

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Week 3 – another busy week with lots going on at home and in school. Thank you for sharing all your lovely work and keeping in touch with us.

### **Return to School**

#### **EYFS**

This week we have welcomed back 36 EYFS children to school. EYFS has been organised in to 3 pods and each pod has been able to return to their class base area with their class teacher and support staff. The children have been amazing and we have had a great week so far.

We must stick to the DFE guidance of 15 in a 'pod' and this has been carefully risk assessed. Mrs Hunt's class pod is now full. If parents with children in Miss Stevenson's class or Miss Meadow's class (Mrs Knight) would like one of the few remaining places, they must email: [head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

**PARENTS MUST NOT BRING THEIR CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL WITHOUT HAVING CONFIRMED THEIR PLACE.**

#### **Year 1**

Many thanks to those parents who responded to the survey for a place in Year 1. All places have now been allocated and letters have been sent out to confirm places. There will also be 3 pods with the Y1 staff distributed among the pods.

Please note that all the available places in Year 1 have been allocated and we have started a waiting list. We have to stick rigidly to the 2m distancing and maximum 15 per group which limits our capacity.

We look forward to seeing our Year 1 pupils on Monday next week.

#### **Year 6**

A survey will be sent to all Year 6 parents today with a response deadline of 3pm tomorrow (Friday). The question will ask YES/NO – 'Will you be sending you child back to school?' **It is vital that ALL parents reply**, including our key worker parents so that the children can then be allocated to a Year 6 pod. Once we have all the responses we will risk assess and organise the pods in Year 6. You will then be notified next week about your place and the arrangements for returning to school.

#### **Year 5**

We have considered whether we can accommodate some of Year 5 returning in line with Year 6 on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

A survey will be also being sent to all Year 5 parents today with a response deadline of 3pm tomorrow (Friday). The question will ask YES/NO – 'Will you be sending you child back to school?' **It is vital that ALL parents reply**, including our key worker parents so that the children can then be allocated to a Year 5 pod. Once we have all the responses we will risk assess and organise the pods for Year 5. You will then be notified next week about your place and the arrangements for returning to school.

#### **Key Worker children**

We will continue to use the established pods, using designated areas of the school.

The 'one-way system' in operation at the front of school will continue for these families at the start and end of the day.

Many thanks to all parents for observing the social distancing rules and making this work so smoothly.

#### **Year 4/3/2**

All year groups will continue to work at home. We will continue to look at ways to involve the children through a variety of activities. The VLE will be refreshed and we will look at our capacity to engage directly with classes before the summer break.

This has been such a difficult time and we just want all our children back in school, but we have to do this under the current social distancing guidelines. As you will understand, it is impossible to accommodate 560 children within the school adhering to a 2m distancing rule. BUT we are still working on it 😊

#### **School Meals**

The school kitchen is OPEN! The school kitchen has prepared a grab bag menu,



and these have been delivered to the children's pods.

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

Thank you.



### Visitors

Currently - 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.

### Next steps

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.

If parents decide later in the month that they would like their child to return then we ask that you notify the school office: [admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

If there is capacity, pupils will then be able to start at the beginning of the next full week. (We do not expect pupils to return part-way through a week unless there are exceptional circumstances and this has been agreed with school beforehand.)

Please be patient with us as this is all new and we do not want to rush things and cause needless upset or harm within our school family.

### Covid Symptoms

Now that the school is open more widely it is very important to remember that should any child or member of their family present with symptoms (Loss of taste/smell, high temperature, persistent cough.) **THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

Testing is now more widely available, including at Leighton hospital. A test should be sought immediately and the individual should self-isolate for 7 days with associated family members isolating for 14 days. The virus is more contagious during the early period before symptoms begin to manifest, hence the 14 isolation period.

