

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents and Children,

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had! So many wonderful events have taken place to make me very proud of our school and all the children.

### **End of Term Performances**

#### **Year Six**

Following an intense programme of work over the year in preparation for SATs tests and writing moderation, our Year 6 pupils moved straight in to rehearsals for their end of term performance. This year they took to the stage with the much loved classic 'Mary Poppins'. The show was an absolute delight with amazing singing and drama performances. The sheer quality rivalled any West End show and we are all very proud of the children. Well done to all our Year 6 pupils and many thanks to the staff who helped to stage the performance. A special thanks also goes to Mrs Brown who coordinated the music and coached the singers.



#### **Year Two**

Year two shared many memories of their time in Key Stage one at their graduation assembly. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when the photo story played and the words and memories were beautiful. The assembly finished with a special poem written by the teachers for the children. Well done Year two you have been amazing and we are looking forward to seeing you grow further in Key Stage 2.



### **SATs results**

I am very proud and pleased to report that results achieved by all our pupils in Year 1 phonics, Year 2 SATs and Year 6 SATs have shown a good improvement on last year and are now in line with, or above National

expectations. As a school we have worked very hard over the last three years to improve outcomes and we are now seeing a better alignment in teaching, learning and outcomes. My thanks to all our teaching staff, the children for their hard work, and also to our parent body who provide valuable support at home.

Individual assessment results for all pupils have been sent home as part of our annual reporting process. School and national comparative data will be available on the school website.

### **Annual Reports**

Annual school reports were distributed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. (If for any reason you have not received a report for your child then please contact the school office.)

### **Year Group Visits**

Several year groups have been out of school on visits to enhance their final topic theme for the year.

EYFS spent a lovely day at Chester Zoo spying all the animals and seeing just how many different kinds of creatures they could see.

Year 1 had a visit to our Forest School site for the day. Mrs Manning and Mrs Earley organised a packed programme of activities. The children made forest crowns, toasted marshmallows, looked at wildlife and enjoyed stories in the shelter. They had an amazing day and didn't even have to leave Crewe to find themselves in a wonderland!



Year 5 also spent a brilliant day at Chester Zoo. The children walked miles and miles and were praised for their behaviour and involvement during the zoo led sessions.



Year 6 also had an end of term treat and visited the 'Chill Factor' where they experienced a ski taster session, snowboarding taster and an hour in the 'Snowpark' on the toboggans and ice run. It felt very strange being in temperatures of minus 3 when it was hot outside! It was a brilliant day and a fantastic end to a great year for these pupils. Well done!

#### **Payment for school trips**

The office have reported that we do have a number of families that are repeatedly not paying for trips taken. The cost of trips is calculated based on the number of pupils attending. Permission slips and payments must be returned to the school office before the trip takes place. School is not allowed to make profit. If there is any difficulty in paying for a trip – please speak to staff in confidence. Thank you.

#### **High School Visits**

All our Year 6 pupils have now visited their new High Schools and are looking forward to many new challenges. Year 5 have also had the opportunity to attend workshop days at SWS, Ruskin and The Oaks Academy in preparation for making their own choice of High School next year.

#### **Primary College**

Year 6 spent two days at Cheshire College South and West in Crewe taking part in Primary College. The children got the opportunity to participate in many activities provided by the college including brick laying, hairdressing/beauty and travel/tourism. It is a great opportunity for the children to experience college life and see some of the many courses and opportunities available to them following high school.

#### **Peace Garden**

Last Thursday we held an opening ceremony for our beautiful peace garden. Mrs Dibbens and Mrs Gillespie run 'Butterflies', a small group for children who have suffered bereavement. The children decided that they

would like to have a garden where they could sit and reflect. Following donations and support from local businesses the garden was constructed and we officially opened it last week. It is a beautiful calm and quiet space and we would like to thank our sponsors once again. There are some lovely photos on our Twitter feed if you have not yet seen the garden.



