"Learning Together, Learning for Life"



Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 22nd April 2021

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back. I trust that you all had a lovely break. Although we had every season of weather over the 2 weeks it is good that it is now more settled and we have returned with sunshine.

Thought of the Week



Assemblies - shout outs last week to....



During the last week of term certificates were awarded to:

EYFS Certificates:

Dana, Harry, Mia

Year 1 Certificates:

Bonnie, Eloise, Olivia

Year 2 Certificates:

Amelia, Rosie, Josh, Theo

Year 3 Certificates:

Amelia, Lexi, George

Year 4 Certificates:

Lexi, Freya, Lacey

Year 5 Certificates:

Billy, Chloe, Angel, Jacob

Year 6 Certificates:

Leah, Alecia-Lea, Courtney

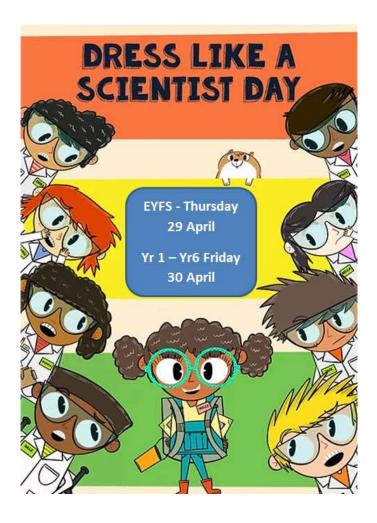
Sensory Bus

Next week we have the sensory bus visiting. This will be parked on the edge of the playground. Please ensure that this area is avoided during pick-up and drop off times. Thank you.

Science Week



Next week is going to be Science Week in school. The team are looking at all things science and the children will be doing lots of experimenting and investigating. We are also inviting the children to come to school dressed with a science theme at the end of that week (EYFS Thursday, Y1-6 Friday). If you are able to help in any way with ideas, resources or links, then please let us know via the school office. Thank you.



Parents Evening

Appointments will take place next week on Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th April. The



system for booking appointments will continue as previously on line with each class teacher sharing their availability. Please book your appointment promptly and let the school office know if you have a difficulty.



Appointments will be 10 minute time slots on TEAMS, using your child's TEAMs login and password. You will be sent a link to join the meeting on Teams. Children should be encouraged to join with their parents.

Any parents who cannot log on will be offered a phone call. Anyone who doesn't book an appointment will be contacted to see why they have not taken up the offer, and offered support.

Residential Visits



Following the survey

to parents in Y2/5/6 I can now confirm that as long as the roadmap to recovery continues then we will be undertaking those visits.

Y2 Delamere (8/9/10/11 June) — a letter has already been distributed. Responses are required by the end of the week so that we can confirm numbers and shape up the plans.

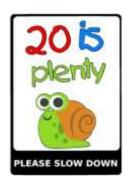
Y6 Lake District (14/15/16/17/18 June) — we are awaiting confirmation of transport. A letter should be sent out next week.

Y5 Anglesey 6/7/8 July) — awaiting confirmation of arrangements for the accommodation.

We are looking forward to these visits going ahead if restrictions allow.

Road Safety

During the period of drop off and collection, vehicles should adhere to the "20's plenty" slogan. I have witnessed many vehicles in Mablins Lane exceeding this speed. Parents are dropping children and then 'speeding' away. This is dangerous for all concerned. Please keep your speed low and our children safe.



Tablets

As part of our plan to support children in re-engaging with learning we have sourced new Samsung Tablets for all pupils in Y3/4/5. These have been distributed to classes this week in order for the children to familiarise themselves.

A letter and parental agreement will be on its way home and once the parental equipment agreement is signed the children will be able to bring their tablet home in order to access their homework.



All the tablets have a protective case and a front screen protective cover so that they are quite safe. To clarify for parents if the tablet is lost or damaged beyond repair then that's when the excess amount on the agreement would need to be paid to the school. If though, a screen was to crack or the child accidentally did some minimal damage to their tablet, then the school would look to pay for the repairs. We really do want all the children in Y3/4/5 to be able to bring them home so that they can do their homework and carry on their learning on the apps we use and have purchased in school. Please contact us at school on

<u>deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk</u> if you have any questions and we will respond to you.

PLEASE NOTE: the tablets have a security system which only allows the tablet to be used for specified apps. Children will not be able to download or play games on them and it is not set up for internet shopping. Also – should the tablet be mis-placed, they all have a tracker and the tablet will be immediately dis-abled. Children are also not to put a login password on the tablets either, as we just want them to turn them on and be ready to go.

Year 6 pupils will be offered a new personal laptop to be used in school. Again this will be pre-loaded with apps and sites supporting learning.

All existing ipads and laptops will be re-distributed across EYFS and KS1 to increase their IT capacity.

We are very excited to be offering this opportunity to all our children.

Spelling frame

Just a reminder that children have the use of this new APP to support their learning in spelling. This may be individual work or as part of set homework. Please encourage your child to engage in the activities.

KS2 also have the use of BEDROCK.





Curriculum Slices

We will be sending out Curriculum Slices following the Easter break outlining areas of study for the Summer Term. Due to the turbulence of this school year we aim to outline plans for the summer, but these may change and we are building in a degree of flexibility so that we can support the needs of the children and best prepare them for the next stage in their learning journey.

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.

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

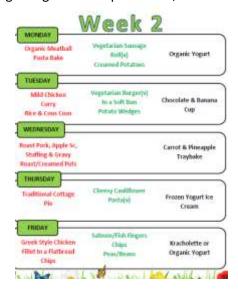
School Meals - Cashless Payments

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>.

School Lunches – this term/Summer menu

Week beginning the 26th April will be;



Mablins Twitter

Please join our twitter account at:



We have now been tweeting for 3 years! We are very proud to inform parents that we now have:

Number of followers - 488

Number of tweets - 3,186 over 3 years
Top tweet - had 7,401 impressions

Thank you for all your support ©

Year 1 – Jack and the Beanstalk

Year 1 have had an exciting week in school and they were greeted on Monday morning by a giant beanstalk, they are really loving the story and are engaging amazingly well with this new topic.



COVID 19 - 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.



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

Our year group email addresses are still operational. 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, please note that many of the teachers are still in school and teaching key worker children.

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

LOCKDOWN GUIDANCE:

12 April: What's changed

Some of the rules on what you can and cannot do changed on 12 April. However, many restrictions remain in place. You must not socialise indoors with anyone you do not live with, unless you have formed a support bubble with them, or another exemption applies. You should continue to work from home if you can and minimise the number of journeys you make where possible. You should get a test and follow the stay at home guidance if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

You can read the 'COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021' (the roadmap) for more information on how COVID-19 restrictions will be eased in England. It is underpinned by law.

From 12 April:

- non-essential retail can reopen
- personal care services such as hairdressers and nail salons can reopen, including those provided from a mobile setting
- public buildings such as libraries and community centres can reopen
- outdoor hospitality venues can reopen, with table service only
- most outdoor attractions including zoos, theme parks, and drive-in performances (such as cinemas and concerts) can reopen
- some smaller outdoor events such as fetes, literary fairs, and fairgrounds can take place
- indoor leisure and sports facilities can reopen for individual exercise, or exercise with your household or support bubble

- all childcare and supervised activities are allowed indoors (as well as outdoors) for all children. Parent and child groups can take place indoors (as well as outdoors) for up to 15 people (children under 5 will not be counted in this number)
- weddings, civil partnership ceremonies, wakes and other commemorative events can take place for up to 15 people (anyone working is not included in this limit), including in indoor venues that are permitted to open or where an exemption applies. Wedding receptions can also take place for up to 15 people, but must take place outdoors, not including private gardens
- self-contained accommodation can stay open for overnight stays in England with your household or support bubble
- care home residents will be able to nominate two named individuals for regular indoor visits (following a rapid lateral flow test)
- you should continue to work from home if you can and minimise the amount that you travel where possible

Stay Home, Stay Safe. Take care and look after yourselves.

With kind regards,
Justine Joule – Headteacher



