

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~14th May 2019

Dear Parents and Children,

The Summer Term is racing by and already we find ourselves in the middle of the National testing season. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have been well prepared and are showing resilience. It is a busy time in school but as ever our school family remains strong and supportive.

Year 6 SATs Week

As mentioned above, Monday 13th May is the start of National Assessment week for Year 6. All children have been well prepared and we are increasing the support on offer by inviting all pupils to school for breakfast. Our local Tesco and Morrison's stores have provided various food items and we would like to thank them for their generosity. Pupils are invited to arrive for breakfast from 08:15 at the main entrance. The Year 6 Team will serve breakfast in the main school hall before the pupils get ready for their tests. In the past this has been a successful way for nerves to be settled and gives a nice social time before the start of the day. Breakfast is on offer from Monday to Thursday when the tests are scheduled. (No cost)

On Friday the Year 6 Team have planned a 'Cannes Film Festival - French Theme Day' as the tests will be completed. We are requesting a small donation of £1 per pupil to cover the cost of some French food items. Pupils will only need a small lunch as there will be lots of 'French' food tasting opportunities over the day.

SATs Day one went off to a flying start with record numbers of children attending the SATs free breakfast club. We had lots of smiling children by the end of the morning. We work really hard to keep the children positive, upbeat and confident during this week. This period of time can be physically draining as well as mentally draining so early nights are important.

Year 2 SATs

Year 2 pupils have started their assessments but these are not completed in the same formal way as the Year 6 tests with a National timetable. Pupils across Year 2 will be undertaking assessments over the next few weeks and they will be integrated in to their daily timetable.

Green Day

Thank you to families and children for supporting our annual 'Green Day.' We celebrated Green day as part of our green/sustainable & global work: thinking about being more environmentally friendly. Our theme this year is Global Sustainability linked to the sustainable development goals.

A year two class laid out all the plastic they had collected and imagined they were sea creatures. They tried very hard to swim through the water, but it was too difficult. This made them realise what the ocean is like for the poor sea creatures.



Global Learning

As part of our global schools work the school held a meeting last week with the Eco Reps and Green Teams from Vine Tree Primary and Willaston Primary. We talked about how to achieve Plastic Free Schools status and shared lots of ideas!

Mablins Lane School has signed up to become a plastic free school with the organization, 'Surfers Against Sewage.' As a school we have pledged to get rid of at least 3 plastic items over the next 12 months. For more information please see www.sas.org.uk



EYFS Visit to Bickley Hall

Each of our EYFs classes enjoyed an adventurous and interesting day visiting Bickley Hall. The children experienced outdoor learning and had lots of fun.



Make a £ Grow Week

Year 6 will end the half term with some 'Enterprise Education' and the ever popular 'Make a £1 Grow'. We ask that parents be supportive but this is a challenge for the pupils to make their £1 grow! (Parents should not end up substantially out of pocket!) Letters went out last week and many thanks to all those parents who have sent the consent slips back in. Year 6 are all very excited and the teams are all making their business plans and design ideas etc. This really gives the children something to look forward to after SAT s mornings. Pupils across the school will have the opportunity to browse the Y6 stalls each day next week for a limited time. This is the week where sweet treats are allowed!

School Payments

In order to improve our financial standards the office will move to a system of e-payment for trips and visits. The e-payment system is quick and easy and DOES NOT go wrong. It is safe and secure with the payee and the payer both receiving an email receipt for successful payments. Funds are paid directly into the school budget which reduces the risk of lost monies. Office staff are happy to help parents to register/login etc and with any queries. We are aware that the system won't suit everyone, so anyone who cannot make payments this way must speak to Mrs Szczurek or any other member of the office team who will more than happy to help and advise. Thank you.

Lost Property

We already have a substantial amount of lost property accumulated since we returned from the Easter Holiday.

We emptied the box as we broke up and sadly it was full by the end of the first week. We urge parents to name all clothing but most of the items are not named and cannot be returned successfully to their owners. Name labels can be purchased very quickly and easily from the main school office and at very little cost. If you have not yet used this facility we urge you to try it out. The lost property bin is currently located in the link corridor between Year 1 and the main school. We have a group of Y6 pupils who check the box and return named items to their owners each day, but unfortunately many good quality items remain in the bin. Going forward items will remain for a limited period before being washed and donated to St Lukes Hospice. Not only will the items be used to benefit those in need, it also supports one of our chosen charities for this year and fits in with our 'Green Agenda' and the drive to re-use and recycle.

After School Clubs

Some of our After School Clubs have already started and others are planned to take place later in the term. There are lots of sports clubs, some of which are taking place in the lunch break. Please keep an eye on class dojo as this is an easy way to notify parents if a PE kit is needed. Trials are now underway for the Town Sports and it is useful for pupils to have a kit in each day in order to take advantage of the weather.

Super Heroes Non- Uniform Day

The School Council has organised a dress up day for Friday 24th May, children can come dressed as a superhero for a £1.00 donation. All money raised will be put to our school adventure playground (that we are raising funds for) and the Donna Louise Charity.



