

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 4th June 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to the second half of the Summer Term!!
We know that it is the second half of the Summer Term because the weather has broken and it is now raining ☹️ Hopefully this will just be a short interlude to give our gardens a refreshing watering. At least it is not too cold and we have some lovely hot days to remember.

Return to School

School was open as usual on Monday for the children of our key workers. The number of children has increased as the education and construction sectors are starting to re-open.

We have established six pods using designated areas of the school. A full risk assessment has been undertaken and clear procedures for the school day have been put in place and communicated to our Key Worker parents.

We have a 'one-way system' in operation at the front of school so if you should need to come to school for any reason then please note entry is via the pedestrian gate on Mablins Lane near to the main entrance and exit is through the gate closer to the junction with Parkers Road. There is NO access to vehicles near to the school's main entrance.

We are following general guidelines and asking for pupils to be brought to school by just **one adult**. For our older children it is possible to drop them at the gate and watch them walk in to school as the door will be supervised. For younger children we ask that you follow the one-way system. Should parents need to bring a buggy then we ask that if it is possible to send your child at the gate, and then use this option. If not then please come along the one-way system but be mindful of others and keep a strict social distance.



Once in school the children are following a one-way system in the corridors. Classrooms have been set up to observe social distancing and the children are coping with this very well. There have been lots of lessons about keeping ourselves safe, hand hygiene and how to show good manners at a distance. Our cleaning team has been working throughout the day to ensure excellent hygiene, and we have encouraged the children to be helpful and observant on this score too.

School Meals

The school kitchen is OPEN! The school kitchen has prepared a grab bag menu, and these have been delivered to the children's pods.



Visitors

Currently - there will be no additional visitors to school; no assemblies or large gatherings and the children will remain in their pods working with specific children and adults only.

Next steps

We aim to widen our provision over the following weeks to incorporate EYFS, Y1 and Y6. This will be a measured, step by step process and we will consult parents at each step in order to gauge and monitor opinion.

The next year group to re-integrate will be EYFS on Monday 15th June. The parents of children in EYFS will receive a request to inform us whether their child will be returning on 15th. Please respond yes/no. The responses will allow us to set up the working pods and staff them accordingly.

Once children are back in school they should be in school full time unless they are ill. If this is the case a message left on the answerphone in the usual way would be most welcome. This will allow us to deploy staff appropriately and will ensure that we have the correct pupil/staff ratios.

If parents decide later in the month that they would like their child to return then we ask that you notify the school office: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk
If there is capacity, pupils will then be able to start at the beginning of the next full week. (We do not expect

pupils to return part-way through a week unless there are exceptional circumstances and this has been agreed with school beforehand.)

Please be patient with us as this is all new and we do not want to rush things and cause needless upset or harm within our school family.

Covid Symptoms

Now that the school is open more widely it is very important to remember that should any child or member of their family present with symptoms (Loss of taste/smell, high temperature, persistent cough.) **THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.** Testing is now more widely available, including at Leighton hospital. A test should be sought immediately and the individual should self-isolate for 7 days with associated family members isolating for 14 days. The virus is more contagious during the early period before symptoms begin to manifest, hence the 14 isolation period.

If a child should attend school and begin to show symptoms a parent will be called immediately. The child will be isolated in our 'Silver Birch Room' near to the main entrance. On arrival at school parents will be asked to telephone the office and the child will then be brought out to the car park. A test will be requested by school. Should this test be positive then pupils and staff who have been working in that 'pod' will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. The 'pod' will be subject to a 'deep clean'.

Home Learning

During the next half term the teachers will continue to place work on the VLE for ALL our pupils in every year group. There will be a variety of Maths and English tasks. Spellings and times table challenges will be available too. There will also be a range of topic, practical, PE, music and outdoor activities and investigations for you to enjoy.

Please do not feel that you have to do everything. There is a wide range to suit everybody.

Year 1 have been our champions on the VLE so far, having the most hits, views and downloads. They are due to return to school soon so let's see if another year group can overtake them!!!

How to log on:

VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Pupil Home Access Login

Go to our website: www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk

Click on "Pupil login"

Select – (choose your year group)

Enter your password – **year5_vle** (Change year group accordingly)



There are so many great suggestions for activities to suit everybody.

Y6 Communication

Year 6 have been organising 'Zoom' sessions again this week to talk about transition and High School. It has been great to see so many of you joining in. Please remember the safety tips before you sign on. Parents need to authorise and you need to make your device name clear so that we can recognise who is joining the meetings.



Communication - Email addresses for year groups

As the school continues to open for more year groups over the coming weeks, we would like to share with parents a year group email address that you can directly contact the year group with.

