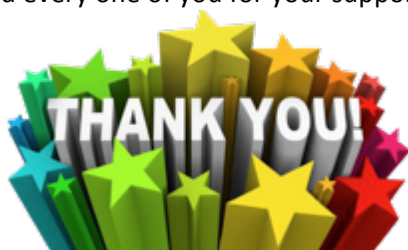


Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

I cannot believe that this is the last newsletter I will be writing for this school year. It has certainly been an unusual year with many 'firsts'. Never have I had to lead a school through times as challenging as this academic year. But, we have safely and successfully reached the end of the school year and I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you for your support.



Thank You's

Year 6 – Thank you for being such an amazing year group. I am sad that we did not get to do all the amazing end of term things together, but we did get to go to the Lakes in September, which was great fun. I wish you all well as you move on to your new High Schools in September. You are always welcome to come back, say hello and let us know how you are getting along.



Parents – Thank you for your continued support during the pandemic. I have had so many lovely comments and words of support: "I am forever grateful", "So helpful to our family", "Thanks for your flexibility", "Just a very big thank you". Your continued kind words have meant a great deal and have helped to keep us all going through the tough days.



Guard of Honour, Parents of Year 6

children – Year 6 Parents are lining up in the playground at the end of school on Friday 17th July (socially distanced) to clap the year 6 children out of school.



Cleaning Team – Many thanks to our 'Cleaning Team' who have worked tirelessly throughout to ensure that the school could stay open and was clean and safe.



Kitchen Team – Many thanks to the ladies in the kitchen who have kept us all fed during the pandemic. They have made packed lunches almost every day since the 20th March to feed our children and families.

Office Team – Our office team have made sure that Free School Meals vouchers have been ordered, they made sure that refunds were processed, they have passed on messages and have general been a conduit for all communication through the school.



Site Team – Many thanks to Mick and Barry who have made sure that risk assessments have been implemented and that the school can operate safely each day.

Teaching Teams – Each year group team has done a great job in preparing work, refreshing the VLE, contacting children and families and supporting those children who over the last 4 months have attended school.



Forest School Team – Many thanks to Mrs Earley and



Mrs Manning who have worked throughout the lockdown keeping our Forest School area in 'tip-top' condition. They have cut the grass and

hedges, strimmed and made lots of new activities and equipment for the children to use. They have planned and delivered activity days including 'screen-free Fridays' during the heart of lockdown. AND – they have also taken care of our 4 beautiful chickens who, over lockdown, have matured and are now laying eggs each day.

SLT – I would like to specifically thank the leadership team of the school who have shared the load over the last 4 months. The combined work of the team has ensured that, whilst not 'normal', we have been able to support our families and find a way to reach the end of term.



IT Lead - A special thanks to Miss Dennigan our IT lead who has kept our technology operational and has been quick to step in and sort out all our technical glitches.

Lastly –

The biggest thanks go to our **amazing children** who have shown resilience, grit and wonder. They have been inspirational and we are so looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Autumn.



Summer Break

Home Learning

During the summer break we will not be refreshing work on the VLE. We have uploaded some summer activities. Many involve making things or exploring the outdoors. We encourage families to get outside and enjoy some quality family time together.

We have added Forest School Summer Challenges and 'The National Trust' challenges to the Forest school VLE page if you would like to have a go at any of these?



There are some lovely things on there and they will keep you busy during the summer weeks. Please see also: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>

50 things to do before you're 11³/₄

Please get in touch:

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk if you have any questions relating to the home learning on the VLE/Pupil Login pages.



September 2020

A letter was sent out yesterday detailing the arrangements for returning to school in September. Tuesday 1st September is an INSET day for staff, but all children will be expected to return on:

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2020.

Children should return in full school uniform at the times specified on the letter. They should enter through the designated gateway and parents follow the one-way system. At the end of the day parents are requested to collect at the specified times, arriving promptly and not lingering after collection. These measures have been put in place to keep our whole school community safe. On Wednesday 2nd there will be a staff presence on the gates, at the doors and in the playgrounds to help direct families.

Transition

This week we completed our 'Meet the Teacher Storytime' in school. All year groups have now had the opportunity to meet their new teacher for September. It was lovely to see those children who have not yet returned to school and hear about what they have been up to.

For those children who were unable to attend, we will be uploading some photos and information to the VLE early next week to help children to become familiar with faces and locations. Please log on to the current year group pages to find this information.

REPORTS

End of Year reports were distributed last Friday and we again thank those parents for the very many positive comments. If you have not yet received your report then please let us know:

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk



School Meals

School Dinners

In September the kitchen will be fully open and will be serving hot lunches for all children. EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a universal free school meal each day. Children in Years 3/4/5/6 may order a lunch at £2.40 per day. Joy is working up a new menu, which was discussed with the School Council before lockdown, and includes many of the children's favourites.

Free School Meals

The Government has promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM).



If your situation with work has changed recently you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals, which automatically releases additional funding to school which could for example subsidise school trips for your child. Please see for

more information:

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

Snacks

Snacks will not be available from school for the first few weeks of term, until we have assessed the risk and worked out the viability. Therefore we



ask children to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. This could be a piece of fruit, cereal bar or some biscuits. Sweets and chocolate are discouraged.

Children should also bring a named water bottle to school with them each day for WATER to keep them hydrated.

Reminder

Once children are back in school they should be in school full time unless they are ill. If this is the case, a message left on the answerphone in the usual way would be most welcome. This will allow us to deploy staff appropriately and will ensure that we have the correct pupil/staff ratios.



Communication - Email addresses for year groups

Don't forget your year group email addresses, as below. Your email will be answered by one of the teachers in your child's year group, during school working hours. Do get in touch we would love to hear from you. Please also send any photos or work as the teachers would love to see home learning.