School Times

We have recently updated our school prospectus please take a look on the school website at:

<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk>

This informs parents are important key school information.

8.45am Classroom doors open

9.00am Registration and lessons begin

10.30am Morning break EYFS/KS1

10.50am Morning Break for KS2

12.00pm KS1 Lunch

12.15pm KS2 Lunch

2.15pm Afternoon break for EYFS/KS1

3.15pm End of School

Forest School Building

We have been very fortunate to receive a grant from Minshull Vernon Parish Council for £3000. This money was awarded to fund the building of an outdoor learning classroom in our Forest School. We have to give special thanks to our brilliant Site Manager Mick Sandland and carpenter Mark Biggins for building such a fantastic structure.

We'll be able to use the classroom tomorrow in our Forest School lesson despite the roof not being quite finished yet. The roof will be weatherproofed and completed next week.



Rainbows Pre-School at Mablins Lane

'Rainbows' Pre-School goes from strength to strength. Some sessions are now almost full with our pre-schoolers enjoying some fabulous activities. Those children who are transferring to our main school in September will soon be starting an enhanced transition, joining in some of our school led activities and events. In September more spaces will become available as the children move in to school. If you would like to be considered for a place then please sign up quickly in order to be guaranteed the sessions you want.

Mobile Phones

Please can we remind parents that NO child should be bringing a mobile phone to school? If it is necessary for a child to bring a phone this should be discussed with the class teacher or the office. The phone should be immediately handed in to the class teacher or the office on arrival at school and will then be returned at the end of the day. The phone should not be used on the playground at the end of the day as this is a safeguarding issue. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Smoking on Site

As a local authority maintained school smoking is not permitted **anywhere** on the premises. This includes the use of electronic smoking devices and e-cigarettes. Adults, entering the school premises, should refrain from smoking/vaping whilst waiting on the playground to collect children at the end of the day and also waiting outside the main reception. Adults who do not comply will be asked to leave the premises. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Information

Find out if you are eligible by calling 0300 123 5012

Car Parking

A plea again about parking safely near to school. Please be considerate and safe when dropping children off.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter and for your continued support.

With Kind Regards,

Justine Joule
Headteacher

Diary dates to make a note of for Summer Term!



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| 13 - 16 | May SATS Week |
| 17 May | Year 6 Theme Day |
| 20 – 24 May | Make a £ Grow Week Year 6 |
| 24 May | Super Hero Day – Children to dress as Super heroes for Donna Louise Hospice |
| 24 May | SCHOOL CLOSSES for half term |
| 3 June | INSET DAY - school closed for children |
| 4 June | SCHOOL OPENS |
| 4 – 7 June | ARK week |
| 4 June PTA | Silver Smarties drop off |
| 6 June | Yr4 Chester Roman Trip |
| 6 June | EYFS Sept 2019 parents welcome meeting |
| 10 June | Year 1 Phonics screening week |
| 15 June | Crewe Out Loud (parents invited) |
| 17 – 21 June | Global Awareness Week |
| 19 June | Global Awareness open morning 09:15 till 11:00 (parents invited) |
| 18/19/20 June | New Sept 2019 EYFS Story Drop-in 2:30 to 3pm (Parents stay in hall for a Phonics Reading Workshop) |
| 20 June | Yr2 Stanley Head Trip |
| 21 June | Yr2 Stanley Head Trip |
| 21 June | PTA Silver Smarties collection deadline |
| 24 June | Town Sports week, dates TBC |
| 25/26/27 June | Sept 2019 EYFS Stay & Play 2-3pm |
| 24 – 28 June | National Sports Week (sponsored School Event during the week) |
| 28 June | Sports Day (parents invited) EYFS 09:15 – 10:00 Yr 1&2 10:30 – 11:30 Yr 3,4,5&6 13:30 – 15:00 |
| 2/3/4 July | Sept 2019 EYFS Stay & Play 2-3pm |
| 2 – 3 July | Malbank Transition |
| 3 – 4 July | Crewe High School Transition |
| 5 July | Non-uniform day for Summer Fair |
| 5 July | Summer Fair 15:00-18:00 |
| 8 July | Yr5 Lake District parent info evening |
| 8 July | EYFS Chester Zoo Trip |
| 9/10/11 July | Sept 2019 EYFS Stay & Play 1:30-3pm |
| 9 & 10 July | Yr6 Primary College |
| 10 July | Yr5 Chester Zoo Trip |
| 11 July | Bikeability Level 1 Year 4 |
| 12 July | Class Swap in the morning |
| 12 July | Reports sent out to parents |
| w/c 15 July | Yr6 performance (parents invited) |
| 15 July | Yr6 Chill Factore Trip |
| 17 July | Teddy Bears Picnic for current EYFS & Sept 2019 EYFS parents 13:30 |
| 22 July | Optional parents evening |
| 23 July | Yr6 Leavers Assembly 09:15 parents invited |
| 24 July | SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER |