

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 22nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

The half term is now over and I am pleased to say that we have all had a successful 8 weeks. It has certainly been a different start to the school year but we have adapted and changed and our wonderful children have been amazing. I would like to thank you as parents for your continued support in these challenging times.

Covid-19

I am pleased to report that at the current time of writing we **still** have no child or member of staff at Mablins Lane who has tested positive for Covid. We are monitoring attendance very closely, including sending a daily return to the DFE. We are fortunate to have reached half term without having to close any 'bubbles' or 'pods' and would like to thank parents for your support and contribution which means we are in this position.

The guidance for Covid still 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 over half term they should not go out, but you should seek a test. Children should NOT return to school if they are presenting with any of the symptoms. If in doubt always seek medical advice.

If your child is ill and unable to come back to school then please telephone the school, leaving a message on the absence line.



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. It will be available during school time, during the evenings and

at weekends. **The line will also be monitored during each day throughout half term.**

If we receive a call on this number we will then follow Cheshire East and PHE guidance on next steps, but by calling us on this number it will allow us to act in a swifter manner. Following the call your child must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms.) unless PHE advise to the contrary.

For further information please see the 'Quick Guide for Parents on Covid-19' at the end of the newsletter.

Returning to School – after the October ½ term break!

On returning to school after the break all timings and drop-off/collection points will remain unchanged. SLT

will continue to support parents on the gates and doorways to assist easy access.

Face coverings will still need to be worn by all visitors to the site until we have further guidance.



I also include the newsflash from Cheshire East included in last week's newsletter which gives information about grandparents collecting children.

COVID19: Newsflash for Schools

13th October 2020

Linked Childcare Households

Following the new Government guidance for Cheshire East being a High-Risk Area (Tier 2), schools may be dealing with enquiries re Grandparents picking children up from schools. The guidance is as follows: -

Households with a child under 13yrs are allowed to link with another household if:

- Neither household is linked with another household
- All adult members of the household agree

The arrangement would need to stop when the children are over the age of 13. Once the linked household arrangement stops neither household can join with another household.

Kind regards

Jacky

Jacky Forster| Director of Education and Skills |Cheshire East Council |People Directorate

Track and Trace

As a school we are supporting use of the NHS Track and Trace app. If you have not yet downloaded this on to your phone we suggest that you do this. We have a QR scanning code in the main entrance for any visitor who attends school. This allows Track and Trace to notify anybody should there be a positive case reported.



Harvest – Festival Mablings 2020

Thank you so much for all the kind store cupboard donations that we received for our virtual 'Harvest.' We were overwhelmed with items and we very much appreciate your support. The Salvation Army collected some of the items and were very grateful. They told us that we were the only local school who had donated this harvest season – Well Done Team Mablings!



Classes have made short video clips of their harvest work which have been posted on the year group VLE pages for parents to take a look at. Mrs. Brown our music teacher is also compiling a short whole school video which we will upload by the end of the week

Year 1 Heating / School Lunches

Just a reminder that the Year 1 building is now closed and Year 1 are being taught in our two school halls. (Y1AG Studio hall and Y1GK + Y1LK Main hall.)

We expect the heating work to be completed over the holiday when drop off and collection will return to the usual arrangements.

If for any reason the work over-runs a message will be sent out to parents at the end of the half term week. Year 1 will continue to be taught in the two halls and lunches will be a grab bag delivered to ALL classrooms. We are keeping our fingers crossed that no problems arise and that Year 1 will return to a cosy warm building after the break.

Celebration Assembly

We continue to host a virtual assembly on Friday afternoons which the children are loving.

Last Friday in our 'Celebration Zoom Assembly' certificates were presented to:

Alice Y1GK, Oliver Y1LK, Oscar Y1AG, AJ Y2 EF, Georgina + Jack Y2JMc, Tommy Y2SG,

Peggy-Louise Y3HG, Bella-Rae Y3JM, Leon Y3JT/CI, Chloe Y4GMc, Jack Y4RL, Jade Y4SJH, Oliver Y5JE, Hannah Y5IMc, Macey Y5AD, Sonnie Y6SB, David Y6TH, Poppy Y6AP



A message from our Local Police

As we approach half term our plea this week is to **stay safe**. Parents, please make sure that you know where your children are over half term. Keep to the rule of 6 both indoors and out. (This includes children.)



Halloween falls at the end of the holiday. Please observe the guidelines in place in terms of 'parties' and 'Trick or Treating'.

We'll be out and about so give us a wave if you see us.

Thank you

PC MARTIN & PCSO OLIVER

Applying for a September 2021 School place!

A quick reminder to Parents & Carers of children in Y6 that the deadline for applying for your child's place at secondary school is:

Secondary (year 7): 31 October 2020



Free School Meals

A letter has been distributed 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>



Remote Learning

The Government have asked schools to establish a remote learning policy and a platform to allow for 'home learning' access should pupils have to isolate, or a second lockdown occur.



If your child is currently away from school isolating, then please access activities from the year group VLE on the school website. After Half Term information will be sent out to parents with 'log-in' Office 365 Teams details, enabling access to our new 'Learning Platform' which will be more interactive and accessible.

