

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 11th June 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Week 2 – another busy week with lots going on at home and in school. Thank you for sharing all your lovely work and keeping in touch with us.

Return to School

There was some concern in the North West on Friday due to an increase in the 'R' number in relation to Covid. Cheshire East was quick to support schools over the weekend and then released a statement for parents on Monday. As Cheshire East had made the decision for schools to only increase pupil year groups from 15th June there was no immediate impact. Yesterday (Wed 10th) a further statement was released stating that schools should continue with their phased re-opening. We are fully risk assessed and ready to go!

From Monday 15th June

Key Worker children

We will continue to use the six established pods, using designated areas of the school.

The 'one-way system' in operation at the front of school will continue for these families at the start and end of the day.

Many thanks to all parents for observing the social distancing rules and making this work so smoothly.

EYFS

We will welcome back 33 children to EYFS. They will return to their own class area with their own teacher. As Miss Knight is beginning her maternity leave, Miss Meadows will join the team and work with those children. She will be supported by Mrs Hartley and Mrs Holden, both familiar faces.

Information was sent to all families yesterday regarding procedures and organisation. It is vital that you read this information. **PARENTS MUST NOT BRING THEIR CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL WITHOUT HAVING CONFIRMED THEIR PLACE.** We must stick to the DFE guidance of 15 in a 'pod' and this has been carefully risk assessed.

Year 1

A survey will be sent to all Year 1 parents today with a response deadline of 3pm tomorrow (Friday). The question will ask YES/NO – 'Will you be sending your

child back to school?' It is vital that **ALL** parents reply, including our key worker parents so that the children can then be allocated to a Year 1 pod. Once we have all the responses we will risk assess and organise the pods in Year 1. You will then be notified next week about your place and the arrangements for returning to school.

Year 6

Year 6 will continue to work at home, a survey will be sent out during the week to establish how many children will be returning. We will then contact you with the arrangements going forward.

Year 5

Year 5 will continue to work at home, but we are considering whether we are able to organise for a return to school at the end of the month.

Year 4/3/2

All year groups will continue to work at home. We will continue to look at ways to involve the children through a variety of activities. The VLE will be refreshed and we will look at our capacity to engage directly with classes before the summer break.

This has been such a difficult time and we just want all our children back in school, but we have to do this under the current social distancing guidelines. As you will understand, it is impossible to accommodate 560 children within the school adhering to a 2m distancing rule. BUT we are working on it 😊

School Meals

The school kitchen is OPEN! The school kitchen has prepared a grab bag menu, and these have been delivered to the children's pods.

Children can also bring a packed lunch, but can we try to keep to healthy options with a balance of foods? It is nice to have a small treat in your lunch box but this should be balanced with other things too. Ketchup sandwiches!!! Not for me thanks 😊

Children should also bring a water bottle to school with them each day for WATER. They may bring some juice for lunch but throughout the day it is just a bottle for



water which can be re-filled.
We have not changed out policies during lockdown and want to keep as healthy as we can. Thank you.



Visitors

Currently - there will be no additional visitors to school; no assemblies or large gatherings and the children will remain in their pods working with specific children and adults only.

Next steps

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.

If parents decide later in the month that they would like their child to return then we ask that you notify the school office: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

If there is capacity, pupils will then be able to start at the beginning of the next full week. (We do not expect pupils to return part-way through a week unless there are exceptional circumstances and this has been agreed with school beforehand.)

Please be patient with us as this is all new and we do not want to rush things and cause needless upset or harm within our school family.

Covid Symptoms

Now that the school is open more widely it is very important to remember that should any child or member of their family present with symptoms (Loss of taste/smell, high temperature, persistent cough.) **THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

Testing is now more widely available, including at Leighton hospital. A test should be sought immediately and the individual should self-isolate for 7 days with associated family members isolating for 14 days. The virus is more contagious during the early period before symptoms begin to manifest, hence the 14 isolation period.

If a child should attend school and begin to show symptoms a parent will be called immediately. The child will be isolated in our 'Silver Birch Room' near to the main entrance. On arrival at school parents will be asked to telephone the office and the child will then be brought out to the car park. A test will be requested by school. Should this test be positive then pupils and staff who have been working in that 'pod' will be sent home



to self-isolate for 14 days. The 'pod' will be subject to a 'deep clean'.

Home Learning

Year 1 have been our champions on the VLE so far, having the most hits, views and downloads, but this week Years 3 and 4 have caught them up. Well done everybody!

Year 6 have been 'Zooming', but not quite so much attention to activities. Year 5 – a good range of access but not so many of you looking at your weekly overview. Don't let the team down!

I hope that you have been in to Mrs Brown's virtual classroom this week. So much to see and do – amazing!

How to log on:

VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Pupil Home Access Login

Go to our website: www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk

Click on "Pupil login"

Select – (choose your year group)

Enter your password – **year5_vle** (Change year group accordingly)

There are so many great suggestions for activities to suit everybody.

Communication - Email addresses for year groups

Last week we released new email addresses to allow more contact within each year group.



A reminder of those emails addresses is 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

New EYFS starters Sept 2020

eyfs20@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

We encourage this to be a positive communication channel, and look forward to hearing from you about what you are doing.

Free School Meals

The Government promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). The National voucher scheme was set-up in order to deliver this support. Just a reminder that vouchers are still available over the coming half term.

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.

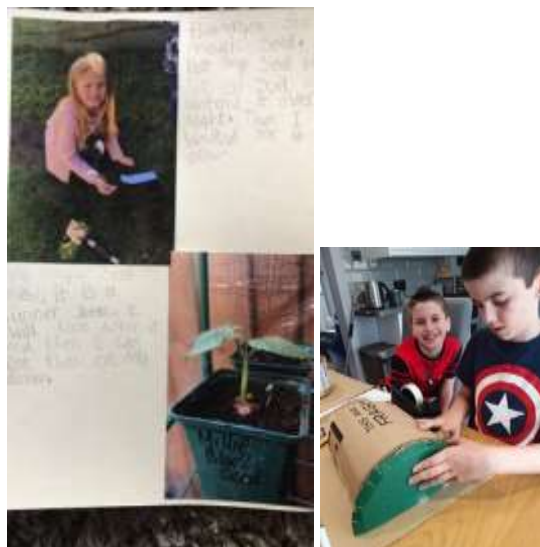
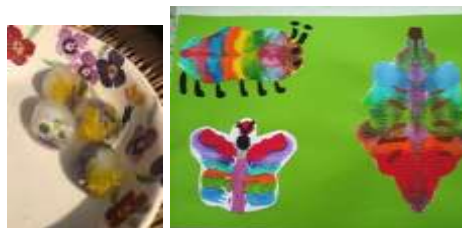
Just like in school, you can reach out to talk to us by emailing: mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Likewise if you, or a member of your family, have been seriously impacted by Covid-19 then please let us know. We are here to help and can pass on the details of support networks if we are unable to help you ourselves. We don't know how many of our families have had a close contact with a Covid-19 sufferer or indeed a victim of this dreadful virus. Please let us know if you, or someone you know is in that category.

Celebration of home learning work – this week!

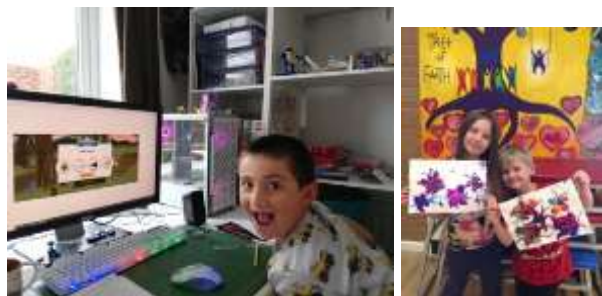
Thank you so much for the work that has been shared again this week! It is so lovely to see this work and that our Mablins children are enjoying their home activities. If you would like to share your learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:-

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk.

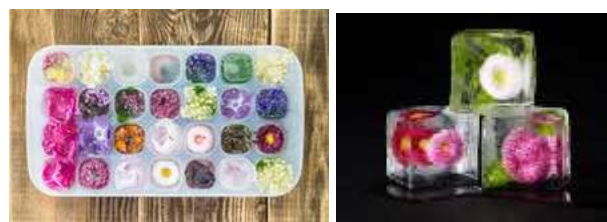


Well done to Mia/Year 6 for joining with CreweAlexWomen and helping to raise £1000 for @MCHcharity by running 1000 miles collectively this month (41miles were hers!) Amazing Mia, we are really proud of you!





Challenge 15 – Ice flowers



Challenge 16 – Bio Blitz Activities – who can charm the most worms?



Please send in your photos! We would love to see them!

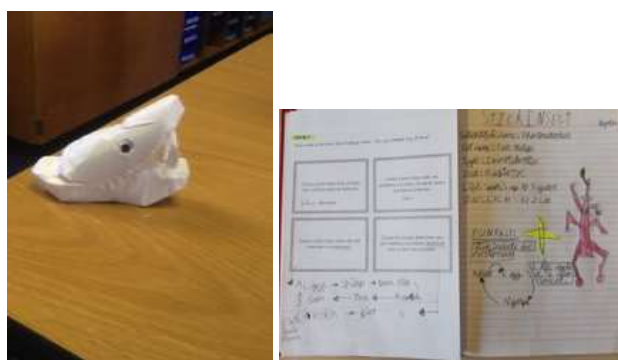
Blessings!

We continue to be touched by the countless blessings posted on our website. Please keep sending them in to:



mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk with the subject 'Blessings' – no need to write a message. You could simply write; 'We made a kite and tried to fly it in the garden' and hit send!

Mrs. Joule's Challenge



Technology challenge

Egg Drop Challenge



Thank you so much for sharing your wonderful inventions.

[Forest School challenges – please see the website for challenges 15 and 16 this week](https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/download/forest-school-home-challenge-15)

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Anderson – this looks amazing and I love the face on your egg.



New Challenge

HEALTHY EATING CHALLENGE

Linking with our Healthy eating theme this week:

Create a healthy packed lunch. Think about 'what' you need and 'how' it is healthy.

Draw it, paint it or make it in '3d'.

Then make it for real.

Show us some pictures of you having your lunch.

Can you have lunch in an usual place?

ENJOY ☺



The digital platform will be **FREE** and safe for children and families to use. There is an exciting virtual launch party for the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge website on **Friday 5th June** on the Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page. You can read about the launch activities and the guest celebrities who will be involved at

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/first-ambassadors-announced-for-2020-summer-reading-challenge.html>

Cheshire East Libraries will be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge through their own e-lending platforms and social media.

As well as signing up to take part at sillysquad.org.uk, they would like to encourage families to follow them on their local Cheshire East Library Facebook page e.g. @CreweLibrary, and on Twitter @CECLibraries. The daily Facebook posts contain lots of interesting items and activities for both adults and children such as online Rhymetimes/Storytimes and book reviews.

School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020



We have now outlined a programme for our new September starters.

We have a new section on the website '**New Starters September 2020**'. Information will be added to this area for reference.

The first items in this section are short video clips containing information that would have been delivered at the Welcome Meeting. We hope that you will find this useful as you will be able to re-visit and replay.

Mrs. Hartley, our EYFS lead, is making plans to visit each home with a welcome pack. (She will socially distance.) This will give you a familiar face and point of contact.

The EYFS team will be adding more information and messages to the website over the coming weeks and we hope to be able to invite everybody in to school for a short visit (in very small groups) before the end of this half term.

As it stands we do not yet know what September will look like in school but we anticipate a phased start for our new EYFS children.

Summer Reading Challenge

The local libraries are planning to continue with the Summer Reading Challenge but this year it will be a virtual challenge. More information can be found here:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-summer-reading-challenge-is-asking-the-nation-to-join-the-silly-squad.html>

Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working as 'Key Workers'
- Welcoming back 33 of our EYFS children
- Preparing to welcome back our Y1 children
- Linking with all schools in the locality to establish arrangements for Y6 transition
- Visiting all our new EYFS families with a welcome pack
- Ensuring good communication with all families, particularly those not expected to return to school this month

Stay Safe

At the current time, we are still not certain when we will return as a whole school – in the meantime we will endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are well informed. Remember that Class Dojo is currently suspended and communication should be via:

Year group emails,

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or

admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need any support, help or advice.

Make sure that you do what feels right for you, be aware of your own feelings and be kind to yourself and others. Remembering that this is a temporary situation and that things will get better.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

