

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 5th November 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back, I trust that you all had a good half term break. It is lovely to see the children back in school and raring to go for the new half term.

The children are still working exclusively in their year group bubbles, but as announced on Saturday by the Prime Minister, **school will stay open** for the foreseeable future.

Covid-19

I am pleased to report that at the current time of writing we **still** have no child or member of staff at Mablins Lane who has tested positive for Covid. We are monitoring attendance very closely, including sending a daily return to the DFE.

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. Children should NOT return to school if they are presenting with any of the symptoms. If in doubt always seek medical advice.

If your child is ill and unable to come back to school then please telephone the school, leaving a message on the absence line.



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:

**MABLINS LANE COVID POSITIVE TEST REPORTING
TELEPHONE NO.**

07415 005702

This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test. It will be available during school time, during the evenings and at weekends.

If we receive a call on this number we will then follow Cheshire East and Public Health England (PHE) guidance on next steps, but by calling us on this number it will allow us to act in a swifter manner. Following the call your child must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms.) unless PHE advise to the contrary.

For further information please see the 'Quick Guide for Parents on Covid-19' at the end of the newsletter.

Drop-off and Collection

A letter has been sent to parents this week reminding parents of the drop off and collection times for each year group and the access points. Just to remind parents of the start and end times of the day for different year groups:

	Start Time	Finish Time
EYFS	8:50am	3pm
Yr1 Yr2 Yr3	8:45am	3:10pm
Yr4 Yr5 Yr6	8:30am	3pm

SLT will continue to support parents on the gates and doorways to assist easy access.

Face coverings will still need to be worn by all visitors to the site until we have further guidance.



Track and Trace

As a school we are supporting the use of the NHS Track and Trace app. If you have not yet downloaded this on to your phone we suggest that you do this. We have a QR scanning code in the main entrance for any visitor who attends school. This allows Track and Trace to notify anybody should there be a positive case reported.



Year 1 Heating

We are very pleased to report that Year 1 are nice and cosy in their building following the installation of the new heating system. All work was completed within the time scale ready for the children's return on Monday. Many thanks to our site team who went the extra mile to ensure that the building was clean and ready to receive the children.

Celebration Assembly

We held our end of half term celebration assembly on Thursday 22nd October.

Year 1 were busy in Forest school, but the staff wanted to give 'shout outs' to all the children for the way they had coped with moving out of their classrooms for the last 2 days of term.

In other year groups certificates were presented to:

Darcy Y2 EF, Noah Y2JMc, The whole class! Y2SG,

Gracie Y3HG, Y3JM, Lilly Y3JT/CI,

Will Y4GMc, Curtis Y4RL, Shane Y4SJH,

Billy Y5JE, Chloe Y5IMc, Ethan Y5AD,

Jackson Y6SB, Abigail Y6TH, Thomas Y6AP

Well done to all these children. Keep up the good work this half term everybody.



Applying for a September 2021 School place!

A quick reminder to Parents & Carers of children in Y6 that the deadline for applying for your child's place at secondary school has now passed. Any further applications will be dealt with as 'late applications' and a first choice preference may not be allocated.

Parents of children who will be starting school in September 2021 have until **15th January 2021**.



Mablins Lane Virtual Tour of the school

A virtual tour for parents wishing to view how our school works has been uploaded on to the website. Please find this tour on our website, under parents, new starters, virtual tour.

<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/virtual-tour-final.mp4>

It can also be found on our YouTube channel follow the link: https://youtu.be/vusLdKMU_eg



Unfortunately, at this time we are not allowing visitors into school and we hope that parents find this useful in seeing how children learn at Mablins Lane.

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about our school on:

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sh.uk

Free School Meals

A letter has been distributed explaining the confusing system of FSM (Free School Meals) and UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals). Applying for FSM attracts over £1000 of funding in to school which helps to support the children. Please apply if you meet any of the specified criteria.



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

Remote Learning

The Government have asked schools to establish a remote learning policy and a platform to allow for 'home learning' access should pupils have to isolate, or a second lockdown occur. If your child is currently away from school isolating, then please access activities from the year group VLE on the school website. During the coming weeks information will be sent out to parents with 'log-in' Office 365 Teams details, enabling access to our new 'Learning Platform' which will be more interactive and accessible.



Forest School

Could we please ask that parents send children in with coats and a change of footwear when they have a forest school session?

Teachers do remind parents via dojo when these sessions are happening. We are finding that so many children are not coming to the sessions dressed appropriately for outdoor learning.



PTA



If anybody would like to be part of the PTA then please feel free to email: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk and I will pass on your details to Rachel, the chair of our PTA. You will be made most welcome.

The next meeting is by **Zoom on TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER at 6:30pm.** (You don't even have to leave the comfort of your own home or need a babysitter!)

Parents Evening

Staff have been busy writing statements over half term. These statements will be emailed to parents on Friday evening.

Should the school or yourselves as parents have any queries or concerns then a telephone call or meeting will be arranged accordingly.



Poppies



We are again this year supporting 'The Royal British Legion' poppy appeal. Children are encouraged to wear poppies in school and their teachers, during assembly's week beginning the 9th November, will be reminding children why we wear them and why this time is so important.

Poppies will be sold in school this year, although a little differently to how we normally sell them!

If you would like to purchase a poppy for your child then please send a donation (minimum 50p) into the school office in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. We will then deliver a poppy to the class teacher to hand out to your child. Many thanks in advance.



Children in Need – 2020



PYJAMA DAY FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

For Children in Need this year we are asking for children to wear pyjamas/onesie for the day on Friday 13th November!

The school have set up a 'Just Giving' page in support of Children in Need (please see below) and we would be grateful if you could donate (£1.00) non uniform money using the Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mablinslaneschool-cin>



Other activities include lots of work around mindfulness and children's wellbeing! Different year groups will be supporting this event and have discussed doing the following activities:

1. Write a Poem on mindfulness



2. Joe Wicks workout



3. Pudsey mile - get active and count up their laps over the week



4. JLT designed wellbeing/emotions quiz

5. Movie afternoon with a mindfulness wellbeing theme

Artwork for display at the Crewe COVID Testing Centre

We have been asked as a school to get talented pupils to get creative and add splashes of colour to the new Covid-19 local testing site in Crewe. The site opened before ½ term break and is a blank canvas, in need of colour and creativity to make it less clinical looking and more inviting for younger children on site getting tested.



We would love it if children could produce some art work – this could be rainbows, colourful patterns/pictures and positive messages of support for anyone at the site getting tested etc. Artwork produced needs to be on A3 or A4 paper.

The artwork can be returned to school week beginning the 2nd November; we will then laminate it and send it onto the site.



A lovely rainbow of support for the NHS

Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately a replacement has yet to be found for our crossing patrol. The vacancy has been advertised by Cheshire Transport on the Cheshire East website. If you, or any one you know, would be interested in this job then please apply accordingly to Cheshire East.

In the interim, I have to inform parents that the crossing will not be supervised so additional care will be required.



Have a safe and happy bonfire night.
Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

Calendar of Events 2020

2 – 6 Nov	Multi faith week
13 Nov	Children In Need Pyjama Day
December	Christmas Celebrations
18 Dec	School Closes
4 th Jan	School reopens

