

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Children

I cannot believe that we are at the end of half term. It has been a challenging few weeks but we have now settled in to a new routine. Our children continue to amaze me with their resilience and courage to tackle new challenges.



We currently have 189 children on our registers for a school place. We have between 25-30% of the children in each day. Although we have had numerous requests for places we are working over capacity and we really cannot take any more children at the minute.

Whilst we would like all our children back in school, we must endure the next few weeks in order for this to happen. The Government indicated that schools would not return before the 8<sup>th</sup> March, and that there would be a two-week notice period. As transmission seems to be reducing, rates are decreasing and the vaccination programme rolls out, it seems that this could be achievable. We understand that an announcement could be made on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February detailing the return schedule. As soon as we have this information we will work swiftly to ensure that we implement the necessary steps and manage to get all our children back in to school.

Today we break for half term. School will be closed and there will be no on-line lessons until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We would like you all to have a break from your screens. Go outside and enjoy the outdoors, take a walk, spend time in the garden again. Take the time to be a family, without pressure or stress.



Lessons will resume on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. School will re-open for those children currently on the register and as indicated we hope that it will only be a further two weeks before we open more widely and welcome back all our pupils.



Hope to see you all very soon.

### Positive Cases

We are pleased to report that there have been no further cases within our direct school community this week.

### School Attendance – Key workers

#### **ONLY COME TO SCHOOL ON THE DAYS YOU NEED TO!**

Following half term, those children who are currently on the register should return to school, but only on the days when parents are working. Please support us by not abusing your place. Thank you.

### Start and End of the Day

The number of parents and children accessing the premises at the start and end of the day has been greatly reduced, but please can I remind parents to park responsibly, and be mindful of pedestrians. There should be no dropping off on the 'zig zag' lines, or driving in to the school gateways or on to the school premises. We still don't have a crossing patrol so extra vigilance is needed on Parker's Road. Our PCSO has been supporting us and has been to supervise this week.



### Uniform

If your child is attending school then they should wear school uniform each day. The teacher may ask for a PE kit to be worn if that has been planned – this should be

suitable and warm given the current weather conditions. All children **MUST** bring their coat, as they will be going outside for fresh air breaks.



### School Lunches

The school kitchen is open providing a hot meal each day. Joy has adjusted the menu with one choice each day. An alternative will be provided for dietary requirements. If children wish to bring a packed lunch they will eat this in their class area.



### Assemblies



## Mablins Virtual School Assembly

Thank you to all those children who joined us for the virtual assemblies last Friday, we have posted out certificates to all the 'Shout Out' certificate winners! Well done to you all who are working hard in school and at home.

There will be **no assemblies this Friday** as it is a staff INSET day. We will resume Friday celebration assemblies after the ½ term break.



### **EYFS Certificates:**

Class 1 Tommy L, Class 2 Austin J and Class 3 Evie D

### **Year 1 Certificates:**

Maya E, Fabian P, Alayna and Freya R, Alisha M-W, Corbin M and Reuben W

**Year 2 Certificates:** Renae R, Jan G, Thomas L, Rosie P, Marley-Jay B, and Kian J

### **Year 3 Certificates:**

David L, Leilani S, Robyn W, Leo J, Jack N and Logan S

### **Year 4 Certificates:**

Alfie S, Millie D, George C, Freya P, Olivia M, and Jack S

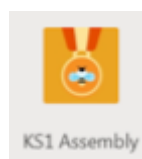
### **Year 5 Certificates:**

Billy W, Lexie W, Finley S, Luna H, Daisy S and Tristan W

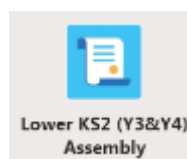
### **Year 6 Certificates:**

Laura G, Darcy Y, Corban B, Leah C, David H and Poppy B

After the ½ term break our new Vicar Catherine Cleghorn who is the new Vicar of Warmingham and St. Leonard's Churches will lead assemblies for our school community on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am on TEAMS. They will last about 10/15minutes and it would be lovely for children to join us. Please click on the boxes on TEAMS to join. The first assembly is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February for EYFS/Year 1 and Year 2 children at 9.30am.



KS1 Assembly



Lower KS2 (Y3&Y4)  
Assembly



Upper KS2 (Y5&Y6)  
Assembly

## Wednesday Morning Teams Assembly

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am  
**KS1 Assembly**  
**EYFS/Year 1 and Year 2**

### **Remote Learning –WEEK 6**

We have completed 6 weeks of home learning! WELL DONE everyone, we do know that it has been hard at times and we just wanted to **thank you** for all your perseverance and effort in working so hard away



from school! We have been so impressed with the work that has been completed and handed in on TEAMS and through DOJO.

**Please get in touch with us if you need any support with home learning, we are here if you need anything!**

If you are struggling with resources e.g. calculators/paper/notebooks/writing equipment, then also please get in touch with us.

If you need further help with Teams then please contact us at school on [deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) or see this [support guidance](#).

