

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

We have now been back at school for a whole week! Routines are becoming established and we are all finding new ways of organising and coping with the new systems.

### Thank You



**Parents** – Thank you for your continued support during the pandemic. The vast majority of parents have complied with the new start and end of the day procedures and are following the one-way system so thank you.

We have made some individual adjustments for parents and you are encouraged to email: [head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) if you require an adjustment. Please contact me rather than just arriving at a different time or location.

**Children** – Thank you to all our lovely children who have returned to school with an eagerness to learn and have settled back so quickly. Well done also to our new EYFS children who are now in school full time and coping very well with the organisation and learning. Mablins has **amazing children** who have shown resilience, grit and wonder over the last few months.



### Social distancing

In order to open school we had to complete a very comprehensive risk assessment supported by the Local Authority. Part of this risk assessment indicates that the school will take measures to keep everyone safe at the start and end of the day. We have staggered our start and end times, but could I please make a plea to parents waiting in each year



group area that they **remain a distance of 2 meters away from each other**. This helps to keep everyone safe. If siblings are waiting with parents they should remain with their parents and not wander around the playground or play on any equipment. As soon as children are collected we ask that parents make their way from the school site.

### **Year 1 – end of the day**

In order to help some of our younger children to be collected more easily and speedily we are asking the parents of children in Year 1 to wait in the Orchard playground accordingly:

**Miss Kenny's class – nearer to the fence**

**Mrs Kings's class - in the middle**

**Mrs Gaunt's class – to the right**

Please do not stand right next to the opening in order that the teachers are able to bring the children to the end of the building. As soon as you see your child if you could then move forward that would be a big help.

### Welcome Meetings

As we are unable to host families in school for our usual welcome meetings the staff have recorded their input and this will be found on the school website. The presentations are very informative and provide lots of useful tips and information relevant to each year group. Please find these on your child's year group VLE page



<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/vle/>

### Curriculum Slices

Each year group has also added their curriculum slice to the website giving an overview of the work to be covered over the Autumn Term.

### Celebration Assembly

Traditionally Friday afternoon has seen the whole school gather in the main hall for a celebration assembly where achievements are acknowledged and certificates presented. Not to be beaten by Covid restrictions, last Friday we held our first 'Zoom - Friday Celebration Assembly'.

After a few technical difficulties I was able to 'Zoom' in to firstly Years 4/5/6 and then Y1/2/3. Celebrations were celebrated on screen and certificates presented in the classrooms.



Many teachers were unable to select individual children for a certificate last week as all children had returned in such a positive manner, therefore these classes received whole class awards: Y1GK, Y1LK, Y1AG, Y3JM, Y4SJH and Y5 AD.

Individual certificates were presented to: Lilly and Ahmed Y2EF, Mia Y2SG, Maddison Y2JMc, Skyla Y3HG, Poppy Y3JT/CI, Amelia-Grace Y4GMc, Lily-Mae Y4RL, Jacob Y5JE, Natalia Y5IMc, Ethan Y6SB, Lacey Y6AP and Toby Y6TH. A special mention was also given to Poppy in Y6 who had already had a birthday and was officially the oldest pupil in the school.

### **ARK Week**

This week all children are involved in SMSC work based around the book, 'The Colour Monster'. This is a lovely book so please get your children to tell you all about it. We are looking forward to sharing some work in our Celebration assembly this week.



### **Uniform**

It has been lovely to see all the children returning to school in their smart uniform. Thank you.

Children should come to school in their PE kits if it is a PE day and each year group have communicated when this is to parents.

**Trainers** – I usually insist on school shoes as trainers are not smart uniform, but under the current circumstances children may attend school in



their trainers if they wish to play on the 'astro' pitches at break or lunch time. In order to maintain the 'astro' surface in good condition children are not permitted to go in this area if they have shoes on. I will keep parents updated on the situation and when school shoes will become compulsory again.

### **Earrings and jewelry**

Children may wear small stud earrings to school BUT cannot take part in any PE session unless they are removed. We suggest that earrings are removed at home on PE days in order that they remain safe. Teachers cannot remove earrings and they can be easily lost if removed by the child and left on their table.

Having your child's ears pierced during term time could mean that they miss up to 6 weeks of valuable PE time, so please think carefully before going ahead.



### **Mobile phones**

Once children are in Year 5/6, with parents' permission, they are allowed to walk home from school. Where this is the case children

sometimes bring a mobile phone to school in order that they can call someone if there is an emergency on the way home. Any pupil bringing a mobile phone to school must hand this to their class teacher for safe keeping over the day.

This year more children than usual have brought a phone to school. We are happy to keep phones safe during the day, but cannot be held responsible for any damage. We ask parents to consider whether it is vital for their child to bring a phone to school, and if not, they ensure that phones stay safely at home.

### **Individual school Photographs**

The school photographer will be attending school on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual photographs of children in **EYFS**

**and Year 6**. In order to comply with Covid restrictions we will not be able to take other year groups or do family photos with siblings.

We have spoken to our photographer and are looking to have a date in the Spring Term if possible to take other years and family groups.



### **School Meals**

The kitchen is now fully open and is serving hot lunches for all children.



EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a universal free school meal each day. Children in Years 3/4/5/6 may order a lunch at £2.40 per day. Joy is serving the new menu, which was discussed with the School Council before lockdown, and includes many of the children's favourites.

### **Free School Meals**

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



If your situation with work has changed recently you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals, which automatically releases additional funding to school which could for example subsidise school trips for your child. Please see for more information:

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

### **Snacks**

Snacks will not be available from school for the first few weeks of term, until we have assessed the risk and worked out the viability. Therefore we ask children



to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. This could be a piece of fruit, cereal bar or some biscuits. Sweets and chocolate are discouraged.

Children should also bring a named water bottle to school with them each day for WATER to keep them hydrated.



### **Reminder**

Once children are back in school they should be in school full time unless they are ill. If this is the case, a message left on the answerphone in the usual way would be most welcome. This will allow us to deploy staff appropriately and will ensure that we have the correct pupil/staff ratios.



### **Communication Dojo**

New invitations have been sent to parents to re-join the class dojo. If you have not received your invitation, or if there is a problem, then please email the year group or telephone the office and we will try to resolve the issue.



### **Email addresses for year groups**

Don't forget your year group email addresses, as below. Your email will be answered by one of the teachers in your child's year group, during school working hours.



**Year Group - Email Address**  
**Mablins Lane CP School**

[eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **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.

### **Social media**

A usual start of the year reminder for parents to be vigilant around their child's use of social media. We have had one or 2 instances reported to us over lockdown of 'internet bullying' and inappropriate use of social media sites. Please make sure that you know what sites your child is accessing and that you have the appropriate security settings for ALL devices.

### **Online safety concerns**

From social media you may be aware of concerns about a video circulating on TikTok. Whilst I cannot confirm the presence of the threat, please can I share that CEOP have issued the following guidance on what to do as a parent, when a viral threat occurs online.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/theres-a-viral-scare-online-what-should-i-do/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/theres-a-viral-scare-online-what-should-i-do/)

CEOP.police.uk



### **Coming Soon - Virtual Harvest**



As we are unable to hold a Harvest festival in school we are planning to hold this virtually. Our theme is 'The Store Cupboard'. Please look out for information in the next couple of weeks.

Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

