

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 7th January 2019

Dear Parents and Children,

Happy New Year

Welcome back to the start of another busy term at Mablins Lane. I trust that you all had a good Christmas and New Year break and are now ready for the Spring Term. Days are still short and dark so we advise care on journeys to and from school. As we get to half term the days will be lengthening and we will begin to see more opportunities for outdoor learning again and an increase in our outdoor sporting activity.

Christmas Performances

Prior to the holiday we were entertained with Christmas Performances from each year group in school:

EYFS 'Wiggly Nativity', Year 1/2 'Christmas Around the World', Year 3/4 'The Story of Silent Night' and Year 5/6 'Christmas in French'.

Each performance was a joy to watch and illustrated the talent and hard work of pupils and staff. It was lovely to see our EYFS children performing so confidently after only a few months in school. The language skills of our older pupils who narrated in French were outstanding. Many thanks to Mrs Brown for her work with the music and Madame Sharpe for her support with the French script.

Each performance was recorded. We are currently checking the recordings for quality before we offer DVD's for sale. A separate letter will be sent out with the details of how these can be purchased once we know the quality is acceptable.



Clubs

After school clubs will take place during the Spring Term. Some clubs will continue from last term whilst there may be some new clubs that begin. Sports clubs may also run linked to the competitions taking place over the next term. Please be mindful of specific letters and text messages regarding the clubs for individual year groups. If you have any queries then please contact the school office who hold lists of all the clubs. Thank you.



Parking

We have a good relationship with the Landlady of The Eight Farmers Pub near to school and she is happy for parents to park in the car park during drop-off and collection times. Before the Christmas break information was sent out to parents regarding new parking restrictions for the Eight Farmers Car Park. Please respect these new restrictions as fines may be incurred for parking outside of the allowed times. Thank you.

Application for School Places

The application round for Reception places for September 2019 closes on 15th January. If you have a child due to start school in September or know of families who have children who are eligible then please apply before this deadline.

Applications can be made online at <http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx> or the application can be completed over the telephone by calling 0300 123 5012.

Pre-School at Mabllins Lane

This week we have been very pleased to welcome Rainbows on to our school site for the first day of 'Pre-school at Mabllins'. Several children have attended and had a great first session.

If you have a pre-school child and would be interested in joining the pre-school then we would love to hear from you. The number of places will be limited and we expect them to fill up very quickly.

If you are interested in using this new facility then please contact the school office. We will then pass on the details to Rainbows. We intend to work in very close collaboration with Rainbows and there will be lots of good transition and shared opportunities for pupils accessing the provision. Parents should be advised that funding can be split between providers and therefore any number of sessions can be booked.



Along with the Governors we are very excited about the launch of this new venture at Mabllins Lane.

School Visits

Staff are planning many exciting trips and visits to support the learning for pupils across the school. Please can we remind parents that payment for trips should be made before the trip takes place. We have a number of cases where children have attended the trip and parents have still not paid. The cost of trips is based on the numbers attending – school cannot make any profit. Non-payment means that the school foots the rest of the bill which takes away money for vital resources. Payment can always be made in instalments and where there is financial hardship we are always happy to discuss options with parents. Please do get in contact to discuss options.

Uniform Reminder

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.



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 £2.30 per meal. Pupils in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' and no charge is necessary. For those in Years 3/4/5/6 we encourage you to think about choosing the option of a hot meal for the New Year. Meals must be paid for in advance, not arrears and meals can be refused if payment is outstanding. Our preferred payment method is via the online payment system. Please speak to the office if you are unsure how to set this up. Currently there is an outstanding balance of £385.60 where pupils have taken a meal but payment has not been received. Reminders will be sent and if payment is not received claims will be made through the Local Authority.

123 Magic Course

The next course will run from **Thursday 17th January 2019** and will be held after school (4.00pm to 5.45pm). The course will run for 4 weeks. If you have not yet had the opportunity to attend then please contact the school office to secure your place.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held this week on Wednesday 9th January in school starting at 6pm.

Dairy dates for Spring Term!

We are finalising dates for the Spring Term this week and will get a list out to parents as soon as we can.

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

With Kind Regards,
Justine Joule
Headteacher