Mablins Lane Virtual Tour of the school

A virtual tour for parents wishing to view how our school works has been uploaded on to the website. Please find this tour on our website, under parents, new starters, virtual tour.

<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/virtual-tour-final.mp4>

It can also be found on our YouTube channel follow the link: https://youtu.be/vusLdKMU_eg



Unfortunately, at this time we are not allowing visitors into school and we hope that parents find this useful in seeing how children learn at Mablins Lane.

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about our school on:

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or
deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sh.uk

Forest School



Forest Schools at Mablins Lane has had an amazing first half term. We are pleased to report that **every** child in school including our Pre-School children, 'Forest Tots' have accessed forest schools sessions this half term. The children benefit so much from this outdoor learning experience and we have seen so many smiley faces during forest school activities.

Could we please ask that parents send children in with coats and a change of footwear when they have a forest school session? Teachers do remind parents via dojo when these sessions are happening. We are finding

that so many children are not coming to the sessions dressed appropriately for outdoor learning.



We are again asking for any donations of old unwanted wellies too!



OLD WELLIES WANTED!!

Online Safety

Did you know that 5 to 15 year olds now spend up to 15 hours a week online? That's more than two whole days at school! Online safety is paramount, so check out the free guides for parents and careers, providing top tips advice,
www.nationalonlinesafety.com



PTA



Many thanks to our PTA who have agreed to support the school in purchasing more reading books. They have match funded which means that we will be able to buy a greater selection of books covering more levels. We are very grateful.

If anybody would like to be part of the PTA then please feel free to email: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk and I will pass on your details to Rachel. You will be made most welcome.

The next meeting is by **Zoom on TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER at 6:30pm.** (You don't even have to leave the comfort of your own home or need a babysitter!)

Parents Evening

During the first term we usually invite all parents to a 5 minute appointment to discuss how children have settled in to their new classes and year groups. It is a brief introduction to the year which may be followed up by a longer appointment if requested by school or parents. A 10 minute parent appointment is offered in the Spring Term where there can be a longer discussion. This year we are unable to offer a 'Face-to-Face' 5 minute appointment for parents. We have considered the options available to us and have decided that on this occasion teachers will write a brief introductory statement. These statements will be emailed to parents during the w/b 02/11/2020.

Should the school or yourselves as parents have any queries or concerns then a telephone call or meeting will be arranged accordingly.

Poppies



We are again this year supporting 'The Royal British Legion' poppy appeal. Children are encouraged to wear poppies in school and their teachers, during assembly's week beginning the 9th November, will be reminding children why we wear them and why this time is so important.

Poppies will be sold in school this year, although a little differently to how we normally sell them!

If you would like to purchase a poppy for your child then please send a donation (minimum 50p) into the school office in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. We will then deliver a poppy to the class teacher to hand out to your child. Many thanks in advance.



Children in Need – 2020



PYJAMA DAY FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

For Children in Need this year we are asking for children to wear pyjamas/onesie for the day on Friday 13th November!

The school will set up a 'Just Giving' page in support of Children in Need and we would be grateful if you could donate non uniform money using the Just Giving page. Other activities include lots of work around mindfulness and children's wellbeing! Different year groups will be supporting this event and have discussed doing the following activities:

1. Write a Poem on mindfulness
2. Joe Wicks workout
3. Pudsey mile - get active and count up their laps over the week
4. JLT designed well-being/emotions quiz
5. Movie afternoon with a mindfulness wellbeing theme

Watch this space for more details!

Artwork for display at the Crewe COVID Testing Centre

We have been asked as a school to get talented pupils to get creative and add splashes of colour to the new Covid-19 local testing site in Crewe. The site opened this week and is a blank canvas, in need of colour and creativity to make it less clinical looking and more inviting for younger children on site getting tested.

We would love it if children could produce some art work – this could be rainbows, colourful patterns/pictures and positive messages of support for anyone at the site getting tested etc. Artwork produced needs to be on A3 or A4 paper.



The artwork can be returned to school week beginning the 2nd November; we will then laminate it and send it onto the site.

Sports Coaching – October ½ term

Sports Coaching Group is running October holiday clubs at Sandbach Girls School and Weaver Primary this half term.

It is a Multiskills Sports Bonanza Holiday Club, with COVID specific measures in place throughout. Please see the details and the flyer below.

Telephone Sports Coaching Group on 01270 449770 for details or booking and payments can be made via:

<https://sportscoachingnw.co.uk/courses/Holiday-Clubs>

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that we break up for half term TODAY **Thursday 22nd October**.

SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR A WEEK AND REOPENS ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Please have an enjoyable break under the new restrictions and come back safely.

Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

Calendar of Events 2020

DATE	KEY EVENTS
22 Oct	School Closes
2 Nov	School reopens
2 – 6 Nov	Multi faith week
13 Nov	Children In Need Pyjama Day
December	Christmas Celebrations
18 Dec	School Closes
4 th Jan	School reopens



COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers		
What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when child's test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>