#### **Forest School Open Afternoon**

An open afternoon has been held in the Forest school area to share and celebrate all the good work undertaken this year. We were very fortunate to receive a grant from Minshull and Vernon Parish Council allowing us to be able to construct a fantastic outdoor learning classroom. Parish Councilors were invited along with some parents to see the fantastic facilities and opportunities. Many thanks to Mick Sandland (site officer) and Barry Jones (caretaker) for helping to construct the shelter and to Mrs Earley and Mrs Manning our outdoor leads for planning activities and enabling the children to have a great time outdoors.



#### **Library Visit**

Eight of our Year 5 pupils have successfully run our school library again this year and to end the year Mrs Hartley and Mrs Kavanagh took them to the mobile library van to exchange some of our school library books. They were keen and have some chosen some good new titles for the school which hopefully the rest of the children will enjoy. They are in the process of training new librarians to take over their roles in September and will support them during the first few weeks.

Reading is a vital life skill and one that we greatly encourage in school. Our local library in the Lifestyle

Centre in Crewe will be running the Summer Reading Challenge which asks children to read at least 6 books over the summer break. It is FREE to join the library who also offers FREE workshops and activities. Do get involved if you can.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The librarians have also set up their own summer reading challenge which is again free. I have my copy and will be trying to get a photo of each challenge over the summer.

### **PTA**

The PTA held a very successful Summer Fair and Festival on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The grand total raised was £2150 which will all go towards those additional extras which support teaching and learning activities throughout the school. Many thanks go to Sarah Varley (Chair) and the committee who gave up huge amounts of time both before and on the day to organise the event. Also to those parents who helped by contributing or attending during the evening and spending their money!

The next PTA meeting is to be held on:

**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 6PM IN SCHOOL.**

The annual AGM will be held on:

**THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER AT 6PM IN SCHOOL.**

Please put these dates in your diary and attend if you can. The PTA organises great events which raise money to support all children in the school. The events are good fun too.

### **School Reading Books**

We have been collecting all reading books in over the last week in order to do an audit and check for condition. Any books that may have slipped down the back of the sofa or been pushed under the bed can be returned without question! Should you wish to have books for the summer holiday then please speak to your child's current class teacher who will allocate some and notify the next class teacher.

### **Sports Council Visit**

This year we have again had a very active School Sport Council who have helped to organise many PE based activities across the school. As a reward Mr Lauder arranged an end of term treat and they attended the Netball World Cup in Liverpool last Friday. They had a great time as evidenced by the photos on Twitter. Do have a look!



### **Year 6 End of Year Assembly**

Year Six will be hosting their end of Year Leavers Assembly on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at **9.15am** where they will showcase and celebrate their time at Mablins Lane. There are many memories to share and tissues will definitely be required! Please attend if you can.

### **100% Attendance**

Children will be given 100% attendance certificates in our final assembly on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Attendance at Mablins continues to improve and we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for working with us on this. We do acknowledge that sometimes pupils are ill and should not come in to school if this is the case. We follow Public Health Guidelines on diarrhoea and/or vomiting and pupils should remain away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of illness. This is to ensure that the bug has cleared the system.

Holidays in term time may still be taken but will not be authorized. Should the holiday extend to 10 or more sessions then a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued on behalf of the Local Authority. Our Education Welfare Officer is Pam Prince who is happy to discuss information around attendance with parents.

### **Staff Leavers/Celebrations**

This year we have limited staff movement but we do have to say farewell to Miss Holman who has been covering for Mrs Newson in EYFS whilst she is on maternity leave. Miss Holman has secured a position abroad and we wish her well in her new adventure. Miss Stevenson will join us in September and work as the PPA and support teacher in EYFS. We are expecting Mrs Newson to return to school part way through next year.

### **New Starters September 2019**

New starters for September 2019 have been visiting over the last few weeks for story time sessions and activity afternoons. Last week all pupils and parents of the new starters were invited to a Teddy Bears picnic. It was a lovely afternoon with many children, parents and teddy bears in attendance. We are looking forward to welcoming all children in September. The first week will be half days with lunch and children will start full time on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. If parents are unsure of arrangements for their child then please contact the school office this week.

### **Class Swap Morning**

Class teachers have now completed their transition discussions and last Friday all children spent the morning with their new teachers. Pupils were shown their new entrance and exit doors for September.



