

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 15th October 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of week seven and only have another week before the half term break. The resilience shown by the children has been remarkable and we are very proud of each member of our school family.

Celebration Assembly

Last Friday in our 'Celebration Zoom Assembly' certificates were presented to: Lexi Y1GK, Niamh Y1LK, Ava Y1AG, Alfie Y2 EF, Millie Y2JMc, Honey Y2SG, Quinn Y3HG, Joanna Y3JM, Jakub Y3JT/CI, Isabelle Y4GMC, Niamh Y4RL, Ben Y4SJH, Lily Y5JE, Scarlett Y5IMc, Jacob Y5AD, Sonnie Y6SB, Max Y6TH, Charlie Y6A



Badges were also presented to our Junior Leadership Team as announced last week:



Junior Leadership Team

Head Boy:

David Howie

Head Girl:

Poppy Brooke

Deputy Head Boy:

Charlie Broadfield

Deputy Head Girl:

Alexa Collings

Class Councillors:

Y6SB Weronika Krawczyk, Y6TH Connie Walton
Y6AP Charlie Grainger

Sports Councillors:

Amelia Szczurek, Lexi Snape, Jacob Murphy,
Alex Stoleki

Eco Councillor:

Ethan Smith

Some Sad news

It is with sadness that I have to inform parents that Sue Cope, our trusted 'lollipop lady' and Y1 Midday Assistant is leaving us. Sue is moving back to Yorkshire after half term to be closer to her family again. Sue has patrolled the crossing for a number of years and will be missed. (I am assured that there will be a replacement.) I would like to wish Sue all the best for her move and thank her for the number of years' service she has given to the school and our families.



A message from our Local Police

This week we are giving a further reminder to parents about the 'Yellow Zig Zag' markings outside school.



They are there as a safety measure. Please note: "It is unlawful to park on the 'Yellow Zig Zag' marking outside a school. This includes stopping to drop off."

We have noticed that many parents are stopping to drop off on these markings – THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW. We will continue to visit randomly and intermittently and will issue tickets, so be warned.

Places to park:

8 Farmers Pub; Lisa has informed us that parents / guardians are welcome to use the car park at school drop off and pick up times.

Bradfield Road end of Mablins Lane; Park your car lawfully, leaving enough space for other vehicles and pedestrians to pass.

Thank you

PC MARTIN & PCSO OLIVER

Free School Meals

The Government has promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). A letter has been distributed explaining the confusing system of FSM (Free School Meals) and UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals). Applying for FSM attracts over £1000 of funding in to school which helps to support the



children. Please apply if you meet any of the specified criteria.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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.

We have been made aware of more local schools that have closed certain year groups due to positive tests. We are in close contact with the Local Authority and Public Health England and should any local closures impact here at Mablins we will inform parents immediately.

We have had several phone calls to check if children are allowed in school due to colds. The guidance for Covid stills 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 come to school and parents should seek a test. If in doubt then please seek medical advice.

If your child is ill and unable to come to school then please telephone the school leaving a message on the absence line. We will be calling parents where absence is unexplained.



Face Coverings

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who are now wearing face coverings when they enter the school premises. We are grateful for your support in keeping the school community safe. Cheshire East Council have issued guidance

asking all visitors to an education site to wear a mask for the duration of the visit, this includes dropping off and collecting children.

Track and Trace

As a school we are supporting use of the NHS Track and Trace app. If you have not yet downloaded this on to your phone we suggest that you do this. We have a QR scanning code in the main entrance for any visitor who attends school. This allows Track and Trace to notify anybody should there be a positive case reported.



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 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.

Thank you all for your continued support and your understanding in the measures that we are required to put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We've been sent the following guidance from Cheshire East about Grandparents picking children up from school. This means that children are only to be collected by parents or people in linked households.

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Linked Childcare Households

Following the new Government guidance for Cheshire East being a High-Risk Area (Tier 2), schools may be dealing with enquiries re Grandparents picking children up from schools. The guidance is as follows: -

Households with a child under 13yrs are allowed to link with another household if:

- Neither household is linked with another household
- All adult members of the household agree

The arrangement would need to stop when the children are over the age of 13. Once the linked household arrangement stops neither household can join with another household.

