

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 17th October 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Half Term Round Up

Who can believe where that half term went to? What a busy time with trips, visits and harvest celebrations. Thank you all for your continued support in all that we do here at Mablins Lane.

Reminder - We break up next **THURSDAY 25TH October** as the staff have a training day on Friday.

Communication

Parents can call the school at any time on: **01270 685085**. There is an answerphone service available on this number and messages are checked regularly. Calls regarding absence can be left on the absence line and the registers will be updated accordingly.

Parents may wish to email and this can be done directly to me or via the school office. Messages to staff can be forwarded where necessary. Addresses are as follows:

Headteacher: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Office: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Please note that calls coming from school will display the number as **0845 148 0060**. Please save this number as Mablins Lane School as we often find that parents are reluctant to answer calls from an unknown number. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are present each morning on the main entry doors to school. Class teachers will accompany the pupils out of school at the end of the day and will be available for communication. If there is a problem it is usually best to approach the class teacher first to see if it can be resolved.

A texting service is in place for short messages. Newsletters and other correspondence will be sent by email or paper copies can be made available. If you require more than one copy then do please let us know. We have a school website. Please regularly check online for additional information.

You can also keep up to speed with events as they happen by following our Twitter feed **@MablinsSchool**
If you are not yet following us on Twitter then please sign up!

Harvest

Many thanks to all families who donated food items for our Harvest celebration. We were able to send a huge amount of produce to the Salvation Army who will then distribute to local families who are in need.

Our Harvest celebration assembly was led by Year 5 this year and was shared with all pupils during the morning and then family members attended in the afternoon.

The children gave a clear message about food waste and made everyone think about ways to ensure we reduce the amount we throw away.



Year 6 Parent Assembly

Following their successful residential visit to the Lake District Year 6 shared an assembly with parents telling them about their adventures. There were anecdotes, artwork and sketches along with the usual photo story. Thank you Year 6.



Year 5 Geography Field Trip

Year 5 headed to the hills of Derbyshire last week to explore the geography of the Peak District. Part of the visit included climbing Thorpe Cloud and looking at the geography and geology of the area. The weather was kind to us with unusually high temperatures on Wednesday. Thursday was less warm but still a great day apart from the long coach ride home. Many thanks to all parents for bearing with us whilst we were stuck in the traffic, and everyone arrived home safely.

Traversing Wall

Parents picking up and dropping off by EYFS and Year 2 may have noticed part of the playground coned off last week whilst we had our new traversing wall installed. Prior to our building extension we had a small traversing wall adjacent to the mobiles. We have now been able to use some of our PE grant to replace this with a bigger and more challenging area. The children will be introduced to the wall and there will be safety talks before they start climbing! Please adhere to the safety warnings about use outside of school hours.

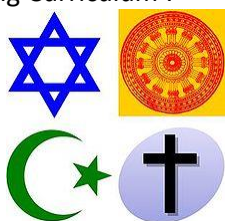


EYFS Parent workshop

Mrs Hartley and Mrs Kavanagh held reading workshops for our new EYFS parents last week. The sessions were informative and gave lots of tips on how to help your child at home with reading. There was also tea and biscuits available! Further sessions will be held after half term. Do come along if you are able to. No booking required.

Theme Week

This week in school we are having another theme week, the focus being 'Multi-Faith'. Children across the school are engaging in a variety of activities to raise awareness of different faiths across the globe. This also ties in with our 'Global Learning Curriculum'.



School Photographs

Yesterday we welcomed Tempest photographers who spent the day taking individual and family shots. Pupils should have brought home the order form and we ask that replies are returned no later than Wednesday 24th October.



Fluenz Immunisations

Where parents have agreed, children in EYFS and Y1/2/3/4/5 will be having their fluenz immunisation today. The immunisation comes in the form of drops and is not an injection. If parents have any queries or concerns then please contact us as soon as possible.

Parents Evening

Our Autumn Term Parents Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 24th October (3:30-7:00pm). We are using the online appointment booking system which has proved very successful in previous years. Appointments are scheduled for 5 minutes and aim to inform parents how children have settled in to their new classes. Should further discussion be needed then a separate appointment can be made for another date. Please book online or contact the school office who can book an appointment for you.

