

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 24th September 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Well the term is flying by and we are on week four already. There are lots of great things going on in school and the children are embracing the new opportunities with smiles and enthusiasm.

The week has started with beautiful weather and a reminder of summer. Year 6 should have travelled to the Lake District this week, what a fab week they would have been having. Whilst the weather is good we continue to take our learning outside whenever we can in order to maintain space and enjoy the fresh air. As the weather gets cooler, and potentially wetter, may I remind everyone that children should bring a NAMED coat for break-times. Appropriate footwear also stops wet feet in the classroom.

Bikeability

This week some of our older pupils have been involved in bicycle training. The instructors have all been risk assessed and the children accessed the training in very small groups.

The first part of the training was about cycle safety and it is a good reminder for all children to check that their bike is road worthy and that they have a good well-fitting helmet.



Welcome Meetings

Please be reminded that each year group has a welcome message for the start of the new school year on the website. The presentations are very informative and provide lots of useful tips and information relevant to each year group. Please find details below to access your child's year group VLE page.



VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)

Go to our website: www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk

Click on "Pupil login"

Choose your year group

Enter year group password

If you do not know the password, email the year group or phone the school office.

Celebration Assembly

Last Friday our 'Celebration Zoom Assembly' saw a sharing of work from ARK week.

Certificates were presented to:

Lara Y1GK, Chester Y1LK, Alfie Y1AG, Elijah Y2 EF, Joseph Y2JMc, Sienna Y2SG,

Eden Y3HG, Toby Y3JM, Emily Y3JT/CI, Jacob Y4GMc, Josh Y4RL, Isabelle Y4SJH, Ellie Y5JE, Rhys Y5IMc, Toby Y5AD, Thomas Y6SB, Lacey Y6TH, Daniel Y6AP

We also talked about the new playground equipment and how the children would need to use it safely and put it away afterwards.



Reading Books

A plea to parents to check at home for any school reading books! When school closed so suddenly in March many children still had reading books at home. Now that the children are all back we are short of reading books, particularly at the lower levels. Please can you check at home and return any missing books as soon as possible. Thank you.



Parent Query

We have had some queries about the wearing of face coverings at school. It is not yet compulsory to wear a face covering outdoors, but parents are encouraged to do so. Yesterday we sent a letter asking for parents to support us by sending only one adult per household to collect children from school and to wear a face covering on entering the school grounds. This will take effect from **Monday 28th September**.



We are asking for very limited visits to the main office, but if this is necessary then a face covering is essential if you enter the building. Any parent who needs to come in to school for a meeting is asked to wear a face

covering in the corridors. Where possible all meetings will be held in the closest room to the entrance so minimizing the distance travelled through school. This may mean walking around the outside of the school to access the building.

A message from our Local Police

Last week we offered advice and were educating new parents/ guardians,



THIS week we have been enforcing and unfortunately have had to issue some tickets. There should be NO parking within 10m of a junction. Anyone failing to comply with this restriction will be issued with a ticket. We will be visiting randomly and intermittently, so be warned.

If you live within the vicinity of the school, please help us in easing the build of traffic by walking to school whenever possible.

Alternatively, please consider COVID secure car sharing.

Places to park:

8 Farmers Pub; *Lisa has informed us that parents / guardians are welcome to use the car park at school drop off and pick up times.*

Bradfield Road end of Mablins Lane; *Parking your vehicle lawfully leaving space for others to pass.*

*We look forward to meeting you,
PC MARTIN & PCSO OLIVER*

Free School Meals

The Government has promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM).



A letter was distributed last week 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>

Covid-19

I am pleased to report that at the current time of writing we still have no child at Mablins Lane who has tested positive for Covid. We are monitoring attendance very closely, including sending a daily return to the DFE. We have had several phone calls to check if children are allowed in school due to colds. The guidance for Covid stills 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 they should not come to school and parents should seek a test. If in doubt then please seek medical advice. We will be sending home guidance directly from the NHS this week to support parents.

If your child is ill and unable to come to school then please telephone the school leaving a message on the absence line. We will be calling parents where absence is unexplained.



