

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 7th December 2018

Dear Parents and Children,



“Tis the Season to be Jolly” - Deck the Halls.

PTA Christmas Fair **FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

Many thanks for the tremendous support for our PTA's annual Christmas Fair. There were many generous donations which led to bumper tombolas and some fantastic raffle prizes. The Year group hampers were particularly good wins. We have some unclaimed prizes still in school. A list of ticket numbers has been released in order for everyone to check and then claim their prize. The Fair was very busy with over 350 tickets sold on the door. The PTA use the money raised from the Fair to support many additional activities. I do not yet have a running total but we are sure that it is going to be a good amount.

Parking

We have a good relationship with The Eight Farmers Pub near to school and they have been happy for parents to park in the car park during drop-off and collection, and when we have events on at school. (I know that some people pop in to the pub after events so boosting trade for the pub.) Unfortunately on Friday evening whilst the Christmas Fair was on parents did not park responsibly causing the pub staff to be 'blocked-in' and thoroughfares to be blocked, restricting access. We are very sorry for the inconvenience caused to the pub and I would like to ask parents to be more responsible with their parking.



Information has been sent out to parents regarding new parking restrictions at The Eight Farmers Car Park. Please respect these new restrictions as fines will be incurred for unauthorised parking.

During the Christmas plays on the evenings of 12th, 18th and 19th December the site staff will be opening the gate on Parkers Road to allow parking on the playground. The gates will be opened at 17:30 and closed at 18:00. They will reopen at the end of the performance to allow vehicles to leave. All parking will be supervised, but we ask that parents take extra caution whilst walking across the playground.

Thank you.

Choir

A good number of the School Choir visited Reverend Goggin and joined in the Family Service at St Peter's Church on Advent Sunday. The singing was beautiful. Many thanks to Mrs Brown and Mrs Stant for coaching the children and organising the event.

Year 6 Tax Facts Presentation

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a maths related activity session linked to 'tax facts' recently. All 3 classes appeared to be engaged and they certainly asked some challenging questions that had even the staff thinking on occasions. The presenters commented: "Your pupils' behaviour is a credit to Mablins Lane School." Well done Year 6 we are very proud of you.

Book Fair

Last week we hosted a pre-Christmas Book Fair in school. All books were on sale for **HALF PRICE!** There were some real bargains to be had with some books costing only £1.50. Thanks to all those families who came and supported the Fair. Thank you also to everyone who came to school dressed as a character. We had some amazing costumes - well done. Finally many parents also joined us for 'Stay and Read'. It was lovely to see children across the school enjoying a good read with their families. Christmas is a busy holiday but we do encourage everyone to make a bit of spare time for reading.

Parent Suggestion

Following Book Day one parent has had a fantastic idea for a costumes swap shop. We will just have to work out the logistics but lots of children have wonderful costumes that they grow out of. The idea is that they can be brought in to school and exchanged for a different costume. This can apply to Book Day costumes, Christmas, theme days etc. Watch this space for further details.

Many thanks to the mum for the wonderful suggestion.

Christmas Activity Day

On Friday 14th December all children are invited to attend school wearing something Christmassy. It might be a Christmas jumper or a Christmas outfit. We are starting the day with our usual celebration assembly. Then during the day there will be many Christmas activities including games and things to make. Joy is preparing a fabulous Christmas lunch and we hope that everyone will join in the festive spirit.



Pre-School at Mablins Lane

During our Open Morning we were very pleased to launch the opening of a new Pre-school at Mablins Lane. Rainbows Nursery who operate our 'All Stars Before and After School Club' are planning to open a pre-school provision in 2019. 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 Mablins Lane. As the details continue to be finalised we will keep parents informed. Watch this space!

Road Safety

Following the decision to close the school gates to restrict vehicle access on site after school, we would like to thank those parents who have not entered the car park and who have walked on the pavements. Unfortunately too many parents are still driving in to the car park and leaving the gates open therefore encouraging further vehicle access. This is a matter of safety for all our pupils and so I ask that parents follow this directive. Thank you.

Scroogical the Musical

The PTA have used some of the funds raised over the last 12 months to pay for a visiting panto. Instead of hiring coaches and travelling to the theatre, the theatre is coming to school! On Monday 17th December the hall will be transformed and all pupils will have the opportunity to watch '**Scroogical the Musical**' - **entirely FREE**. This event is being fully funded by the PTA and we thank them for this generous donation.



Christmas Performances

Plans have been laid and practices are well under way for all four of our Christmas Performances:

EYFS will perform on Tuesday 11th December
Year 1/2 Wednesday 12th December
Year 3/4 Tuesday 18th December
Year 5/6 Wednesday 19th December.

Tickets have been dispatched and entry is only with a valid ticket for that performance. If you have not yet received tickets then please contact the school office. There are one or two remaining.

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 still 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.

Dog Mess

We have had it reported that there seems to be lots of dog mess on the approaches to school. School has reported this via Cheshire East Council Street Cleansing and we are including the link to Street Cleansing so that parents can do the same if they encounter the problem. Thank you.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment/street_cleansing_and_litter/street_cleansing_and_litter.aspx

Application for School Places

The application round for Reception places for September 2019 closes on 15th January 2019. 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.

123 Magic

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Course – The next course runs from Thursday 17th January and will start at 4pm until 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.

Parent Helpers

Many thanks to all parents and friends of the school who have helped out over this term. Whether it has been weekly reading, helping out on a day visit or driving to a sports competition your support is very

much appreciated. If anyone wishes to help in the New Year then please contact the school office. (A DBS police check would have to be completed.)

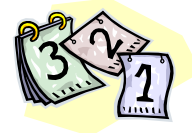
Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter and for your continued support this half term.

With Kind Regards,

Justine Joule

Headteacher

Dairy dates to make a note of!



Tuesday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity Play
Tuesday 11 th December	Year 3 Egyptian Day
Wednesday 12 th December	Y1/2 Christmas Play
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper/Activity/lunch Day
Monday 17 th December	'Scroogical the Musical' Performances for children
Monday 17 th December	EYFS Stay & Make 2:15pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play
Tuesday 18 th December	EYFS Reaseheath trip (Mrs Newson's class)
Wednesday 19 th December	Y5/6 Christmas Play
Wednesday 19 th December	EYFS Reaseheath trip (Mrs Hunt's class)
Thursday 20 th December	EYFS Reaseheath trip (Miss Warriner's class)
Thursday 20th December	Children break up for Christmas Holiday