If a child should attend school and begin to show symptoms a parent will be called immediately. The child will be isolated in our 'Silver Birch Room' near to the main entrance. On arrival at school parents will be asked to telephone the office and the child will then be brought out to the car park. A test will be requested by school. Should this test be positive then pupils and staff who have been working in that 'pod' will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. The 'pod' will be subject to a 'deep clean'.

### Home Learning

There has been a bit of a lull with on-line activity on the VLE. Please don't give up. Even if you only do one small

thing a day it will help to keep up motivation and positivity.

How to log on:

**VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Pupil Home Access Login**

Go to our website: [www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk](http://www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk)

Click on "Pupil login"

Select – (choose your year group)

Enter your password – **year5\_vle** (Change year group accordingly)

There are so many great suggestions for activities to suit everybody.

### Netball

England Netball is running virtual netball sessions next week for children to get more active during this time.

There are 3 sessions running on Monday 22nd June for primary children. Parents just need to click on the link below and scroll down to the Bee Together section and select the time slot.



<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/england-netball-backs-national-school-sport-week-at-home/>

### 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.



#### Year Group - Email Address Mablins Lane CP School

New EYFS starters Sept 2020

[eyfs20@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs20@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

We encourage this to be a positive communication channel, and look forward to hearing from you about what you are doing.

### **Free School Meals**

The Government promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). The National voucher scheme was set-up in order to deliver this support. Just a reminder that vouchers are still available over the coming half term, and following the campaign this week over the summer holiday too! Children can have a voucher or a meal. Once children return to school a meal will be provided instead of the voucher, unless you inform us otherwise and send in a packed lunch. Thank you.

### **Summer Fair**



This Friday should have been our Summer Fair and Festival. As it is not possible to hold the festival we are inviting children to 'perform' for the festival and film their performance. We are asking for video clips (just from mobile phones is fine) of the children singing, playing instruments (especially homemade ones!), telling jokes, dancing, reading their own poetry and stories and photos of their artwork for a virtual art gallery. This will then be put into a festival video link for everyone to share. Please send your clips to:

[mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **Children's Check in**

During this time, we want to reach out to you and offer our support as much as we can.

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](mailto: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 – this week!**

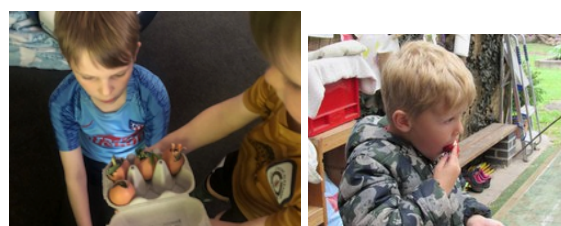
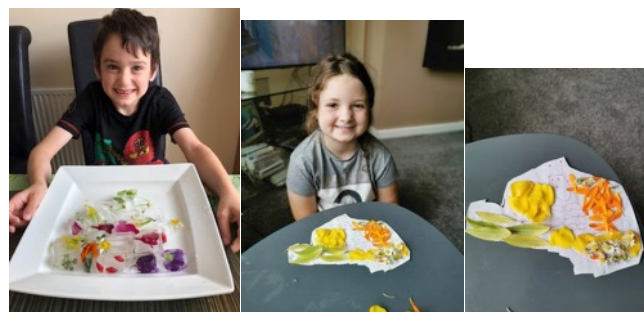
Thank you so much for the work that has been shared again this week! It is so lovely to see this work and that our Mablins children are enjoying their home activities. If you would like to share your learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:-

[deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

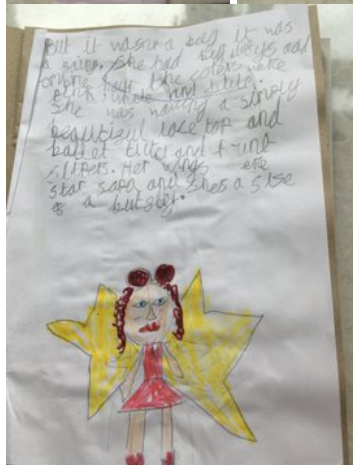
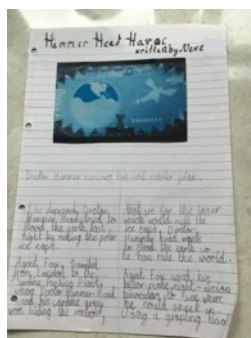
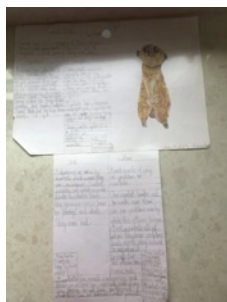
We try to share as much of the work as possible on our twitter feed as well, please see:



@MablinsSchool







## School Games Award 2019/2020

Mablins Lane CPS have been awarded the Commitment and Achievement Award from @CandNSSP for the super sporting efforts of the children that have completed in Inter School Competitions. Well done to all those children who participated in sporting events, clubs and all those who gave their best in PE lessons this year! We are super proud of our efforts!



## Blessings!

We continue to be touched by the countless blessings posted on our website. Please keep sending them in to:

[mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) with the subject 'Blessings' – no need to write a message. You could simply write; 'We made a kite and tried to fly it in the garden' and hit send!



### Mrs. Joule's Challenge

As more children are returning to school my challenge this week is linked to 'Global Awareness' It should have been Global Awareness Week in school.



## FS Challenge 17

### Design a bug/insect

Can you invent/design a new bug/insect which would be suited to Mablins Lane Forest school environment?

Sending us your photos by 26th June!

There will be a prize for the bug we like the most!!!



### Summer Reading Challenge

The local libraries are planning to continue with the Summer Reading Challenge but this year it will be 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>



The digital platform will be **FREE** and safe for children and families to use. There is an exciting virtual launch party for the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge website on **Friday 5th June** on the Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page. You can read about the launch activities and the guest celebrities who will be involved at

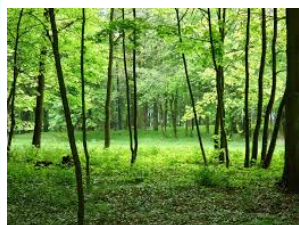
<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/first-ambassadors-announced-for-2020-summer-reading-challenge.html>

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](http://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 Rhymetimes/Storytimes and book reviews.

### Forest School Challenges

Try and have a go at Forest School Challenge 17 and 18, they have been uploaded to the FS page this week!



### School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020



**We are looking forward to meeting you very soon!**

We have now outlined a programme for our new September starters.

We have a new section on the website '**New Starters September 2020**'. Information will be added to this area for reference.

The first items in this section are short video clips containing information that would have been delivered at the Welcome Meeting. We hope that you will find this useful as you will be able to re-visit and replay.

Mrs. Hartley, our EYFS lead, has already started to visit each home with a welcome pack. (Socially distanced) This will give you a familiar face and a point of contact.

The EYFS team will be adding more information and messages to the website over the coming weeks and we hope to be able to invite everybody in to school for a short visit (in very small groups) before the end of this half term.

As it stands we do not yet know what September will look like in school but we anticipate a phased start for our new EYFS children.



### **Priorities for coming weeks**

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working as 'Key Workers'
- Welcoming back 40 of our Y1 children
- Preparing to welcome back our Y5/6 children
- Visiting all our new EYFS families with a welcome pack
- Ensuring good communication with all families, particularly those not expected to return to school this month

### **Stay Safe**

At the current time, we are still not certain when we will return as a whole school – in the meantime we will endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are well informed. Remember that Class Dojo is currently suspended and communication should be via:

Year group emails,

[head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) or

[admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need any support, help or advice.

Make sure that you do what feels right for you, be aware of your own feelings and be kind to yourself and others. Remembering that this is a temporary situation and that things will get better.

With Kind Regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