### **For parents:**

Year 1: Entrance/Exit at the end of the Year 1 building closest to the Orchard playground gate. Parents wait on the playground and teachers bring all classes to the gate. All pupils leave through the same gate at the end of the day so please bear with us and make sure that you make yourself visible when you see your child.

Year 2: Entrance/Exit through the middle door between EYFS and Y2 buildings.

Year 3: Entrance/Exit through the link corridor. At the end of the day parents should wait on the Orchard playground. Miss Morley will release her class from the external fire door, whilst Miss Gibson and Mr Thompson will bring their classes through on to the orchard playground.

Year 4: Entrance through the new door on the main playground. Exit through individual class fire doors. Parents should wait adjacent to the Year 4 building by the sports area fencing.

Year 5: Entrance/Exit through the link doors. At the end of the school day teachers will bring pupils to the Forest School side of the link where parents should wait on the pathway.

Year 6: Entrance through link corridor or Year 4 new door. Exit through the new door in the Y4 building.

At the end of the school day pupils should be collected by a nominated adult. If for any reason children are going to be collected by someone else then we ask that parents inform the class teacher or the school office. If we have not had notification we will make phone contact to confirm arrangements before releasing your child.

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 may walk home independently. Please could parents let us know if this is the preferred option in order for us to compile a list? Pupils not on the list will still be subject to confirmation of arrangements if somebody does not come to collect them.

In September members of staff will be on duty in 'High Viz' jackets to direct everyone should there be a difficulty. Thank you.

### **School Uniform**

A quick reminder on school uniform for September:  
Black/grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses  
White/pale blue polo shirts  
Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan  
White/grey/black socks or tights  
Black school shoes

Uniform can be bought with the Mablins logo from Cheshire Workwear, the web address is [www.getyouruniform.co.uk](http://www.getyouruniform.co.uk). Plain items can be purchased from local shops and supermarkets very

reasonably. (Back to school shop signs are up already – buy early!)

Please ensure that ALL items of clothing are named. (See below.)

### **Lost Property**

There is a large amount of lost property still unclaimed in the red bucket in the link corridor. Please get your child to check if they have lost anything this half term. Any named items have been returned to classes where possible, but there is an amount of un-named clothing. Any items that are not collected will be recycled over the summer break. We take all unclaimed items to St Lukes where it is recycled for charity. Currently we are taking at least 2 bin bags full per fortnight! Very good for the charity but not so good for parents pockets!

### **Name Labels**

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. Year 6 parents can order for High School too. This will help to significantly reduce our lost property pile. PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

### **Parent Helpers**

Over the year we have had many parents who have helped out at school. Some helpers have attended each week giving valuable support in the classroom. Other helpers have given up days to attend trips and visits. We very much appreciate and value this support and I would personally like to thank anybody who has helped at school during this year. A letter will be sent out in September inviting new parent helpers for the 2019/20 school year. Please let us know if you think you might be able to join the list and help out.

### **Traffic Monitoring**

Our PCSO's were joined by members of the traffic unit for a monitoring session on Parkers Road last week. Mrs Dibbens and the School Safeguarding Council were able to observe the work of the unit. Several vehicles were



stopped for different offences including speeding and driving without seatbelts. Many thanks to our PCSO for inviting the children to be part of this operation. Hopefully those stopped will 'belt-up' and slow down!

### **School Meals**

As we get close to the end of term please can we send a reminder that school meals need to be paid for either in advance or at the very least on the day that they are taken. There is currently over £200 owed in dinner money. We would really like this debt to be paid before the end of term. Payments should where possible be made online via the Cheshire East School Portal <https://online.cheshireeast.gov.uk/SchoolShop/ParentLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSchoolShop%2fSecureApp%2fParentHome.aspx> If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office. The cost of meals taken is charged to the school automatically by Cheshire East Catering. If balances remain unpaid council invoices will be issued and may involve debt collection if the invoice remains unpaid.

### **Price Increase**

The current cost of meals is £2.30 per day and this will increase to **£2.40** per day from September. Cheshire East Catering are increasing the price that they charge us based on an increase in the National Living Wage and an increase in food and labour costs. Cheshire East Catering continuing to offer good quality food using locally sourced produce. Our school kitchen has again retained its Food Hygiene Rating of 5\* and is a flagship kitchen providing recipes, menus and support across the locality.

