

# "Learning Together, Learning for Life"



# Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Children,

How lovely that the weather is holding out and that we are having some lovely warm and sunny days where the children can get outside to further their learning. This week has seen lots of children doing sports and all things active. We are also ending the week with 'Maths Day'.

#### **Thought of the Week**

Life
isn't meant to be easy,
it's meant to be lived.
Sometimes good, other
times rough. But with every
up and down, you learn
lessons that make you strong.

This year has certainly been full of ups and downs. Hopefully we have come out stronger and more determined to do what is right.

#### **Assembly Last Week Shout Outs**



Last week was ARK week and during our celebration assembly we shared some of the lovely work that had been completed during the week. All the children had worked hard with some lovely acts of kindness over the

week. During the assembly certificates were awarded to:

**EYFS Certificates:** 

Ivy, Alex, Kingston

**Year 1 Certificates:** 

Cody-Lee, Fabian, Layla

**Year 2 Certificates:** 

Oscar, Ella, Jack

Year 3 Certificates:

Amber, Leon, Leo, Leilani

**Year 4 Certificates:** 

Amelia-Grace, Jo, Saffron

Year 5 Certificates:

Kayetan, Liam, All Class - Y5JE

**Year 6 Certificates:** 

Evie, Lewis, Amelia





Math's Day - Friday 18th JUNE



The school will be having a MATH'S day tomorrow on

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – we would love it if the children could come dressed as their TT Rockstar or a mathematician or as a Mathletics character e.g. ready for a day of FUN Maths!



This outfit can be quite simple and we certainly don't want parents purchasing special maths outfits for the day.

Two girls in Y6 (Mia/Amelia) have come in fantastic mathematician outfits as Y6 have had their math's day today! Don't they look amazing and so maths clever??





We will be providing lots of super engaging maths type activities for the children and launching Mathletics across the whole school.



We just wanted to share how our Forest School learning area is developing. We have recently had 2 rabbits that have joined our Mablins family 3 all the children this ½ term will have time outside in our fabulous Forest School area.











#### **New Starters September 2021**

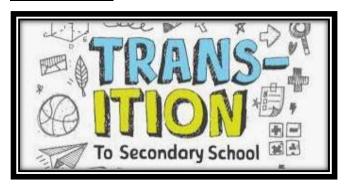
This week we have we have held welcome meetings for our three new EYFS classes for September. Many thanks to those who attended and for supporting us by following our Covid procedures.

For those unable to attend we will be contacting you over the next few days to pass on the relevant information material.

Our plan had been to invite the children in to school for an hours activity session and also to hold a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' for children and parents. Sadly due to the latest guidance we will not be able to undertake these events. We will look at other 'safer' options and will be in touch with the details.

We are still very much looking forward to seeing all our new starters in September.

#### **Year 6 Transition**



During this half term our Year 6 children usually get the opportunity to engage with their chosen high school and attend for transition days. Due to the rise in cases in our locality, especially in the 11-16 age bracket, many high schools are now cancelling these visits. High schools are communicating with parents directly and then passing this information on to primary colleagues. Although these visits are not taking place, the Y6 team have been liaising with high school staff to pass on information to support a smooth transition.

#### **In-School Transition**

With the exception of EYFS, the staffing organisation has not yet been finalised for September. Any rumours on social media about class teachers are unfounded. As soon as we have made a final decision this will be communicated directly to all parents.

In order to keep as safe as possible, but to allow classes to meet their new teacher we have planned a short story time session towards the end of term. The children will stay in their current room and new class teachers will visit to read a story and have a general introduction. Teachers will talk about where the new classroom will be and we will make sure that the children know which doors to use and how to access their area.

#### **End of Term events**

Although we ordered a marquee in order to host events outside at the end of term, as the restrictions have only partially eased sadly we will not be able to invite parents in to share the activities. The restrictions are very clear and the limit to an outside gathering is 30 adults. Exceeding this number could incur a fine of at least £10,000. Therefore it is with much regret that we have had to cancel our end of the year assemblies and our Leavers assemblies. A separate letter has been sent to our Y6 parents.

The children have been preparing items and we will find a way to record/photograph and get a memento out to parents.

Each year group will still have a day in the marquee in order to have an end of the year celebration.

#### Uniform

Whilst it is hot and sunny we do encourage the children to have sun cream applied and to wear a hat/cap.



We have been thinking about September and would really like to revert to smart uniform with shoes and the children getting changed in school for PE.

