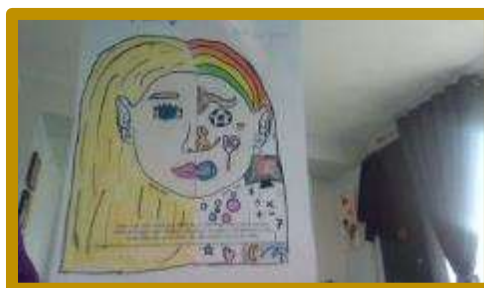
FOREST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 3 WORK



Home Learning

Thank you to all the children that are sending in photos of remote/home learning. YOU are doing an amazing job and WE are so proud of you all! Keep sending photos in via TEAMS or by email to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support with 'Children's Mental Health Week' we have been tweeting daily problem solving activities to keep you mentally strong! Thank you to all those children who have had a go and taken part! Remember if you need help or support contact us at school!





Amaven PE APP

AMAVEN
MOVE • PLAY • LIVE

To support children and families through lockdown 3.0 we have a free Home PE App, so your children can access meaningful PE at home. Giving you a suitable solution for physical skill development as a replacement for structured and meaningful PE.

Each week we will provide children with a range of video activities through the App, the videos activities are fully differentiated and easy to follow; most children should be able to work independently. The Home PE App will allow your children to;

- Have Fun and Be Active
- Develop Fitness
- Develop Sports Skills
- Maintain Wellness

This will be achieved through a range of;

- Active Warm Up's and Fitness activities
- Development of Fundamental Movement Skills
- Technical Skill Activities
- Dance
- Yoga

You can download your schools Home PE App by signing up for free here (you will need to use your own email/details to access it) Click here to access the [MyAmaven](https://s1.myamaven.com/mablins-lane-primary-school-pe-app) website. The full web address is:-
<https://s1.myamaven.com/mablins-lane-primary-school-pe-app>

You will then be able to download your App to your smartphone or tablet, and you can ping the videos to a larger screen such as your TV or monitor should you wish.

Reading - A Visit to the library

Whilst visits to the library are not possible at the minute, the library can come to you. Using the Cheshire East Facebook page families can access story time sessions at home.

A reminder also of this FREE reading support for parents next week.

Read With Me
FREE: Live Webinar
Thursday 11th February 2021
 Literacy Counts in Partnership with Cheshire East
 Supporting Parents and Carers in Supporting Reading

This first session aims to help you:

- develop a love of reading with your child
- listen and respond to your child as a reader
- support positive interactions around books
- encourage conversations about books

This free webinar includes practical 'take away' activities and solutions for reading to and with your primary school child.

3pm-4pm

<https://zoom.us/j/91478883218?pwd=V3VVQVdPdG5wVTNyT3d3SmhieW5vQT09>

Meeting ID: 914 7888 3218

Passcode: 777418

7pm-8 pm (Repeated)

<https://zoom.us/j/97442367663?pwd=Tk16Q0lrQk5sSVN0YUN2MEdpVmVLdz09>

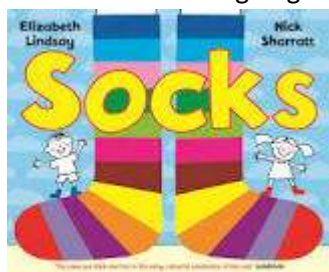
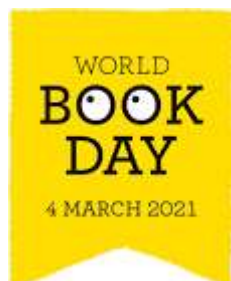
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World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 4th March**. As we are still expecting the school to be partially closed on this date, the staff are preparing a range of activities that can be undertaken either at home or in school. We are going to be using the book 'Socks' by Nick Sharrat and Elizabeth Lindsay.

On the day we will ask the children to wear odd or jazzy socks and then send pictures to us of them reading with their socks on.