For those year groups not back in school we feel this will be a valuable form of communication for parents; especially if you have any questions or queries with activities/learning placed on the VLE.

Your email will be answered by one of the teachers in your child's year group, during school working hours.



Year Group - Email Address **Mablins Lane CP School**

New EYFS starters Sept 2020

eyfs20@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

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

We encourage this to be a positive communication channel, and look forward to hearing from you about what you are doing.

Free School Meals

The Government promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). The National voucher scheme was set-up in order to deliver this support. Just a reminder that vouchers are still available over the coming half term.

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

Likewise if you, or a member of your family, have been seriously impacted by Covid-19 then please let us know. We are here to help and can pass on the details of support networks if we are unable to help you ourselves. We don't know how many of our families have had a close contact with a Covid-19 sufferer or indeed a victim of this dreadful virus. Please let us know if you, or someone you know is in that category.

Supporting Communities



Are you a resident in Cheshire?
We have some great support services for you to access during the COVID-19 crisis

<p>Family Support Services Our family support team will be available to talk Wednesday's 9:00am - 5:00pm. They will provide emotional and online support to help and advice to families who are experiencing long or short-term difficulties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Career advisor -Support plan and support guidance 	<p>Well-being Service Our Well-being team is available to call Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 5:00pm to help you with any concerns in regards to your health during the crisis.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Body MOT -Fitness advice -Exercise plans -Nutrition advice
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Befriending Service
Feel like you need someone to talk to?
We have our phone and Zoom befriending service available Tuesday's 9:00am - 5:00pm and Thursday's 9:00am - 5:00pm

CHESHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
More Morgan

Well-Being Service - 07955710715
Family Support Service - 07955710719
Befriending Service - 07562430391
Email - info@supportingcommunitiescic.org
www.supportingcommunitiescic.org

www.facebook.com/sportingcommunities.sc
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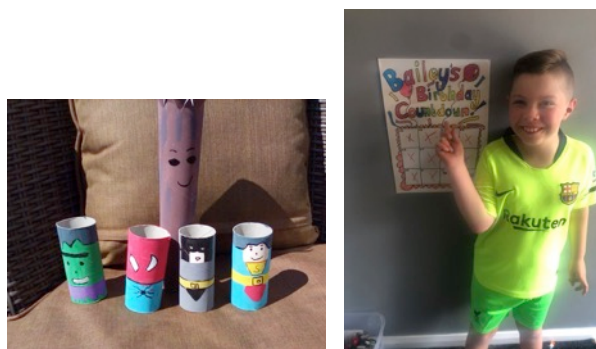
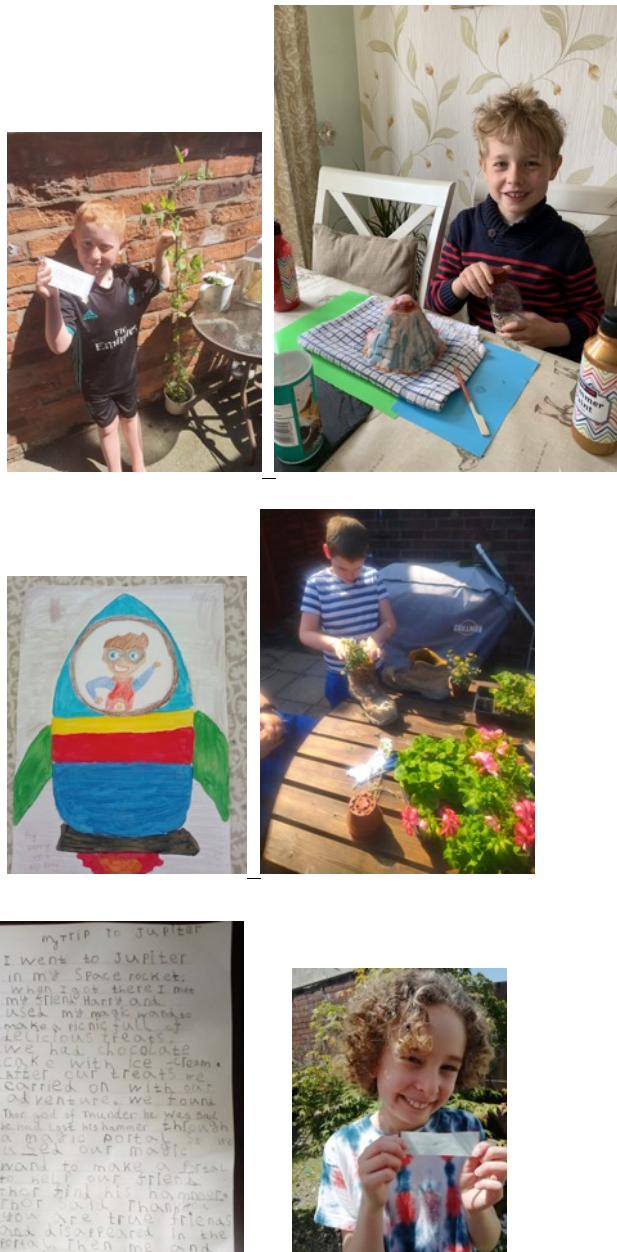
Clapping for the Key Workers

