

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 17th September 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

I cannot believe that we are only on the second full week of term. The summer holiday seems a distant memory, apart from the lovely sun we had to start the week. Everyone is working hard to keep school open and safe. Our cleaners are doing an amazing job both throughout the day and at the end of the day. The midday staff are ensuring that lunchtimes run smoothly and our teaching teams are finding ever new and interesting ways to excite and motivate the children. Well done 'Team Mablins', keep up the good work.

ARK Week



Last week was ARK week. For those families new to school ARK stands for Acts of Random Kindness. During ARK week we use a book to help the children learn more about feelings and attitudes. Our book of the week was 'The Colour Monster'. The book was a starting point for activities which gave opportunities for the children to discuss feelings and responses. There was some fantastic work produced, some of which was shared in our Friday 'Zoom' Assembly. Year 6 wrote colour/emotion poems – a quote from Jacob and Lexi:

"Just one buttercup fills you with happiness as the amber sun beams down."



Curriculum Slices

Each year group has now added their curriculum slice to the website giving an overview of the work to be covered over the Autumn Term. Please have a look so that you are aware of the topics to be covered over the next few weeks.

Welcome Meetings

Please be reminded that each year group has a welcome message for the start of the new school year on the website. The presentations are very informative and provide lots of useful tips and information relevant to each year group. Please find details below to access your child's year group VLE page.



VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)

Go to our website: www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk

Click on "Pupil login"

Choose your year group

Enter year group password

If you do not know the password email the year group or phone the school office.

Celebration Assembly

Last Friday saw the second 'Celebration Zoom Assembly'. All classes managed to get on line this week at the same time (with the exception of EYFS who are going to join us in a few weeks).



Certificates were presented to:
Felix Y1GK, Chloe Y1LK, Stanley Y1AG,
Charlie Y2 EF, Isaac Y2JMc, Jack Y2SG,
Toby Y3HG, Jason Y3JM, Henry Y3JT/CI,
Jonah Y4GMc, Hayden Y4RL, Sam Y4SJH,
Max Y5JE, Rylan Y5IMc, Oliver Y5AD,
Veronika Y6SB, Alexa Y6TH, Jacob + Lexi Y6AP



Work completed during ARK week was also shared via the 'big screen'.

Parent Query

Last week we had queries from parents regarding birthday sweets and 'Show and Tell' items.

At the present time we have not planned 'show and tell' time for our younger children. We are looking at ways that we can do this going forward but we only want the minimum amount of items brought in from home to school.

If someone has a birthday classes may recognize this but again we are not encouraging parents to send in cakes or sweets for distribution round the class.

We are sorry that we have had to implement these measures and will amend the policy as soon as we can.

Evening entertainment

As the nights draw in and the weather becomes more autumnal we will all be spending more time indoors. Theatres may be closed but we thought we would take the opportunity to share with you a dramatic reading of Roald Dahl's critically acclaimed children's novel 'The Twits'. The story can be found on the Unicorn Theatre's YouTube Channel or on the link below - enjoy your night-in at the theatre!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4yDqcD2qsw&t=69s>

A message from our Local Police

'Welcome back both parents and pupils of Mablins Lane Primary



School. We would like to offer a gentle reminder regarding traffic and the parking of vehicles at school drop offs / pick-ups. When collecting your child, please obey the laws of the highway when leaving your vehicle. We are targeting the housing estates off PARKERS ROAD and the junction to WAREHAM DRIVE. This week 14/9 – 18/9 we are offering advice and educating new parents/guardians, next week we shall be enforcing and issuing tickets. If you live within the vicinity of the school, please help us in easing the build of traffic and walking.

Alternatively, please consider COVID secure car sharing.

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; Parking lawfully leaving your vehicle for others to pass.

*We look forward to meeting 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 this week 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>

Individual school Photographs

The school photographer will be attending school on **Tuesday 13th October** to take individual photographs of children in **EYFS and Year 6**.



In order to comply with Covid restrictions we will not be able to take other year groups or do family photos with siblings.

We have spoken to our photographer and are looking to have a date in the Spring Term, if possible, to take other years and family groups.

Mobile phones



Please be reminded that any child who brings a mobile phone to school will have to hand this in for safe keeping at the start of the day. Parents are asked to support us in only sending in a mobile phone if it is absolutely necessary. Thank you.

Thank You

Parents – Thank you for your continued support during the pandemic. The vast majority of parents have complied with the new start and end of the day procedures and are following the one-way system so thank you.



We have made some individual adjustments for parents and you are encouraged to email:

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk if you require an adjustment. Please contact me rather than just arriving at a different time or location.

Social distancing – some parents are not following the 2 meter distancing rule whilst waiting for their children, or when crossing the playground. It is very difficult to keep a safe distance when in a restricted space. We will continue to monitor the situation but it may be necessary to ask all adults coming on to the school site to wear a face mask if we cannot control distancing whilst on site. We don't want to take this action but if it will contribute to keeping all our families safe then we will apply this measure.



A further reminder that if siblings are waiting with parents they should remain with their parents and not wander around the playground or play on any equipment. As soon as children are collected we ask that parents make their way from the school site. Thank you

Illness

I am pleased to report that at the current time of writing no child at Mablins Lane has tested positive for Covid. We are monitoring attendance very closely, including sending a daily return to the DFE. 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.

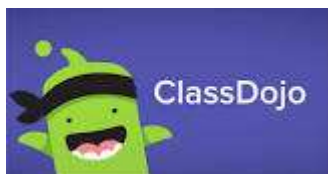
If your child is ill and unable to come to school then please telephone the school leaving a message on the absence line. We will be calling parents where absence is unexplained.



Communication

Dojo

New invitations have been sent to parents to re-join the class dojo. If you have not received your invitation, or if there is a problem, then please email your child's year group and we will try to resolve the issue. Teachers will be using Dojo as the first point of communication, but we must remind parents



that Dojo is for positive comments and communications.

Mablins Lane – Time Capsule

Mablins Lane School's 25 year time capsule will be opened early in Spring Term 2021. Much of the work in the capsule is dated 1996 and so the school will have a school opening next spring to celebrate this. We will keep you informed of this event.



Email addresses for year groups

Each year also has 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.



Year Group - Email Address Mablins Lane CP School

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

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.

Macmillan Cancer Support – CAKE competition

As a school we normally raise a lot of money with our cakes sale for the Macmillan Charity. This year, with us unable to invite parents in for our annual coffee morning, we thought it would be great if children could bake a cake or cakes at home then send in a photo of their creation. We will then judge the entries and give out some lovely prizes for the winning creations. All cake photos to be emailed to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk by Monday 28th September, with the child's name and class. We are asking for a £1.00 donation to enter the competition and for this to be sent to the school office marked 'Macmillan Cake Competition.'



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Medical Forms & Reviews

Mrs Eastwood is currently carrying out medical healthcare plan reviews. If you have a child with a medical health care plan and have not met for the review then please contact the school office. If there is no change to your child's medical needs there will be no need for a meeting, but we need to know if that is the case.



If your child needs an inhaler in school for asthma, we ask that you complete a permission form. If you require a form, then please contact the school office and we will send a form home with your child.

Coming Soon - Virtual Harvest

As we are unable to hold a Harvest festival in school we are planning to hold this virtually. Our theme is 'The Store Cupboard'. Please look out for information in the next couple of weeks.



Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