Kind regards

Jacky

Jacky Forster| Director of Education and Skills |Cheshire East Council |People Directorate

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 second lockdown occur. A letter will be distributed at the end of the week informing parents of our next steps. In the meantime a survey is 'live' asking parents to let us know about internet access at home and availability of equipment.

In the meantime, if your child is away from school isolating, then please access activities from the year group VLE on the school website.

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://mablinslanschool.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

Unfortunately, at this time we are not allowing visitors into school and we hope that parents find this 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 or

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sh.uk

Forest Schools



Forest Schools at Mablins Lane has had an amazing first half term. We are pleased to report that **every** child in school including our Pre-School children, 'Forest Tots' have accessed forest schools sessions this half term. The children benefit so much from this outdoor learning experience and we have seen so many



Forest Tots

smiley faces during forest school activities.

Could we please ask that parents send children in with coats and a change of footwear when they have a forest school session? Teachers do remind parents via dojo when these sessions are happening. We are finding that so many children are not coming to the sessions dressed appropriately for outdoor learning.

We are again asking for any donations of old unwanted wellies too!



OLD CLOTHES AND WELLIES WANTED!



Harvest – Festival Mablings 2020

Thank you so much for all the kind store cupboard donations that we received last week for our virtual 'Harvest.' We were overwhelmed with items and we very much appreciate your support. All donations will be given to local food banks and families within our community.



GENEROUS



Classes have made short video clips of their harvest work which will be posted on the year group VLE pages for parents to take a look at. Mrs. Brown our music teacher is compiling these ready to be uploaded next week.

PTA



Last Tuesday (6th October) the PTA held their AGM and first meeting of this school year remotely by Zoom. Fundraising activity was cut short abruptly just before the Easter Bingo Event but with a good Autumn Bingo, Christmas Fair, Santa Event, film night, and little expenditure there was still a reasonable balance to report. The meeting started with Rachel Warburton (Chair) giving her report, followed by the treasurers report. Members were thanked, particularly Sarah Varley (Past Chair) who has now left the committee as her daughter has moved on to High School.

The election of officers for 2020-21 saw no change:

Rachel Warburton – Chair

Christine Lalouani – Vice Chair

Shirley Stafford - Treasurer

Sarah Elphick – Secretary

I would like to thank Rachel, Christine, Shirley and Sarah for their continued support and dedication to their roles. The committee remains small but focused. There was a discussion about the resilience of the children, and comments about how well they had all adapted to the return to school. It was agreed that a small gift would be purchased for every child, to be distributed before half term.

There was lots of good discussion about how events could be undertaken keeping Covid safe with ideas for Christmas and a possible visit from Santa. Basically the

committee will not be beaten and will find a way to continue with events that support the school. I thank them for their determination.

If anybody would like to be part of the PTA then please feel free to email: head@mablingslane.cheshire.sch.uk and I will pass on your details to Rachel. You will be made most welcome.

The next meeting is again by **Zoom on TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER at 6:30pm.** (You don't even have to leave the comfort of your own home or need a babysitter!)

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to Mike Povall (Mrs. Povall's husband) who has very kindly donated several sets of ear buds and headphones which are making it easier for Y5 to access some of their on-line learning. Donations at school are always most welcome and we would like to thank Mike for his generosity.



Parents Evening

During the first term we usually invite all parents to a 5 minute appointment to discuss how children have settled in to their new classes and year groups. It is a brief introduction to the year which may be followed up by a longer appointment if requested by school or parents. A 10 minute parent appointment is offered in the Spring Term where there can be a longer discussion. This year we are unable to offer a 'Face-to-Face' 5 minute appointment for parents. We have considered the options available to us and have decided that on this occasion teachers will write a brief introductory statement. These statements will be emailed to parents during the w/b 02/11/2020.