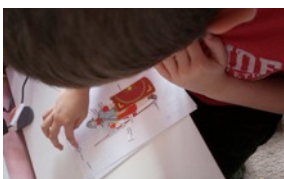
Last week saw the last clapping for Key Workers on Thursday at 8pm. Many thanks to everybody from our school family who has taken the time to go out to clap. Our clapping video was a highlight of this unusual time. Many thanks to all our key workers and especially to our school key workers who over the last 10 weeks worked together to make sure that we were open every day! Thank you so much.



Celebration of home learning work – this week!

Thank you so much for the work that has been shared again this week! It is so lovely to see this work and that our Mablins children are enjoying their home activities. If you would like to share your learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:- deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk.





VE Day Celebrations Video



VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 - 10 MAY 2020

Just in case you missed this last week

Please see the link below for the VE Day celebrations that our lovely Mrs. Brown has put together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VR55-FXFE3Q>

Blessings!

We continue to be touched by the countless blessings posted on our website. Please keep sending them in to:

mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk with the subject 'Blessings' – no need to write a message. You could simply write; 'We made a kite and tried to fly it in the garden' and hit send!



Mrs. Joule's Challenge

Last week I set a

GARDENING CHALLENGE

I can't wait to see your lovely creations as they start to grow. (Maybe it's a good job we are having a drop of rain!)

New Challenge

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Egg Drop Challenge



Objective: Design a system to protect an egg from cracking or breaking from a high fall.

Materials: Use anything you'd like! Some ideas include: paper towels, straws, tape, cardboard tubes, paper, lollipop sticks, bags or old boxes.

Explain why you think your design will protect the egg.

THEN – try it out.

Make sure that you ask your parents before you raid the egg rack and maybe test outdoors!

Send us your photos in action.

Summer Reading Challenge

The local libraries are planning to continue with the Summer Reading Challenge but this year it will be a virtual challenge. More information can be found here:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-summer-reading-challenge-is-asking-the-nation-to-join-the-silly-squad.html>



The digital platform will be **FREE** and safe for children and families to use. There is an exciting virtual launch party for the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge website on **Friday 5th June** on the Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page. You can read about the launch activities and the guest celebrities who will be involved at

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/first-ambassadors-announced-for-2020-summer-reading-challenge.html>

Cheshire East Libraries will be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge through their own e-lending platforms and social media.

As well as signing up to take part at sillysquad.org.uk, they would like to encourage families to follow them on their local Cheshire East Library Facebook page e.g. @CreweLibrary, and on Twitter @CECLibraries. The daily Facebook posts contain lots of interesting items and activities for both adults and children such as online Rhymetimes/Storytimes and book reviews.

School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020



We are looking forward to meeting you very soon!

We have now outlined a programme for our new September starters.

We have a new section on the website '**New Starters September 2020**'. Information will be added to this area for reference.

The first items in this section are short video clips containing information that would have been delivered at the Welcome Meeting. We hope that you will find this useful as you will be able to re-visit and replay.

Mrs. Hartley, our EYFS lead, is making plans to visit each home with a welcome pack. (She will socially distance.) This will give you a familiar face and point of contact.

The EYFS team will be adding more information and messages to the website over the coming weeks and we hope to be able to invite everybody in to school for a

short visit (in very small groups) before the end of this half term.

As it stands we do not yet know what September will look like in school but we anticipate a phased start for our new EYFS children.

Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working as 'Key Workers'
- Linking with all schools in the locality to establish arrangements for Y6 transition
- Visiting all our new EYFS families with a welcome pack
- Ensuring good communication with all families, particularly those not expected to return to school this month

Stay Safe

At the current time, we are still not certain when we will return as a whole school – in the meantime we will endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are well informed. Remember that Class Dojo is currently suspended and communication should be via:

Year group emails,

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or

admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need any support, help or advice.

Make sure that you do what feels right for you, be aware of your own feelings and be kind to yourself and others. Remembering that this is a temporary situation and that things will get better.

With Kind Regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

