

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Children,  
As the weather becomes more unpredictable the words below have more meaning:

life isn't about  
waiting for the  
storm to pass,  
it's learning  
to dance  
in the rain.

*We are all  
learning to  
dance at  
Mablins ☺*

### 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.

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. Children should NOT return to school if they are presenting with any of the symptoms. If in doubt always seek medical advice.

### Reporting



Absences

If your child is ill and unable to come to school then please telephone the school, leaving a message on the absence line.

### 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 Public Health England (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.

### Celebration Assembly

Last week Mrs Wagstaffe and I were fresh from the hairdressers as we had heard of the impending lockdown and so sported very up to the minute 'blue bob-styled' haircuts. The children thought it was hilarious and we are so glad that it made everybody smile.

Year group certificates were presented to:

Felix Y1GK, Alfie Y1LK, Myles Y1AG  
Elbey Y2EF, Max H Y2JMc, Phoebe Y2SG,  
Esmie Y3HG, Leila Y3JM, Esme Y3JT/CI,  
Imogen Y4GMc, Jacob Y4RL, Ben Y4SJH,  
Youssef Y5JE, Kaydon Y5IMc, Ruby Y5AD,  
Amelia Y6SB, Evire Y6TH, Sophie Y6AP



Well done to all these children. Keep up the good work this half term everybody.

We also gave 'staff shout outs' as follows:

Mrs Holden EYFS, Mrs Everall Y1, Mrs Palin Y2, Mrs Irvine Y3, Mrs Kulikowska Y4, Miss Morgan/Mrs Povall/Mrs Morris Y5 and the Year 6 Team. A small box of chocolates



thanked them for going above and beyond.

### Remembrance

This week we have been talking to the children about the significance of poppies and they have been completing different activities on this theme. Yesterday we marked the silence at 11:00. EYFS and KS1 stopped what they were doing in their classrooms, whilst KS2 lined up on the playgrounds to participate in the act of remembrance. As the Civic Community Remembrance

Service was cancelled Mrs Wagstaffe will take our school poppy wreath and lay it at the memorial in the town centre on behalf of the school.



## Children in Need 2020 TOMORROW!!



### PYJAMA DAY - FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

For Children in Need this year we are asking for children to wear pyjamas/onesie for the day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November!

Please don't wear slippers to school, school shoes or trainers are more appropriate for outside break times.

The school have set up a 'Just Giving' page in support of Children in Need (please see below) and we would be grateful if you could donate (£1.00) non uniform money using the Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mablinslaneschool-cin>



Other activities include lots of work around mindfulness and children's wellbeing! Different year groups will be supporting this

event and have discussed doing the following activities:

#### 1. Write a Poem on mindfulness



#### 2. Joe Wicks workout



#### 3. Pudsey mile - get active and count up their laps over the week



#### 4. JLT designed well-being/emotions quiz

#### 5. Movie afternoon with a mindfulness wellbeing theme

We are really looking forward to this tomorrow and hope that everybody will get involved.



### Forest School

Forest School has had another busy week and lots of fun activities have taken place with children from across all year groups.

**Please can we ask that children come appropriately dressed for their forest school sessions.**

We are still after old wellies if you have any that you can donate to us, we would really appreciate it!



**WE NEED YOUR OLD WELLIES!!**





### Christmas

We are in to November, Bonfire Night has passed and we have had our act of Remembrance. Our thoughts now turn swiftly to Christmas. Sadly Christmas at Mabllins will not be our usual festivity of performances. We pride ourselves on giving every child the opportunity to perform for their parents at Christmas but that will not be possible this year. SO – we have put on our ‘Santa’ thinking caps and are making sure that the children will have a Christmas to remember. We have several things occurring and don’t want to give too much away, but there will be special advent



calendars, outdoor learning days and dressing up days. We will be having a Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper days.