Should the school or yourselves as parents have any queries or concerns then a telephone call or meeting will be arranged accordingly.

Poppies



We are again this year supporting 'The Royal British Legion' poppy appeal. Children are encouraged to wear poppies in school and their teachers, during assembly's week beginning the 9th November, will be reminding children why we wear them and why this time is so important.

Poppies will be sold in school this year, although a little differently to how we normally sell them!

If you would like to purchase a poppy for your child then please send a donation into the school office in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. We will then deliver a poppy to the class teacher to hand out to your child. Many thanks in advance.



Children in Need – 2020



The JLT in school are currently discussing ways how we, as a school, can support this year's appeal. We would like it if children would support a **non-uniform day on Friday 13th November**. The school will set up a 'Just Giving' page in support of Children in Need and we would be grateful if you could donate non uniform money using the just giving page. More information on how different year groups will be supporting this event will be communicated very soon.

International Schools Award, Foundation Level!



Mabllins Lane School has been awarded Foundation Level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in

international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world.

John Rolfe MBE, Schools Outreach Manager at the British Council, said: *"Mabllins Lane School international work has earned the school well-deserved recognition in the form of the British Council International School Award - Foundation Certificate."*

We are delighted and proud that Mabllins Lane School is committed to developing a whole school approach to embedding and celebrating international work. The school staff dedication is enriching education and supporting globally aware young people and key skills development.

The International School Award encourages and supports schools to develop:

- An international ethos embedded throughout the school
- A whole school approach to international work
- Collaborative curriculum-based work with a number of partner schools
- Year-round international activity
- Involvement of the wider community

DOJO – Positive Behaviour Rewards

We just wanted to let parents know that we are seeing such lovely and kind behaviours in school since we have returned this term. We give out DOJO points to children who are working hard, being kind and showing positive attitudes. Please make sure you have downloaded the DOJO app and accepted the invite from your child's class teacher, you can then keep an eye on how many DOJO points they are earning and be in regular contact with your child's teacher.

We give out the rewards below to help encourage children to keep trying their best ☺

50 Dojos	DOJO Badge
100 Dojos	DOJO POSTCARD SENT HOME
150 Dojos	DOJO BOOK stall, a book to take home

Some children have already achieved 50 dojos and have been presented with their badges. Well done.



Parent Helpers

Unfortunately we are still asking our parent volunteers to wait until later in the term when we will have clearer guidance about additional adults in school. Thank you for your offers of help and support.



Year 1 Heating / School Lunches

Just a reminder that next week we are closing our Yr1 building on Wednesday and Thursday (21st/22nd).

Mrs Gaunt's class will use the Studio Hall for these two days. Mrs King and Miss Kenny's classes will use the main hall. Year 1 parents have been sent a letter with alternative arrangements for the start and end of the day. If you have not received this letter then please contact the school office.

Parents in Years 3 and 5, please be mindful that some Year 1 parents will be using the Mabllins Lane gates, although start and end times have been staggered.

As the main hall will be used by Year 1:

**SCHOOL LUNCHES WILL BE A GRAB BAG MENU
DELIVERED TO CLASSES on:**

**WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER and
THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER**

GRAB BAG MENU

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

**Fish fingers baps, veg sticks, cake,
apple, drink**

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

**Sausage roll & chips, shortbread,
satsuma, drink**

Sports Coaching – October ½ term

Sports Coaching Group is running October holiday clubs at Sandbach Girls School and Weaver Primary this half term.

It is a Multiskills Sports Bonanza Holiday Club, with COVID specific measures in place throughout. Please see the details and the flyer below.

Telephone Sports Coaching Group on 01270 449770 for details or booking and payments can be made via:

<https://sportscoachingnw.co.uk/courses/Holiday-Clubs>



May I take this opportunity to remind parents that we break up for half term next **Thursday 22nd October**. School will be closed for a week, re-opening on **Monday 2nd November**.

Please have an enjoyable break under the new restrictions and come back safely.

Take care, look after yourselves.





With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher



COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>