

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Children,

### **Macmillan Coffee Day**

Thank you so much for all your support and baking last Friday for the Macmillan Charity event. We raised **£781.64** which is an amazing amount. We had 8 winners from the 'Bake Off competition' and all the entries were fantastic. We do really appreciate your support with these charity days.



### **Attendance**

School attendance remains good and we thank you all for your support in getting your children to school on time. We have already had a visit from the 'Attendance Bears' this half term and they were really pleased to see everyone arriving at the gates before 09:00.

Please be advised that ALL children should be here before 09:00 and should enter through the allocated door. Children should not come to main reception unless arriving after 09:00, LATE!

At the end of the school day if there is a problem with pick-up then please call the office to advise us. Children have been left waiting for over 30 minutes with no information. In future parents will be charged if there is an excessive delay and the school has not been contacted.

The main reception area is small and does get congested so please try to help us by keeping this area as free as possible. We have moved some furniture to give a little more room but the start and end of the days are problematic. Try to avoid unnecessary waiting and the office will try their best to deal with queries as quickly as possible. Thank you.

### **Communication**

We have many methods in place for communicating with parents in place now. To make sure you don't miss any message please see below:

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 and this can be done directly to me or via the school office. Messages to staff can be forwarded where necessary. 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 staff are present each morning on the main entry doors/gates to school.

Class teachers will accompany the pupils out of school at the end of the day and will be available for communication. If there is a problem it is usually best to approach the class teacher first to see if it can be resolved.

Class Dojo is a way to send positive messages to classes, year groups and the school. A texting service is also 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. 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**

**If you are not yet following us on Twitter then please sign up!**

### **Harvest**



Our Harvest celebration this year will be led by Year 3. It will take place in the Main School Hall starting at 2:30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. All family and friends are welcome.

This year our focus is on eating a healthy breakfast and we have welcomed support and donation from Mornflake in Crewe.

The chosen charity this year is 'Chance' a charity which helps to support the homeless. We are asking for every child in the school to bring in one item of non-perishable food. The donations will be used to support the Saturday Kitchen where hot meals are provided and the Community Pantry (both based in Crewe.)



### **Year 6 Parent Assembly**

Following their successful residential visit to the Lake District Year 6 have planned an assembly for parents telling them about their adventures. This will be held at 09:15 in the Main School Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Please join us if you can.



### **Year 5 Geography Field Trip**

Year 5 are heading to the hills of Derbyshire next week to explore the geography of the Peak District. Part of the visit will include climbing Thorpe Cloud and looking at the geography and geology of the area. Hopefully the weather will be kind! (If anybody wishes to borrow any school kit please speak to class teachers ASAP)

### **EYFS Stay and Read**

EYFS are starting 'Stay and Read' which will be held weekly from next week. Please see separate information from the EYFS Team. All family members are welcome. This will be a weekly event and parents are invited to attend when they can. As well as reading with your child there will be the opportunity to speak to teachers and get some good tips on how to help your child with reading at home.

### **School Photographs**

Please be advised that Tempest photographers will be attending school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and shots with siblings attending Mablins Lane School. If you would like sibling shots, please complete a form from the school office.



### **Parents' Evening**

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening is scheduled for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (3:30-7:00pm). We are using the online appointment booking system which proved very

successful last year. Appointments are scheduled for 5 minutes and aim to inform parents how children have settled in to their new classes. Should further discussion be needed then a separate appointment can be made for another date. The system will be open on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October for you to book online or contact the school office who can book an appointment for you.



### **ART - Exhibition**

Just before half term ALL children will take part in an art day where they will focus on creating a special piece of art work ready for an art exhibition after half term. The piece of special art work will be framed and we will exhibit these for parents to view and purchase in our own 'Mablins Art Gallery' on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 9 – 10:30am and again from 1:15pm to 4:30pm.



### **Road Safety**

Please remember to park considerately around the school. It has been reported to me by a neighbour that one parent was particular abusive when challenged about blocking their driveway. The parent swore and was most unpleasant. All the neighbour wanted to do was to drive out of their own driveway. This has been reported to the police and any future instances will also be reported. The police will take action.



### **PTA**

The AGM of the PTA was held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in school. Many thanks to the 9 parents who attended

(3 more than last year!). Sarah Varley gave a report of the year and then stepped down as chair. She will remain on the committee for the next 12 months in support of the new chair, Rachel Warburton. Many thanks to Sarah for all the hard work over the last few years and particularly for her time as chair.

