



Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 8th October 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Well October has certainly brought about a huge change in the weather and it seems to have done nothing but rain ! It is ESSENTIAL that children bring a coat to school in the wet weather. Many children are being dropped off outside the school gates, running in to school and not bringing a coat. We will be going outside at break and lunch times unless it is really heavy rain, or we will find a window when the rain is less to give the children a breather and some fresh air. Also the children need to have appropriate footwear. Flimsy pumps will mean wet feet all day, so children need trainers or school shoes. If children are coming to school in wellies then they should bring their shoes in a bag with them.



Children doing outdoor learning should also come to school in appropriate clothing. They will definitely need wellies and a waterproof coat. Leggings or tracksuit bottoms are perfect if it is raining as they dry quickly. Jeans are less good, as they hold the water and stay wet for longer. On Tuesday there were one and a half classes outside and only 8 children had a coat!



Celebration Assembly

Last Friday in our 'Celebration Zoom Assembly' certificates were presented to:

Lydia Y1GK, Ashton Y1LK, Anna Y1AG,
Ahmed Y2 EF, Josh Y2JMc, Imogen Y2SG,
Harrison Y3HG, Layla Y3JM, Freya Y3JT/CI,
Jacob Y4GMc, Leon Y4RL, Declan Y4SJH,
Bailey Y5JE, Isla Y5IMc, Calvin Y5AD,
Kimbley Y6SB, Harrison Y6TH, Thomas Y6AP



We celebrated our Macmillan cake winners; Jacob, Robyn and Ahmed.

The children were also asked to be extra kind to their teachers on Monday 5th October for World Teachers' Day'.

Junior Leadership Team



We are delighted to announce that we have chosen our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) for this academic year. We have had to change the format and membership of the School Council/JLT this year due to children remaining and working in their year group bubbles. Our JLT this year is made up of year 6 children, they all so deserve their new roles that they have been chosen to do. Congratulations to them all, they will be receiving their badges in the next few days.

Head Boy:

David Howie

Head Girl:

Poppy Brooke

Deputy Head Boy:

Charlie Broadfield

Deputy Head Girl:

Alexa Collings

Class Councillors:

Y6SB Weronika Krawczyk

Y6TH Connie Walton

Y6AP Charlie Grainger

Sports Councillors:

Amelia Szczurek

Lexi Snape

Jacob Murphy,

Alex Stoleki

Eco Councillor:

Ethan Smith

We look forward to having your input and working with you to make further improvements to our school.

Walk to School Day

Yesterday was National walk to School Day. Many of you are already walking to school and it was great that the weather wasn't too bad yesterday, allowing more people to take up this option. If you can walk, it is the healthy option and means less traffic congestion around school. Thanks to those who took part yesterday, but also every day.



Cycling to School



Following the 'Bikeability' course held for our older children, an increased number of pupils are choosing to come to school by bike. This is great as it is a healthy way to travel. Please remember parents and children that when cycling to school a **HELMET MUST BE WORN**. This is for safety. Too many children are arriving without helmets. Please stick to the rules and be 'bike safe'. Thank you.

A message from our Local Police

This week we want to remind parents about the 'Yellow Zig Zag' markings outside school. They are there as a safety measure. Please note: **"It is unlawful to park on the 'Yellow Zig Zag' marking outside a school. This includes stopping to drop off."**

We have noticed that many parents are stopping to drop off on these markings – **THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW**. We will continue to visit randomly and intermittently and will issue tickets, so be warned.

Places to park:

8 Farmers Pub; Lisa has informed us that parents / guardians are welcome to use the car park at school drop off and pick up times.

Bradfield Road end of Mablins Lane; Parking lawfully leaving your vehicle with space for others to pass.

Thank you

PC MARTIN & PCSO OLIVER



Free School Meals

The Government has promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). 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>

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.

We are aware of some local schools that have closed certain year groups due to positive tests. We are in close contact with the Local Authority and Public Health England and should any local closures impact here at Mablins we will inform parents immediately.

We have had several phone calls to check if children are allowed in school due to colds. The guidance for Covid stills 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 come to school and parents should seek a test. If in doubt then please seek medical advice.

If your child is ill and unable to come to school then please telephone the school leaving a message on the absence line. We will be calling parents where absence is unexplained.



Face Coverings

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who are now wearing face coverings when they enter the school premises. We are grateful for your support in keeping the school community safe.

For those parents who do not come in to the school premises but drop their children at the gate so that they do not need to wear a face covering, we ask that you keep to the 2m social distancing rule and do not cause congestion on the pathways around school. Some parents are gathering on the pathways and blocking the way, they are not wearing face coverings and it is causing some anxiety for other parents.



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 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.

Thank you all for your continued support and your understanding in the measures that we are required to put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I would ask you to make sure that you have read the schools risk assessments, which you can find on the school website;

<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/covid-19-information>

these are updated regularly as we receive updated guidance.