Our kitchen is run by Joy who provides an excellent service. She has been away from school due to a shoulder operation for the last half term but Chris has looked after us all and served up equally fantastic meals. Joy is on the mend and we hope to see her back at the helm in September after a good summer holiday.

### **Free School Meals**

Parents of pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 should be reminded that their children are eligible for universal Infant Free school meals.

Parents of children currently in Yr2 will need to remember that as their children move in to Year 3 they will no longer qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals and that any parents whose household income is less than £16,190 (or in receipt of certain benefits) may qualify for Free School meals and should check [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx) or by calling 0300 123 5012. This will also bring about help with the costs of trips etc. The office are more than happy to assist parents if they are unsure. Please do ask us for support.

### **Message from the office**

The office would like to thank all parents for signing up in their drives to the e-payment system to pay for trips. Going forward this form of payment is the preferred option for trips and lunch payments. Parents who have not yet signed up can do so at [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/schools\\_epayments/schools\\_epayments.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/schools_epayments/schools_epayments.aspx). We are aware that the system has been updated recently and there is a glitch when parents come to add their child's date of birth. Parents should **not** use the calendar option to input the date of birth – instead parents should input the information using the format yyyy-mm-dd.

### **Request**

Miss Gibson is hoping to run a 'beginners' tap club at some point in the autumn term which will hopefully lead to rehearsing a basic routine that will be included within the Christmas performance. She has a small selection of tap shoes already but not enough so would like to put a request out to parents and friends of the school asking for them to send in their children's old tap shoes if they have any. She would need them fairly early on in the autumn term if possible. Thank you.



### **End of Term**

Over the next couple of days classes will be sorting out and organising ready for the holiday. Pupils will sort out their books or work that may have been on display and take it home. We ask that children bring a carrier bag to school this week to collect their work in. All PE kits will be sent home. Any medication kept in school should be collected by parents or designated adult on Wednesday. Medication not collected will be stored if in date, or disposed of.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

As a result of GDPR we will not be sending out Data Collection sheets at the beginning of the academic year. If parents wish to make changes to addresses/contact details they should speak to the office staff directly. Should you have updated your mobile phone number recently or intend to do this over the summer holiday then it is essential that you pass this information to us. Thank you.

### **Last day**

On Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>) pupils are invited to bring a board game to school. These should be traditional board games and not electronic or computer based games. We will be joining together for a school leaver's assembly in the morning



and pupils will then be able to share board games later in the day. (Please make sure the games are named.)

### Charity Fun Day - 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Please support Ellie Miller's Charity Fun Day at the Horse Shoe, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm.



### \*NEXT YEAR - NUT FREE\*

One of our new EYFS pupils has a severe nut allergy and we are therefore becoming a NUT FREE SCHOOL.

Please can all parents support us in this pledge in order to keep all our pupils safe. Thank you.



### Date

Pupils break up for the Summer Holiday at 3:15pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. School reopens for pupils on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### Litter

During the school holidays if your children play outside in communal areas, please remind them about the importance of keeping the areas litter free. As a school we are learning about the importance reducing single use plastics and want to encourage the children to keep their communities clean and tidy too.



### Looking ahead

A meeting will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 3:30pm** for all new Year 6 parents in the main hall. This will be a combined welcome to Yr6 meeting and

final meeting regarding the Lake District residential. Medical forms and final arrangements will be discussed. (A reminder to parents that any outstanding money for the visit is due in September.)



**Please put this date in your diary.**

**Welcome Meetings for other year groups** will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** in the main hall as follows: Y1 3:30-3:45, Y2 3:50-4:05, Y3 4:10-4:25, Y4 4:30-4:45, Y5 4:50-5:05

EYFS parents had a Welcome Meeting during transition; there will be an opportunity to speak to teachers about how children are settling in at parents evening in October.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for Half term**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas**

A list of dates showing events and activities in the Autumn Term will be distributed in September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support over the last school year. There have been many changes and the school is moving forward at an increasing pace. I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy summer break. Fingers crossed for sunny weather!

With Kind Regards,  
Justine Joule  
Headteacher