Next week we will be sending home a timetable of events starting on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Sadly parents will not be able to come in to school but each day there will be pictures sent home and we will compile a montage of all things Christmas for each year group called ‘The 12 Days of Mabllins Christmas’ which will be available at the end of term.

The biggest surprise is that Santa has promised to attend school. He won’t be able to talk to the children and take their individual requests but he will see each year group and is happy to take away letters written by the children.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**SANTA  
VISIT**

### Christmas Cards

This year we are requesting that the children do not bring in multiple cards from home to distribute around their classes. Instead we would like children to make one super Christmas card, take a photo of it and DOJO the picture in to their teacher. The pictures will then be displayed in the classroom for all to see. This cuts the Covid risk, reduces the amount of paper and allows for everybody to share the season’s greetings.

**DOJO A  
CHRISTMAS  
CARD**

### PTA



On Tuesday the PTA met to discuss possible fund raising ideas. It is not possible this year to hold a Christmas Fair so instead the PTA are putting together ‘Christmas Eve Treat Bags’. These can be pre-ordered and will contain hot chocolate, marshmallows, reindeer food and candy cane treats. **The pre-ordered bags will be available at a bargain price of just £2.50.** Order forms will be sent out next week with a strict deadline of **FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** for return. This will allow the PTA time to make up the bags, deliver them to school and allow them to be isolated prior to distribution.

The PTA are also looking to produce a Mabllins Lane Calendar for 2021 containing photographs of the

children working in school. The cost will be in the region of £6. Please look out for further details.

Already this term the PTA have supported school by match funding £1500 worth of reading books. They have set aside money to support a 'Trim Trail' and are contributing funds to aid storage solutions with some new sheds. There is also a commitment to send funds to Santa in the hope that he will be able to bring individual gifts for the children when he visits in December.

The PTA are always ready to welcome new members to the committee. If you have any ideas for fundraising and support then please get in touch by emailing [head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.co.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.co.uk) and I will pass on your details.

### **Applying for a September 2021 School place!**

Parents of children who will be starting school in September 2021 have until **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.



**Apply online for a school place**

It's quick and easy

You can apply from 1st September 2020 at [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2020 for secondary

15th January 2021 for primary

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2021.

If you do not have web access call 0300 123 5012

Late applications may be disadvantaged

### **Mablins Lane Virtual Tour of the school**

A virtual tour for parents wishing to view how our school works has been uploaded on to the website. 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](https://youtu.be/vusLdKMU_eg)

### **Visitors**

Unfortunately, at this time we are not allowing visitors into school and we hope that parents find the Virtual Tour 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](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) or [deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sh.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sh.uk)

### **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>



### **Remote Learning**

The Government have asked schools to establish a remote learning policy and a platform to allow for 'home learning' access should pupils have to isolate, or a school lockdown occurs.

If your child is currently away from school isolating, then please access activities from the year group VLE on the



school website. This week we have given pupils from year 1 to year 6 their OFFICE 365 TEAMS pupil login and password details, these can be found in their homework planners.

If a year group bubble was to temporarily close due to COVID, then the children can log in to our learning platform on Office 365 Teams from home and access class learning.

**This platform will only be used if a year group is to close, the VLE on the school website will remain for individual children who are isolating.**

### **Crossing Patrol**

Unfortunately a replacement has yet to be found for our crossing patrol. The vacancy has been advertised by Cheshire Transport on the Cheshire East website. If you, or any one you know, would be interested in this job then please apply accordingly to Cheshire East.





In the interim, I have to inform parents that the crossing will not be supervised so additional care will be required.

### **Blue Peter on YouTube**

We've received the following email from The BBC Blue Peter Team.

*We would like to inform you that we have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) at CBBC and we were wondering if your pupils and parents would be interested in this.*

*Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.*

*If you think your pupils would be interested in this, please do send this out to your parents and ask them to subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.*

Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

### **Calendar of Events 2020**

13 Nov	Children In Need Pyjama Day
December	Christmas Celebrations
18 Dec	School Closes
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School reopens