Our priority is the safety of the children and staff, and keeping the school as fully open as possible, please remember that these measures are there to help make this possible.

Mablins Lane Virtual Tour of the school



The school have uploaded a virtual tour for parents wishing to view how our school works. 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

Forest Schools



This week Year 5 had 2 topic days linked to their geography topic of 'Mountains'. As they couldn't undertake their usual visit to Dovedale they brought the Dovedale activities to school, and although there were no mountains to climb, they have engaged in field work activities including orienteering and contour mapping. They spent some time out in forest schools further developing their outdoor learning skills.

A great time was had by all.

Harvest – Festival Mablins 2020



Each class this year are investigating a harvest food item that you find in the kitchen store cupboard, each child is asked to bring in one item that you would find in your kitchen cupboard by the 9th October. The classes are making short video clips of their work, which will be posted on the year group VLE pages for parents to take a look at.

All food store cupboard items sent into school will be donated to our local food bank to support the 'needy' in our local community. Many thanks for your support with this.



Rule of 6



The Government brought in the 'Rule of 6' whereby no more than 6 people should meet together. In England the 'Rule of 6' is inclusive of children. We have had some requests to hand out children's party invitations in school. Due to this rule we will not be handing out any party invitations and are not encouraging children's parties. This is to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Parents Evening

During the first term we usually invite all parents to a 5 minute appointment to discuss how children have settled in to their new classes and year groups. It is a brief introduction to the year which may be followed up by a longer appointment if requested by school or parents. A 10 minute parent appointment is offered in the Spring Term where there can be a longer discussion.

This year we are unable to offer a 'Face-to-Face' 5 minute appointment for parents. We have considered the options available to us and have decided that, on this occasion, teachers will write a brief introductory statement. These statements will be emailed to parents during the w/b 02/11/2020.

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

DOJO – Positive Behaviour Rewards

We just wanted to let parents know that we are seeing such lovely and kind behaviours in school since we have returned this term. We give out DOJO points to children who are working hard, being kind and showing positive

attitudes. Please make sure you have downloaded the DOJO app and accepted the invite from your child's class teacher, you can then keep an eye on how many DOJO points they are earning and be in regular contact with your child's teacher.

We give out the rewards below to help encourage children to keep trying their best ☺

50 Dojos	DOJO Badge
100 Dojos	DOJO POSTCARD SENT HOME
150 Dojos	DOJO BOOK stall, a book to take home



First Aid Update

As standard practice, we send home a copy of an accident form if your child has received any first aid treatment that day. If the injury requires any follow up or monitoring, the teacher will also notify you at the end of the day, either on the playground or via a phone call. You can find our full first aid policy on the school website.



Parent Helpers

Unfortunately we are still asking our parent volunteers to wait until later in the term when we will have clearer guidance about additional adults in school. Thank you for your offers of help and support.



Year 1 Heating / School Lunches

Over the past couple of years the heating system in our Year 1 building has become less efficient and we have managed to secure a grant to have it replaced. The work has been timed to coincide with half term but will take more than a week to install. We have already communicated with our Y1 parents to inform them that lessons will take place in the main and studio halls for 2 days before half term. (Y1 parents - Please make sure that you have responded to the survey, if you haven't already, to indicate whether your child will be in school on these 2 days. Thank you.)

As the main hall will be used by Year 1:

**SCHOOL LUNCHES WILL BE A GRAB BAG MENU
DELIVERED TO CLASSES on:**

**WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER and
THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER**

GRAB BAG MENU

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

**Fish fingers baps, veg sticks, cake,
apple, drink**

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

**Sausage roll & chips, shortbread,
satsuma, drink**

Sports Coaching – October ½ term

Sports Coaching Group is running October holiday clubs at Sandbach Girls School and Weaver Primary this half term.

It is a Multiskills Sports Bonanza Holiday Club, with COVID specific measures in place throughout. Please see the details and the flyer below.

Telephone Sports Coaching Group on 01270 449770 for details or booking and payments can be made via:

<https://sportscoachingnw.co.uk/courses/Holiday-Clubs>

Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher



COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers		
Cheshire East Council		
What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when child's test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days
* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/		

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

VENUES

Sandbach Girls School, CW11 3NT

Weaver Primary School, Nantwich, CW5 7AL

EXTRA MEASURES IN PLACE!

PRICES

8am-9am-£5
9am-3pm-£20
9am-6pm-£20

Please provide a packed lunch in a disposable bag. Please ensure your child has plenty of drinks & snacks

Payment must be made online when booking. Childcare vouchers are accepted. 10% sibling discount also available!

Booking and Payment via:
<https://sportscoachingnw.co.uk/courses/Holiday-Clubs>