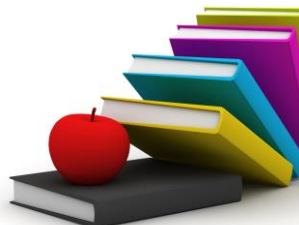


Exhibition

As part of the Parents Evening we will be celebrating children's work with an exhibition in the main school hall. Parents will be welcome to view the exhibition and have refreshments and a chat.

Library Visit?

If you are thinking of activities for half term, a great FREE activity is a visit to the library. Crewe library can be found in the Lifestyle Centre in the Town Centre. It is free to join and multiple books can be borrowed. Over half term there are story and activity sessions. (Please see the library website for details.) Last year all pupils in Year 1 visited the library and joined as members. Our current Year 1 pupils will be making a visit after half term.



Road Safety

Please remember to park considerably around the school. Mrs Cope our Crossing Patrol is on the crossing to assist with safety and we urge parents to cross there. We have spent time with the children talking about road safety have assemblies planned for after the holiday. A couple of minutes' walk could be life saver.

Children coming to school on bikes/scooters should wear a helmet and for everyone's safety in the playground, we ask that they do not ride on them until they have left the school site.



PTA

The AGM of the PTA was held on Thursday 4th October in school. Many thanks to the 6 parents who attended. Sarah Varley was voted to remain as Chair. Chris Hickson remains as Vice-Chair. Helen Moss is the current Secretary with Shirley Stafford as Treasurer. The PTA is a fund raising group who work for the benefit of **ALL** pupils in the school. If you feel that you can support in any way then please get in touch.

The next committee meeting is on **Tuesday 6th November** at The White Lion. Please come along and share any ideas you may have for the Christmas Fair which is planned for **FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 6-8PM** at school.



Children In Need

The School Council have decided to support this event and are currently working on their plans.

This year Children in Need is on: **FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**



OPEN MORNING

This year our Open Morning will be held on Thursday 8th November (9.15 to 11.30am)

You are welcome to look around school and visit classrooms to see what exciting work our children are doing.

This week will be our 'WW1 Commemoration Week' and all children in school will be involved in activities based around this theme.

You are welcome to stay in class with your child or just look around school and get a feel of what Mablins Lane School is like.

Senior Leaders and Admissions staff are also on hand to explain our admission procedures, provide information and answer any questions that you may have.

- **9.10am:** Welcome in the Main Hall
- **9.20am:** Tours of Mablins Lane School by the school Council and opportunity to work with your child.
- **10.00am -10.30am** Tea and Coffee served in the main hall (School choir singing)
- **11.00am – 11.30am** Tours of Mablins lane school by the school Council and opportunity to work with your child.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8th November



Staff News

Some sad news as we end the half term is that Mr Mordecai will be leaving us to take up another position in Cheshire East. We would like to thank him for the varied support provided to so many in our school community and wish him well in his new venture. On a happier note Mrs Newson has informed me that she is expecting her first baby in the Spring next year. She will be leaving us to start her maternity leave at the end of March. An advert has been placed and parents will be informed of the cover arrangements as soon as is possible.

Uniform

It has been great to see the children in their lovely uniform this half term. They look very smart with school shoes and sweatshirts. 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.

We still have a **significant amount of lost property** and most of the clothing is un-named. 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.

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

With Kind Regards,

Justine Joule
Headteacher

Dairy dates to make a note of!



Thursday 18 th October	Fluenz Immunisations EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5
Friday 19 th October	Forest School Visit (Y5 IMc)
Tuesday 23 rd October	Eco Team – Recycling collection
Wednesday 24 th October	Parents Evening 3:30 – 7:00pm
Thursday 25th October	Children break up for half term
Friday 26th October	STAFF INSET Day
Monday 5th November	Children return to school
W/B 5 th November	WW1 Commemoration Week
Thursday 8 th November	Open Morning
Friday 9 th November	Forest School Visit (Y5 JM)
Friday 9 th November	Remembrance Assembly
Sunday 11 th November	Remembrance service
Friday 16 th November	Children In Need
Thursday 22 nd November	Mablins Book Fair (1 Week) Y1 African Workshop
Thurs 22/Fri 23 November	Y6 Remembrance Event
Monday 3 rd December	Y2 Victorian workshop
Tuesday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity Day
Wednesday 12 th December	Y1/2 Christmas Play
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper/Activity/lunch Day
Monday 17 th December	'Scroogical the Musical' Performances for children
Tuesday 18 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play
Wednesday 19 th December	Y5/6 Christmas Play
Thursday 20th December	Children break up for Christmas Holiday