

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 14th January 2019

Dear Parents and Children,



Welcome back to the start of another busy term at Mablins Lane. I trust that you all had a good Christmas and New Year break and are now ready for the Spring Term. Days are still short and dark so we advise care on journeys to and from school. As we get to half term the days will be lengthening and we will begin to see more opportunities for outdoor learning again and an increase in our outdoor sporting activity.

Christmas Performances

Prior to the holiday we were entertained with Christmas Performances from each year group in school:

EYFS - 'The Tiptoe Nativity', Year 1 – Christmas 'Stay and Sing', Y2 'Midwife in Crisis', Year 3 – The Story of Christmas, Y4 'Lights, Camel, Action the Sequin' and Year 5/6 'Scrooge'.

Each performance was a joy to watch and illustrated the talents and hard work of pupils and staff. It was lovely to see our EYFS performing so confidently after only a few weeks in school and the drama skills of our older pupils were outstanding. Many thanks to Mrs Brown for her work with the music.

Each performance was recorded and DVDs are currently being produced. A separate letter will be sent with the details of how these can be purchased.



Clubs

After school clubs will take place during the Spring Term. Some clubs will continue from last term whilst there may be some new clubs that begin. Sports clubs may also run linked to the competitions taking place over the next term. Please be mindful of specific letters and text messages regarding the clubs for individual year groups. If you have any queries then please contact the school office who hold lists of all the clubs. Thank you.

Application for School Places

The application round for Reception places for September 2020 closes on 15th January. THIS WEEK!

If you have a child due to start school in September or know of families who have children who are eligible then please apply before this deadline.

Applications can be made online at <http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx> or the application can be completed over the telephone by calling 0300 123 5012.

Pre-School at Mablins Lane

The Pre-school at Mablins Lane has now been open for 12 months and continues to go from strength to strength. It is now run by Kids Planet who operate several nurseries and before and after-school clubs in the area.

Kids Planet

If you have a pre-school child and would be interested in joining the pre-school then we would love to hear from you. Places are available for most sessions. Please contact: 07422 665913 for more details.

School Visits

Staff are planning many exciting trips and visits to support the learning for pupils across the school. Please can we remind parents that payment for trips should be made before the trip takes place. We have a number of cases where children have attended the trip and still not paid despite the trips being in November. Trips are costed on the basis of the numbers attending – non-payment means that the school foots the rest of the bill which takes away money for vital resources. Payments can always be made in instalments and where there is financial hardship we are always happy to discuss options with parents. Please do get in contact to discuss options.

Uniform REMINDER

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.

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.



Lunch Money

Joy continues to cook a wide range of delicious lunches for a very reasonable £2.40 per meal. Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and 2 are entitled to 'universal free school meals' and no charge is necessary. There are various payment methods available for parents of pupils in Years 3/4/5/6 and we encourage you to think about choosing this option of a hot meal for the New Year.

Meals must be paid for in advance, not arrears and meals can be refused if payment is outstanding. Currently there is an outstanding balance of £220 where pupils have taken a meal but payment has not been received. Letters have been distributed and if payment is not received claims will be made through the Local Authority.

123 Magic Course

A new course of 123 Magic parenting will start in the New Year, led by Mrs Bebbington and Mrs Dibbens. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 4 th Feb	13:00-15:00
Tuesday 11 th Feb	13:00-15:00
Tuesday 25 th Feb	13:00-15:00
Tuesday 3 rd Mar	13:00-15:00

Please contact the school office to add you name to the list of participants.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have been pleased to welcome Steve Epps to our Board of Governors as a new parent governor. We currently still have one vacancy for a parent Governor and would welcome any nominations. The role is voluntary and requires attendance at meetings held every half term. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be suitable then please contact: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held next week on Tuesday 21st January in school starting at 6pm. We would love to see new members and would welcome any new faces.

Diary dates for Spring Term!



We are finalising dates for the Spring Term this week and will get a list out to parents as soon as we can.

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter and for your continued support.

With Kind Regards

Justine Joule
Headteacher