

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Children,



### WW1 Commemoration Week

During our first week back after the half term holiday all pupils across the school participated in activities allowing them to learn about and reflect upon the centenary of the ending of World War 1.

During the week pupils engaged in a variety of activities including Y6 working with the poet John Lindley. Some beautiful atmospheric poetry was produced. Well done Year 6.

Other year groups were fortunate enough to engage in drama workshops (Meet Vera) allowing pupils to empathise with events from the era and engage through acting and mime.

English planning for the week focussed on literature linked to the time period. As pupils learnt about events in 1918 they expressed themselves in a variety of ways including some superb art work. Please look on our twitter account for images created during the week.

@MablinsSchool (We currently have 201 followers, so lots of you are still missing out!)



Joy prepared a commemorative lunch enjoyed by many, and all pupils had a special home baked biscuit during the afternoon. It was a good opportunity for the children to consider how very different our meals are now with a far greater variety of foods available to us. Thanks again to Joy and the kitchen staff for supporting our learning.



Minshull Vernon and District Parish Council also presented a special commemorative coin to every child in school to remember the fallen 1914-1918. Thank you to the Parish Council for this kind gift.



The week ended with a special assembly on Friday led by Reverend Goggin. Pupils came to school dressed to represent the era or in their association uniforms (Scouting/Brownies). Our Early Years pupils dressed in red and green to resemble the colours of the poppies. Reverend Goggin talked about the poppy symbol and the river of poppies in London. A minutes silence was held at 11am with the whole school falling silent. I am very proud of the way our school family stopped to remember.

In addition to the above, some of our Y6 pupils joined with other Crewe Schools for a 'commemorative walk' around Crewe on Saturday afternoon. At various points the walk stopped for specific memories and events to be shared.

On Armistice Day, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Wagstaffe and the School Council were our representatives taking part in the Crewe Town Parade. A wreath was laid on behalf of the school.

### **Open Morning**

Our Autumn Term Open Morning was held on Thursday allowing parents to come in and share some of our commemorative events with our families. It was lovely to see those of you who were able to attend and we had some very positive comments as people left at the end of the morning.

We also welcomed 17 new families who had the opportunity to look around the school guided by representatives of the School Council. If you have a child due to start school in September 2019 and would like to visit the school then please contact the school office, [admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) (01270 685085) to book an appointment. Applications for places should be made on line via the Cheshire East website. Applications should be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – applications received after this date are deemed late and this may affect the allocation of a place at your chosen school.

### **Forest Schools**

Mrs Manning and Mrs Earley are now fully trained Forest school leads and this term we have been able to extend the provision for Forest Schools on site. By the end of the school year we hope that every child will have had access to some Forest school sessions. Currently Year 6 are having sessions on Wednesday mornings and have already been involved in some tricky problem solving activities. Year 5 have accessed some whole class sessions over the last few Fridays where they have had to work in teams and develop good skills of cooperation. Year 2 have posted some pictures on Twitter for you to see what they have been up to.

### **Basketball Competition**

This year we entered the basketball competition for the first time and were able to enter 3 teams. Our A team won their match and will now progress to the finals. Well done everyone that took part !

### **Parents Evening**

The Autumn Term Parents Evening was held just before half term. Sign up for appointments was good as was

attendance. 11 appointments were made but not attended, 64 children did not have an appointment. All of these families will be contacted over the next two weeks in order to arrange a time to meet if an appointment hasn't already been completed.



### **Communication**

We have many methods in place for communicating with parents. To make sure you don't miss any message please see below:

Parents can call the school at any time on: 01270 685085. There is an answerphone service available on this number and messages are checked regularly. Calls regarding absence can be left on the absence line and the registers will be updated accordingly.

Parents may wish to email and this can be done directly to me or via the school office. Messages to staff can be forwarded where necessary. Addresses are as follows:

**Headteacher:** [head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

**School Office:** [admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are present each morning on the main entry doors to school.

Class teachers will accompany the pupils out of school at the end of the day and will be available for communication. If there is a problem it is usually best to approach the class teacher first to see if it can be resolved.

A texting service is in place for short messages.

Newsletters and other correspondence will be sent by email or paper copies can be made available. If you require more than one copy then do please let us know. We have a school website. Please regularly check online for lots of additional information.

You can also keep up to speed with events as they happen by following our Twitter feed **@MablinsSchool**

**If you are not yet following us on Twitter then please sign up! (201 follows so far)**

### **Road Safety**

Please remember to park considerately around the school. It has been brought to my attention that last week an altercation occurred just outside the school gates where one parent was deemed to have parked irresponsibly. I am also still receiving complaints from our neighbours who are having their driveways blocked. The advice is always to report incidents to the Police. We have a crossing patrol on the crossing to assist with

safety and urge parents to cross there with their children. We have spent time talking about road safety both in classes and during assemblies. A couple of minutes' walk could be life saver.



### PTA

The committee met on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** to discuss the plans and preparation for the Christmas Fair. This is planned for **FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 6-8PM** at school. Please put this date in your diary and support us if you can. Posters and flyers have been distributed. Information has also been sent from the PTA. We will again be having the 'Year Group Hampers' and request that items are sent in by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The themes for each year group are as follows:

- EYFS – Gold
- Year 1 – Silver
- Year 2 – Red
- Year 3 – Green
- Year 4 – White
- Year 5 – Winter
- Year 6 - Christmas

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November where we ask for donations of bottles, chocolate and tombola items. If you are able to assist in any way at all whether it be in the days before, during the day, or on the evening then please, please get in touch. Many hands make light work, and ALL the children in school benefit from the proceeds.



### Children In Need

This year Children in Need is: **FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** and our School Council have decided to support the event.

Children are invited to wear bright and/or spotty clothes for the day. Joy will be preparing a special lunch and there will also be lots of competitions and activities running on the day.

Please join in the fun and support a very worthy cause.



### Anti-Bullying Week

This week across the Country it is 'Anti-Bullying Week'. During this week we will be using our KiVA focused work to remind the children about what to do in the event of bullying and how we can all work together to keep instances of bullying in our school to an absolute minimum.

### Book Fair

We will be hosting a pre-Christmas Book Fair in school starting on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** for three days. During this time all books will be on sale for **HALF PRICE!**

All children will have a preview on Thursday or Friday of the previous week in order to see what is on offer. The Book Fair will be used to start our focused Reading Week on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. During this week there will be many literature led activities and many opportunities to read. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> all pupils (except Y6) are invited to come to school dressed as a character linked to/from a book. We invite parents to 'Stay and read':

- EYFS – 9.00 – 9.30am
- Year 1 – 9.00 – 9.30am
- Year 2 – 2.45 – 3.15pm
- Year 3 – 2.45 – 3.15pm
- Year 4 – 9.00 – 9.30am
- Year 5 – 9.00 – 9.30am

Y6 have other plans on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and so will have their book day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Again - children can come dressed up as a character linked to/from a book and parents are invited to 'Stay and read' between 9.00 – 9.30am.

Please see additional information from The English team or speak to the class teacher for more information for your child's class.

### Staff News

Unfortunately Mr Lauder is currently absent from school due to having a serious knee operation during half term. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back before the end of the month.

Mrs Povall is also absent from school due to having an operation on her hand. She will be absent until just before Christmas. Get well soon.

### 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.**

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!



W/B 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Parent Lunch 11.30am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
Thurs 22/Fri 23 November	Y6 Remembrance Event
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Yr 5 United Utilities Workshop Yr1 African Dancer
Mon 26 – Wed 28 November	Mablins Book Fair
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Day 'Stay and Read' Dress as a character
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Book Day 'Stay and Read' Dress as a character
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform for Christmas Fair
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Yr 2 Victorian Workshop
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity Day Yr 3 Egyptian Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Christmas Play
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper/Activity/lunch Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	'Scroogical the Musical' Performances for children
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Play EYFS NN Reaseheath trip
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Christmas Play EYFS RH Reaseheath trip
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS SW Reaseheath trip <b>Children break up for Christmas Holiday</b>