WORLD BOOK DAY 4 MARCH 2021

Wear odd or jazzy socks and send us pictures of yourself reading with your socks on to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Kids Planet

Breakfast and after school club has stayed open for parents who need to drop off and collect outside of school hours. Kids Planet has measures in place to safeguard the children and reduce contact between pods. Pre-School also remains open at this time



Audio Books – VLE

We have updated the website with a range of Audio books for the children to enjoy. The password for the audio book section is at the top



of your Year Group VLE page. Direct link to page below;
<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/audio-stories/>

Maths Support

This series of free webinars for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents, aims to provide support and reassurance about mathematics home learning. You will be provided with an understanding of what is expected for your child at this stage of their education, along with a range of fun and meaningful activities to complete together.

Mathematics Home Learning in Reception

FREE: Live Webinar
Saturday 6th February 2021
10:00am

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OQV6P0tjRLmeJVv_LyNUIQ

Mathematics Home Learning in Year 1

FREE: Live Webinar
Saturday 6th February 2021
10:45am

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w3FKKH40SpiyAHO9wDCz2w

Mathematics Home Learning in Year 2

FREE: Live Webinar
Saturday 6th February 2021
11:30am

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NLGjzkdgQQGbrjsGasPOCg

Covid-19

Although there is a new strain the guidance for Covid still gives the main symptoms as;

- New and persistent dry cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste /smell

Should your child present with any of these symptoms they should **not go out**, but you should **seek a test**.

YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SHOWING ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS OR IF ANYBODY IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS SHOWING THOSE SYMPTOMS.

Please follow the guidance to help keep everybody safe.

IMPORTANT
Covid- 19 Telephone Number

If your child has a Covid test and it is positive you must inform the school immediately by calling our Covid telephone line on:



This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test.

Illness

Whilst we are all being vigilant for COVID symptoms, please let us not forget that the children may just get a winter cold or a tummy bug. If your child is unwell in anyway then please keep them at home in order to contain the spread of germs.

Free School Meals

Are you entitled to Free School Meals? Go to the link below to see if you meet the specified criteria. Applying for FSM attracts over £1000 of funding in to school which helps to support the children, for example helping to fund your child's school trips.



<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Now that schools have restricted opening again the Free School Voucher scheme has been reinstated from Monday 18th January. Those on our FSM register should have received an email to confirm the arrangements. Each child that qualifies for Income Related FSM (not UIFSM) will receive £15 per week in shopping vouchers. If you are uncertain about qualification then please telephone or contact the school office: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Children's Check in

During this time, we want to reach out to you and offer our support as much as we can.

If you are feeling lonely, if someone is being unkind online, or if you would just like to check in with us, please get in touch. Just like in school, you can reach out to talk to us by emailing:

mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk



Year Group - Email Address
Mablins Lane CP School

Just a reminder that our year group email addresses are still operational.

Please use **ONLY** the following email addresses to contact your child's class teacher. They will respond during the school working hours of between 9.00am and 4.30pm, please note that many of the teachers are still in school and teaching key worker children.

eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

School Meals - Cashless Payments

Please can we remind parents about the Cheshire East epayments system. Payments for school meals **should where possible be made online** via the [Cheshire East School Epayments Portal](#)

If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office or refer to the [online parent guide](#) below.

A Century of Activity

We wanted to share a great idea to honour the sad passing of the inspirational Captain Sir Tom Moore, aged 100 years.

As you know, Captain Sir Tom raised almost £33 million for the NHS by completing 100 laps of his garden, despite being in pain and discomfort when he walked.

So, in honour of him, we are challenging our children to complete a century of something active this coming week. This may be 100 laps of the garden, 100 steps on a walk, a 100 keepy-ups – anything you want to do!

Please then send all your fabulous achievements to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you and good luck!



Half Term

This week the DFE have confirmed that the school will be CLOSED for the half term break to ALL pupils. We will close for half term on **THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY**.

The school is scheduled to re-open on **MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY**. We do not have guidance whether this will be a full or partial opening. As soon as the situation has been clarified parents will be informed.

Have a good week everybody. Stay Home, Stay Safe.
Take care and look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