Year Group - Email Address Mablins Lane CP School

New EYFS starters Sept 2020

eyfs20@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Visitors

In September there will be no additional visitors to school, no assemblies or large gatherings and the children will remain in their pods working with specific children and adults only. We are looking at ways to hold virtual assemblies and continue our Friday celebrations. Parent volunteers are asked to wait until later in the term when we will have clearer guidance about additional adults in school.

Children's Check in

We will keep our 'Check-In' facility available over the summer break. If you are feeling lonely, if someone is being unkind online, or if you would just like to check in with us, please get in touch.



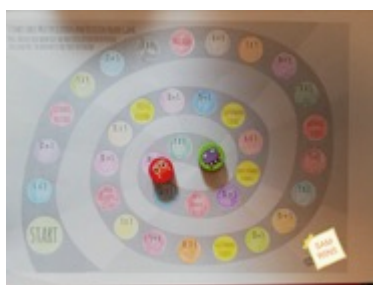
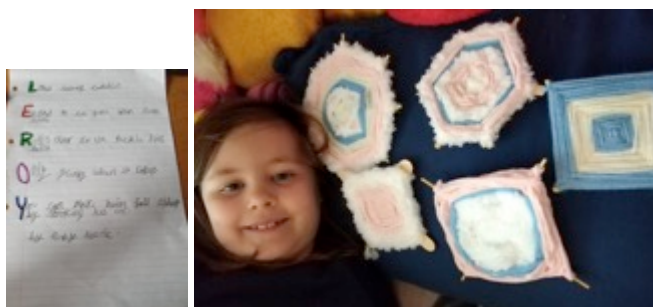
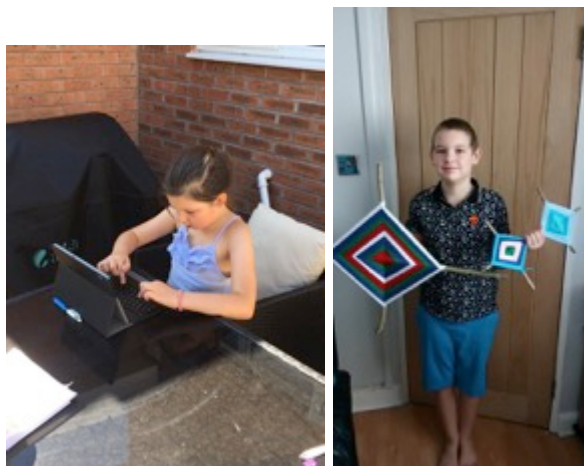
Just like in school, you can reach out to talk to us by emailing: mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

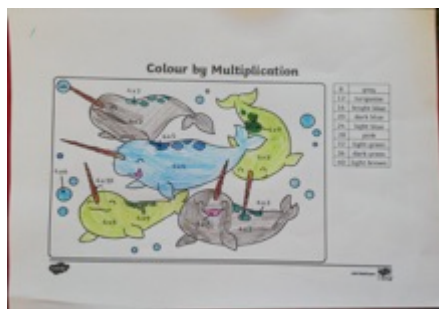
Likewise, if you, or a member of your family, have been seriously impacted by Covid-19 then please let us know. We are here to help and can pass on the details of support networks if we are unable to help you ourselves. We don't know how many of our families have had a close contact with a Covid-19 sufferer or indeed a victim of this dreadful virus. Please let us know if you or someone you know is in that category.

Celebration of home learning work



Thank you so much for the work that has been shared again this week! It is so lovely to see this work every week and that our Mablins children are enjoying their home activities. If you would like to share your learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:- deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk.





The digital platform is **FREE** and safe for children and families to use. Cheshire East Libraries will be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge through their own e-lending platforms and social media. As well as signing up to take part at sillysquad.org.uk, they would like to encourage families to follow them on their local Cheshire East Library Facebook page e.g. @CreweLibrary, and on Twitter @CECLibraries. The daily Facebook posts contain lots of interesting items and activities for both adults and children such as online Rhyme times/Storytimes and book reviews.

School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020



If you haven't yet looked, please check out the section on the website '**New Starters September 2020**'. Any new information will be added to this area for reference.

We have now welcomed all our new starters to school. Information has been sent home this week about the arrangements for September. Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September will be half days (morning and lunch or lunch and afternoon). **ALL** EYFS children will be in school full time from Monday 7th September. If you have not yet received your letter then please let us know: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Staff News

Babies – Mrs. Knight is due to give birth to twins at the start of the summer break. We wish her all the very best and look forward to hearing about the arrivals.

Retirement – Mrs. Burgess who has been a MDA at Mablins for a number of years is finally hanging up her apron and retiring. We would like to thank Mrs. Burgess for all her dedication and support and wish her all the best for the future.

Take care, look after yourselves and have a relaxing summer break.

With kind regards

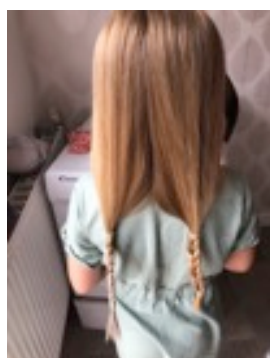
Justine Joule - Headteacher



Charity Hair Cut – Millie Vyse



Millie - Year 2/JMC Class had 17cm cut off her hair on Saturday 11th July, as she wanted to donate her hair to the Princess Trust. Millie raised £472 for the charity which she is over the moon about and so proud. We are super proud too Millie of your amazing donation! Well done you 😊



Summer Reading Challenge

The local libraries have continued with the Summer Reading Challenge but this year it's a virtual challenge. More information can be found here:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-summer-reading-challenge-is-asking-the-nation-to-join-the-silly-squad.html>