**Next week during the ½ term break it would be great if you could try to have some SCREEN FREE times!**



35 Screen Free Activities							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Build with blocks.	Make a marble run.	Do a science experiment.	Bake a treat.	Learn about a country.	Make and sail boats.	Plant a garden.	
Have a picnic.	Blow bubbles.	Make a meal.	Play a board game.	Ride a bike.	Make up a song.	Make play dough or slime.	
Complete a craft.	Do a puzzle.	Camp in the yard.	Go on a scavenger hunt.	Read a book.	Write in a journal.	Visit the library.	
Visit the park.	Go bird watching.	Color.	Play a sport with a ball.	Write a story.	Start a club.	Study the night sky.	
Plant a tree.	Make paper airplanes.	Come up with a new invention.	Perform a play.	Try a new hobby.	Paint a picture.	Build a fort.	

*Please note: There will be no remote learning on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February as it is an INSET day, and during the ½ term holidays.*

#### **DfE help with technology – Only for Years 3 to Year 6**

As part of the Government programme to help families who do not have access to a device, we have been allocated a small number of laptops.



These laptops are currently being allocated to families who are struggling at home to access remote learning. Parents will need to sign an agreement with the school to accept responsibility for

the device and return it to us once children return back to school.

If you are struggling with remote learning devices then please get in touch with us, we also have a small number of laptops (these are being given to children in ALL year groups) that have been donated to us and we really want these to go to children who need them most.

Please email: [deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

#### **Wi-Fi Support**

BT are offering free Wi-Fi via hotspot vouchers for anyone who doesn't have internet. Each voucher can have 3 devices attached to it in the home. Please contact us: [admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) if you would like to take up this offer of support. As a school we can apply for up to 60 vouchers.



#### **Home Learning Packs**

We have been providing home learning packs for some children who have limited access to technology. Following the distribution of laptops to some families we are hoping that this can now be reduced. Whilst we are happy to provide a paper pack, this does involve much time and paper and is not very environmentally friendly. It also means additional contact with the school office. **Please only request a paper pack as a last resort. Thank you.**

#### **Colourful Dressing-Up Day**

**Thank you to all those children in school and at home that dressed in colourful clothes today to brighten our last day of this ½ term. Please send us your photos we would love to see you!**





# Forest School

## FOREST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 5

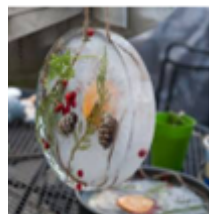
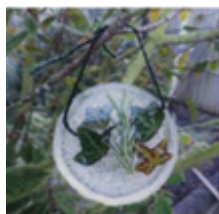
### ICE DECORATIONS

The weekend weather forecast is for more freezing weather, so this week's challenge is to make ice decorations.

- Pour some cooled, boiled water into a saucer or shallow dish. Using previously boiled water makes the ice clearer.
- Drape both ends of a piece of string in the water. The string will freeze in the water and you'll use it to hang the decoration up later.
- Add some natural objects to the water e.g. leaves, feathers, petals or berries.
- Leave your decoration outside to freeze. If it's not cold enough you can put it in your freezer but ask a grown up first.
- In the morning place your saucer in a dish of cold water, (this will separate your ice decoration from the saucer), and hang it in the garden.

### Will your ice decoration melt?

If it's really cold it may still be there the following day.



## FOREST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 4 WORK



### Home Learning

Thank you to all the children that are sending in photos of remote/home learning. YOU are doing an amazing job and WE are so proud of you all! Keep sending photos in via TEAMS or by email to [deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)



### Act of Random Kindness Week

**PADDINGTON WEEK**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**



# How to Be More Paddington: A Book of Kindness

*We are planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> ARK week 'KINDNESS WEEK' for after Feb ½ term. The teachers are going to be using this lovely book and it would be great if children in school and at home could .....be more like Paddington!*

*The book is beautiful and includes how to be kind through 'Paddington' type ways. The book is broken up into chapters e.g. being friendly, being grateful, being polite, being thoughtful and it would be great if the children could do kind 'Paddington' acts each day?*

*We have also got x7 Paddington bears to give as prizes to children who have really tried hard with their work that is x1 bear prize per year group. We do have lots of lovely certificates too so many more children can feel appreciated for their work!*

*There are also lots of Paddington quotes out there too about being kind.... We thought ideas could be, making marmalade sandwiches for someone, saying thank you, being extra polite, watching kind clips of the two Paddington films etc...*



## Amaven PE APP

**AMAVEN**  
MOVE • PLAY • LIVE

To support children and families through lockdown 3.0 we have a free Home PE App, so your children can access meaningful PE at home. Giving you a suitable solution for physical skill development as a replacement for structured and meaningful PE.