Whilst we have said that the children may wear trainers to school in order to access the astro turf, some children are wearing fashion trainers which are neither smart for school not suitable for sport.

Please can parents support us in ensuring that trainers are suitable sports footwear, and if planning ahead for September could it be new shoes please.

A reminder also that school uniform can be purchased directly from the supplier with all



**SMART UNIFORM** 

details on the school website. Also the local supermarkets sell affordable items of school uniform and already have stocks on display ready for September!

ALL clothing should be named. The school office is able to print name labels at a very competitive price.

#### **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. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals">https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</a>

#### **School Meals - Cashless Payments**

Please can we remind parents about the Cheshire East epayments system. Payments for school meals **should** where possible be made online via the Cheshire East School Epayments Portal

If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office or refer to the <u>online parent guide</u>.

#### Start and End of the School Day

**EYFS** - start 8.50am finish 3.00pm - start 8.45am finish 3.10pm start 8.45am Year 2 finish 3.10pm start 8.45am finish 3.10pm Year 3 Year 4 - start 8.30am finish 3.00pm Year 5 - start 8.30am finish 3.00pm Year 6 - start 8.30am finish 3.00pm

These are the start and end of day times for children this term. Gates will close promptly at 9:00am at the start of the day. A number of children are arriving after 9:00am on a regular basis. After 9:00am is classed as 'late' and is recorded as such in the register. Once a number of 'lates' have been recorded our school EWO Pam Prince will contact parents to discuss the situation. Parents can be fined if a child is repeatedly late to school. Please support us by getting your child to school on time. Thank you.

At the end of the day we have been having increasing requests for siblings to go to other year group 'bubbles' so that they can be collected together. We are doing our utmost through the day to keep year groups separate and this compromises the good work we are doing. With the current rise in cases locally and school having to close bubbles we do not want to find ourselves in the same position. Closing a bubble would mean 10 days of home learning and isolation. Therefore we request that all children are collected from their

individual year group. (Any children in Y1 who have siblings in Y3 we can take these children along the pathway to the gate near to the main entrance as this is outdoors.)

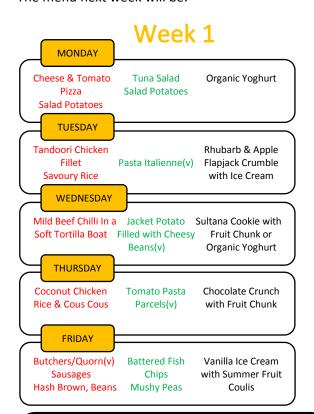
We ask that everyone use the correct entrances and exits and is respectful of social distancing which is 2m. Please do not arrive early before the allocated times, and please help to keep everybody safe by exiting swiftly at the end of the day. During the warmer weather more people are staying in the playground, but please support us by leaving promptly.

We have also noted that an increased number of people are not wearing masks on site. **Unless exempt we encourage ALL visitors on site to wear a mask**. This is to keep everybody safe.



### **School Lunches**

The menu next week will be:



# FROM FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6
EVERY FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCH IN A GRAB
BAG, MEAL TO EAT IN CLASSROOM

## **COVID**

Unfortunately the number of positive cases due to Variant D has increased significantly again this week in Cheshire East. As variant 'D' has a much greater transmission rate **ALL** restrictions remain in place in school and we ask that parents continue to support us by following the guidance. Further testing facilities have been opened across the town providing increased access for families. If your child shows any symptoms then please do not send them in to school.

**ALL covid restrictions remain in place** 

### **Positive Cases**

A protocol is in place should a positive case be reported and that class/year group will be isolated immediately. Parents will be contacted and a 10-day isolation period will be implemented. It is vital that parents support us by passing on important information quickly. Should a pupil or any close family member show any symptoms then it is important NOT to come to school. Please notify us of the situation and we can take appropriate action.

### **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.

## **LOCKDOWN GUIDANCE:**

## **England remains in Step 3**

The government has announced a 4-week pause at Step 3. Step 3 restrictions remain in place and you should follow the guidance.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do



# <u>Year Group – Email Address</u> Mablins Lane CP School

Please use ONLY the following email addresses to contact your child's class teacher. They will respond during the school working hours of between 9.00am and 4.30pm.

eyfsnewstarters@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

# Take care and look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

# Dates for your

# for your **School Dates for Your Diary**

Date	Event	
18 June	MATHS DAY – Dress as your	TT
	Rockstar/Mathletic character	or
	Mathematician	
20 July	Last Day of School Year	