Covid- 19 Telephone Number

**MABLINS LANE COVID POSITIVE TEST REPORTING
TELEPHONE NO.**

07415 005702

If your child has a Covid test and it is **positive** you must inform the school immediately by calling our Covid telephone line on: **07415 005702**

This number is **ONLY** for reporting a **POSITIVE** test. It will be available during school time, during the evenings and at weekends.

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.

Families should also inform school immediately using the above number if anyone in the household has tested positive for Covid-19.

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

Thank you all for your continued support and your understanding in the measures that we are required to put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I would ask you to make sure that you have read the schools risk assessments, which you can find on the school website;

<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/covid-19-information>

this page is updated regularly as we receive the latest guidance.



Our priority is the safety of the children and staff, and keeping the school as fully open as possible, please remember that these measures are there to help to

protect your children and the staff and to keep the school open and safe.

Communication

We have several methods for communicating with parents.

Homework diaries – messages home directly to parents from the class teacher. Please check the diary each day.



Class dojo – messages from the class teacher to individuals, groups or the whole class. If you download the app you can get these straight to your phone.



School Comms – messages from the office.



Usually whole school or class messages but sometimes individual messages.



Year group email – general messages from the year group.



Year Group - Email Address
Mablins Lane CP School

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

Forest Schools

Year 2 had some fantastic forest school sessions last week based on their topic of 'Pirates!' They walked the plank, made parrots, hunted for treasure using maps and made cannon balls. It was lovely to see them enjoying their outdoor learning. Please make a note of your child's forest school session, see the Forest School Calendar:



FOREST SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Year Group
Tuesday 29 th September / Thursday 1 st October	4
Tuesday 6 th / Thursday 8 th October	5
DATES TO BE CONFIRMED	6
Tuesday 20 th / Thursday 22 nd October	1
Tuesday 3 rd / Thursday 5 th November	2
Tuesday 10 th / Thursday 12 th November	3
Tuesday 17 th / Thursday 19 th November	4
Tuesday 24 th / Thursday 26 th November	5
Tuesday 1 st / Thursday 3 rd December	6

We are asking if parents would contribute **£1.00** for the forest school sessions this term. This will be greatly appreciated and help towards our forest school ongoing costs.

Parent Helpers

Unfortunately we are still asking our parent volunteers to wait until later in the term when we will have clearer guidance about additional adults in school. Thank you for your offers of help and support.

Macmillan Cancer Support – CAKE competition

As a school we normally raise a lot of money with our cakes sale for the Macmillan Charity. This year, with us unable to invite parents in for our annual coffee morning, we thought it would be great if children could bake a cake or cakes at home then send in a photo of their creation. We



will then judge the entries and give out some lovely prizes for the winning creations. All cake photos to be emailed to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk by



Monday 28th September, with the child's name and class. We are asking for a £1.00 donation to enter the competition and for this to be sent to the school office marked 'Macmillan Cake Competition.'

Medical Forms & Reviews

Mrs Eastwood is currently carrying out medical healthcare plan reviews. If you have a child with a medical health care plan and have not met for the review then please contact the school office. If there is



no change to your child's medical needs there will be no need for a meeting, but we need to know if that is the case.

If your child needs an inhaler in school for asthma, we ask that you complete a permission form. If you require a form, then please contact the school office and we will send a form home with your child.

Special School Lunch

On **Thursday 1st October**, Joy will be serving a special school lunch menu. This could be an opportunity for your child to try out a school meal. There are lots of adults on hand to encourage and support children if it's the first time they've tried a school lunch. The menu choice for that day is as follows:-



**** MENU CHANGE ****

On **Friday 2nd October** there is a change to the menu, the choice will be: -

Pork Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread
Or
Hidden Veg Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)

Coming Soon - Virtual Harvest






As we are unable to hold a Harvest festival in school we are planning to hold this virtually. Our theme is 'The Store Cupboard'. Please look out for information in the next couple of weeks.



Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

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) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...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) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days
<small>* 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/</small>		