Each week we will provide children with a range of video activities through the App, the videos activities

are fully differentiated and easy to follow; most children should be able to work independently. The Home PE App will allow your children to;

- **Have Fun and Be Active**
- **Develop Fitness**
- **Develop Sports Skills**
- **Maintain Wellness**

This will be achieved through a range of;

- **Active Warm Up's and Fitness activities**
- **Development of Fundamental Movement Skills**
- **Technical Skill Activities**
- **Dance**
- **Yoga**

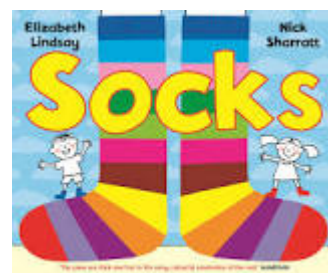
You can download your schools Home PE App by signing up for free here (you will need to use your own email/details to access it) Click here to access the [MyAmaven](https://s1.myamaven.com/mablins-lane-primary-school-pe-app) website. The full web address is: - <https://s1.myamaven.com/mablins-lane-primary-school-pe-app>

You will then be able to download your App to your smartphone or tablet, and you can ping the videos to a larger screen such as your TV or monitor should you wish.

## World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. As we are still expecting the school to be partially closed on this date, the staff are preparing a range of activities that can be undertaken either at home or in school. We are going to be using the book 'Socks' by Nick Sharrat and Elizabeth Lindsay.

On the day we will ask the children to wear odd or jazzy socks and then send pictures to us of them reading with their socks on.



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**4 MARCH 2021**

**Wear odd or jazzy socks and send us pictures of yourself reading with your socks on to**  
**[deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)**

### **Kids Planet**

Breakfast and after school club has stayed open for parents who need to drop off and collect outside of school hours. Kids Planet has measures in place to safeguard the children and reduce contact between pods. Pre-School also remains open at this time



### **Audio Books – VLE**

We have updated the website with a range of Audio books for the children to enjoy. The password for the audio book section is at the top of your Year Group VLE page. Direct link to page below;



<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/audio-stories/>

### **Covid-19**

Although there is a new strain 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**.

**YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SHOWING ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS OR IF ANYBODY IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS SHOWING THOSE SYMPTOMS.**

Please follow the guidance to help keep everybody safe.

### **IMPORTANT - 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.

### **Illness**

Whilst we are all being vigilant for COVID symptoms, please let us not forget that the children may just get a winter cold or a tummy bug. If your child is unwell in anyway then please keep them at home in order to contain the spread of germs.

### **Free School Meals**

Are you entitled to Free School Meals? Go to the link below to see if you meet the specified criteria. Applying

for FSM attracts over £1000 of funding in to school which helps to support the children, for example helping to fund your child's school trips.

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

Now that schools have restricted opening again the Free School Voucher scheme has been reinstated from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Those on our FSM register should have received an email to confirm the arrangements. Each child that qualifies for Income Related FSM (not UIFSM) will receive £15 per week in shopping vouchers.

If you are uncertain about qualification then please telephone or contact the school office: [admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)



### **Children's Check in**

During this time, we want to reach out to you and offer our support as much as we can.

If you are feeling lonely, if someone is being unkind online, or if you would just like to check in with us, please get in touch. Just like in school, you can reach out to talk to us by emailing:

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



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

**Just a reminder that our year group email addresses are still operational.**

Please use **ONLY** the following email addresses to contact your child's class teacher. They will respond during the school working hours of between 9.00am and 4.30pm, please note that many of the teachers are still in school and teaching key worker children.

[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)



### School Meals - Cashless Payments

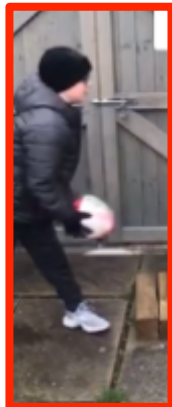
Please can we remind parents about the Cheshire East epayments system. Payments for school meals **should where possible be made online** via the [Cheshire East School Epayments Portal](#). If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office or refer to the [online parent guide](#) below.

### A Century of Activity

This week we challenged our children to complete a century of something active this coming week. This may be 100 laps of the garden, 100 steps on a walk, a 100 keepy-ups – anything they wanted to do!



Thank you to all those children that sent in photos! YOU ARE AMAZING!



### Safety on line

It was Safety Online Day this week and the children have been encouraged to think about how to keep themselves safe whilst working on line.



### How do I keep my child safe whilst accessing remote learning?

Parents need to make sure that children are supervised whilst using the Internet to ensure that they are only accessing content that is appropriate to them. Children have had online safety lessons in school and should be aware of how to keep themselves safe online and what to do if they don't feel safe (remind them of the [SMART rules](#)).

It would be a good idea to ask your child to tell you ways in which they can keep themselves safe while using the Internet so that you as a parent can ensure that they understand. It is also important that you consider the amount of time that your child is spending online and sitting at a tablet/computer screen. Make sure that you build in time for breaks so that children are not looking at a screen for long periods of time.

**Have a good week everybody.  
Enjoy your half term break.  
Stay Home, Stay Safe.  
Take care and look after yourselves.**

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

