

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 4th March 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back. I trust you all had a good half term break even though weather was not so kind. The storms seem to be continuing in to the second half of the term so please can I take this opportunity to ask that all children bring a suitable coat to school for break and lunch times. Coats should be clearly named.

Ofsted Inspection

By now all parents should have received a copy of our latest inspection report. As you will be aware Ofsted visited us just before we broke up for half term. The 'Overall Effectiveness' of the school is now classed as '**GOOD**'. We are very pleased with this outcome and would like to thank our parents for the support given on so many levels. Our pupils are amazing. As a school we will continue to deliver the widest range of opportunities possible taking in to account all needs to ensure that our pupils, your children, continue to get the best possible experience.



Sports Update

Netball Final – last week our netballers attended the 'Finals' held at Brine Leas in Nantwich. The team was not at full strength due to illness but nevertheless played really well. Unfortunately they came up against some strong competition and were not trophy winners on this occasion. We are very proud of all the team players who have made stunning progress over the last two seasons. Many thanks to Miss Morley and Mrs Morris for training the team and to Mrs Irvine for accompanying them on Parents Evening!

School Dinners

Every Tuesday, during this half term, Joy and the kitchen team will be playing songs from the musicals during lunchtime, come and try school lunch and enjoy the music!



Year 4 Anglesey Residential

For those children attending the Anglesey residential, all outstanding balances need to be settled **as soon as possible**. Please contact Mrs Jones in the office if you are unsure of your balance.

Parents' Evening

Many thanks to the families who made appointments and attended our Spring Term Parents' Evenings. Some appointments were made separately and we urge those parents who have not yet had an appointment to contact the class teacher before the Easter break.

Unfortunately Mr McLean and Miss Morley were unwell on Thursday 27th; therefore their appointments will be carried over to **THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**.

Please contact the office if the new date is unsuitable in order to re-schedule.

ARK Week

Ark week was very successful again with a fantastic sharing assembly celebrating a range of work from across the school. New displays have been created



around the school using this work and we welcome parents to have a look next time they are in school.

We focused on the book 'Wonder' and we had workshops and assemblies with the Charity 'More than a Face'. Our non-uniform day for this charity raised £483. Many thanks for the support.



Year 5 Workshop



The Vikings are coming to Crewe and dropping in at Mablins to inform the children about life in the past! Yesterday all Year 5 children participated in various workshops learning about how the Vikings lived and making comparisons to life today. It was very informative and helped to bring history alive for the children.



World Book Day and Book Sale

The School Council and English Team have been busy organising activities for World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. It would be great if children could bring unwanted books to donate to school for our book sale that we will be having in the morning of the 5th March.

We are also asking if children could come dressed as a book character on this day. We encourage families to be creative with home-made costumes and not to spend large amounts on shop bought items for the day.

Green Day **FRIDAY 6TH MARCH**

On Friday this week the children are invited to wear something green to school. This might be a T-shirt, jumper, headband, socks or a whole outfit. During the day there will be a focus on learning on environmental issues and being ECO. Our Green Team will be sharing some ideas in assembly, so watch out for these on our Twitter feed. (Please note that there is no cost!)



Sport Relief

The sports council have organised some fun activities for this week including 'Beat your own Time' for the Daily Mile. On **Friday 13th March** pupils are invited to wear their team colours in support of the sport relief charity. This can be a full kit, or items of sports clothing.

A donation of £1 towards the charity would be welcomed for those who wish to support.



World Down Syndrome Day – Wear odd socks!

It's time to dig out your odd socks for another year as we get ready to celebrate World Down



Syndrome Day on 20th March 2020! Cheshire Down's Syndrome Support Group are inviting Mablins Lane to join the award winning big gingerbread biscuit sale to celebrate. We will be selling gingerbread socks for 50p during morning play.

Parking

We would like to thank you for parking considerably around the school. Please remember that the Eight Farmers have kindly allowed parents to park on their car park during drop-off and pick-up times and this helps greatly.

Monday saw the Safeguarding team working with our PCSO doing a check on safe parking. Several vehicles were moved on, tickets were given for good and bad parking and on the whole the parking was generally better. We need this consistently now.



School Council Visit

Our School Council are making their annual visit to Parliament on Friday of next week. They will make a tour of the Palace of Westminster, engage in a workshop and hopefully meet our local MP.