Chris Hickson also stepped down as vice-chair, to be replaced by Christine Lalouani. Many thanks also to Chris for his time and support, particularly on the BBQ! Helen Moss stepped down as secretary to be replaced by Sarah Elphick. Helen has also been involved in the PTA for some time and we thank her for the support given over the years.

Shirley Stafford remains as Treasurer.

The PTA is a fund raising group who work for the benefit of **ALL** pupils in the school. If you feel that you can support in any way then please do get in touch.



The next PTA event is **Autumn Bingo** on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

The event will be held in the Main School Hall. Doors open at 6pm with the first game at 6:30pm. Refreshments are available including hot dogs. Please come along it will be FUN!



The annual Christmas Fair is planned for **FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 3:30-6PM** at school. Please note the earlier time as

this is the same night as the Crewe Town Lights switch on. Unfortunately Santa is not able to attend due to this clash of events but he will be joining us for the day in school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, our Christmas Lunch and activity day. A letter will be distributed to book slots during the day for an individual/group slot. Please keep your eye out for this letter.

### Open Morning

Come along to our next 'Open Morning' on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9:15am to 10:30am at Mablins Lane School. You are welcome to look around school and visit classrooms to see what exciting work our children are doing. This week will be our 'ARK Week' and all children in school will be involved in activities based around a book called 'KIND'. You are welcome to stay in class with your child or just look around school and get a feel of what Mablins Lane School is like. Senior Leaders and Admissions staff are also on hand to explain our admission procedures, provide information and answer any questions that you may have.

### Open Morning Timetable

- **9.10am:** Welcome in the Main Hall to our Art Gallery
- **9.20am:** Tours of Mablins Lane School by the School Council and opportunity to work with you child.
- **10.00am -10.30am** Tea and Coffee served in the Main Hall (School choir singing)

### Art Gallery

- **1:15pm – 4:30pm:** Art Gallery in the Main Hall open for parents to view and purchase framed artwork.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### Wellington Boots

Do you have an unwanted children's wellington boots at home? The Forest School team at Mablins School are in desperate need of these! We would appreciate any kind donations.



### Staff News

Mrs Stant will be leaving us to start her maternity leave at the end of this half term. We give her all our very best wishes and look forward to hearing of the new arrival.



### Year 6 High School application

The deadline for applying for a High School place for September 2020 is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. Apply online on the Cheshire East website.

### School Lunch Payments

Thank you to those that have been promptly paying for school lunches. We ask that you continue to pay for school dinners in advance or at least on the day to avoid running up amounts owed. The school meals are automatically charged to the school by Cheshire East Catering on a weekly basis, so it is important we have payment as soon as possible.

### Uniform

It has been great to see the children in their lovely uniform this half term. They generally look very smart with





school shoes and sweatshirts. As the winter comes upon us 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.

We continually have a **significant amount of lost property** and most of the clothing is un-named. 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.

### Crewe Library



**Saturday 19th October**

### **Workshops at Crewe Library**

\*10.00 – 11.00am      \*11.30 – 12.30pm  
\*1.30 – 2.30pm      \*3.00 – 4.00pm

**Suitable for ages 7+**

In this session hosted by Chris Ball—Future Technologist— we will use makey makeys and good old-fashioned pencils to make our own touch-sensitive game controllers. In the session participants will start by using a makey makey to control a game, be introduced to the concept of conduction and shown that pencils are conductive. Students will then draw their own game controllers on card and finish the session by playing some retro style games, such as snake and pacman. Students can take their drawn controllers but sadly not the makey makeys) home.

To book on to a session or for more information call Crewe Library on 01270 375295



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

With Kind Regards,

Justine Joule  
Headteacher

### Diary dates to make a note of!



Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	EYFS Stay & Read 2:45pm-3:10pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5 Dovedale
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Celebration – Yr3 2:30pm for parents
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5 Dovedale
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1-2-3 Magic Course (9.10 – 11.00)
W/B 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Multi Faith Week
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Lakes Assembly 9:15am
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tempest Photography – Individual & sibling photographs
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yr3 Robotics @ School
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	EYFS Stay & Read 8:50am-9:15am
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1-2-3 Magic Course (9.10 – 11.00)
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	EYFS Stay & Read 2:45pm-3:10pm
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Parent Meetings 3:30 – 7:00pm
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Yr2 Pirate Dress-up day
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Children break up for half term</b>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>STAFF INSET Day</b>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Children return to school</b>