Safety Online

As part of our ongoing work to promote Keeping Safe Online, I would like to remind you of the helpful and informative resources which can be found in the 'Share Aware' section of the NSPCC website. This campaign is aimed at helping parents to keep their child safe on social networks. The campaign is particularly relevant for parents of children aged 8-12 and aims to give information and advice in a straightforward and no nonsense manner.

I am providing the hyperlink below for your information:

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keepingchildren-safe/share-aware/>

Please check the e-safety section of our school website for more helpful websites and information about online safety.

Pre-School at Mablins Lane

The Pre-school at Mablins Lane has now been open for 12 months and continues to go from strength to strength. It is now run by Kids Planet who operate several nurseries and before and after-school clubs in the area.

Kids Planet

If you have a pre-school child and would be interested in joining the pre-school then we would love to hear from you. Places are available for most sessions. Please contact: 07422 665913 for more details.

Uniform REMINDER

Please try to keep to the uniform guidelines which are shoes and **NOT** trainers. Children may wear boots but it is good to have a pair of shoes to change in to at school to keep our floors and carpets clean. Children should have a warm coat for playtimes.

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.



Lunch Money

Joy continues to cook a wide range of delicious lunches for a very reasonable £2.40 per meal. Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and 2 are entitled to 'universal free school meals' and no charge is necessary. There are various payment methods available for parents of pupils in Years 3/4/5/6 and we encourage you to think about choosing this option of a hot meal.

Meals must be paid for in advance, not arrears and meals can be refused if payment is outstanding. Currently there is an outstanding balance of £220 where pupils have taken a meal but payment has not been received. Letters have been distributed and if payment is not received claims will be made through the Local Authority.

Mobile Phones

Please can we remind parents that NO child should be bringing a mobile phone to school? If it is necessary for a child to bring a phone this should be discussed with the class teacher or the office. The phone should be immediately handed in to the class teacher or the office on arrival at school and will then be returned at the end of the day. The phone should not be used on the playground at the end of the day as this is a safeguarding issue. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Goblin Car

The children are well on their way in building the Goblin Car to race at an



event later in the year but we need your help.

Do you have expertise in building kit cars? Do you have transport that will help us get to a racing event? Do you have any kit that you could sponsor or donate to the team?

We need boiler suits and protective wear ready for race day and a van or trailer that can take our car which is approximately the size of a single bed.

Please get in touch with the school office, Miss Gibson or Mrs Bebbington if you can offer help in any way.



Yr4 Lifeboat Fundraising Cake Sale

 **Fund Raising Event**
Cake Sale Tuesday 24th March
Cakes 50p each

Year 4 are raising money for the Life Boat Charity in Anglesey.
Everyday unpaid men and women give up their time and risk their lives to save others.
Without funding this wouldn't be possible so we really want to help.
On Tuesday 24th March Year 4 will be selling cakes. All funds raised will go straight to this charity.
Everyone will be able to buy cakes so please bring money in and support us.
All cakes will be sold at playtime in Year 4 area
and cakes will be 50p.
Thank you from Year 4.



Coronavirus

We are receiving daily updates from the DfE and Cheshire East Council and will share any important updates if they affect our pupils, staff and school. The most effective prevention of the spread of the virus is by thorough hand-washing and catching coughs and sneezes into a tissue then binning it!

Diary dates for Spring Term!



5 Mar	World Book Day come dressed as character from a book
5 Mar	World Book Day bring & buy book sale
6 Mar	Green Day
w/c 9 Mar	Sport Week
10 Mar	Games 4 All @ SCC
10 Mar	Swimming Gala Yr5&6 (10 children)
11 Mar	County Hockey Finals
13 Mar	School Council Parliament Visit

13 Mar	Sport Relief
13 Mar	Yr3/4 Football tournament
w/c 16 Mar	Yr6 SATs Practice Week
16 Mar	Yr3/4/5/6 Cross Country @ Crewe Vagrants
19 Mar	PTA Easter Bingo 6pm
20 Mar	Down Syndrome Day Wear odd socks to school and buy a gingerbread sock biscuit 50p
24 Mar	Yr4 Lifeboat Fundraising Cake Sale for whole school
25-27 Mar	Yr4 Anglesey residential
25 Mar	Cheerleading @SWS 3pm-5:30pm
26 Mar	Yr6 Everyman Theatre trip – Holes
31 Mar	Spring Concert Choir & Violin groups

2 Apr **Children break up**
 3 Apr STAFF INSET
20 Apr **Children return to school**

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter and for your continued support.

With Kind Regards

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 Headteacher