

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 25th March 2021

Dear Parents and Children,

Who can believe that we are in the penultimate week of the Spring Term? It has been a very strange term, but I am pleased to say that we have triumphed. We have not only survived, we have thrived and have taken new opportunities giving us new skills and strengths we didn't have before. Who knew that we would be so skilled with Microsoft Teams? Who knew that we could hold whole school assemblies without leaving the comfort of our own homes? This time last year none of us knew or anticipated those things, but here we are! And we are all doing so well!!!

**AMAZING
THANK YOU!**

Thought of the Week

If you knew there was no tomorrow,
how hard would you play today?

Life is full of choices . . . choose wisely!

All our children seem to be making good choices and putting in lots of effort. We are very proud of them.

COMIC RELIEF / RED NOSE DAY – 19th March 2021

It was great to see the children dressed in red on Friday in support of Comic Relief. Although we were not collecting any money in school, the number of red noses around demonstrated that parents had been able to individually support the charity. We had red noses, red hair, red clothing and a fabulous red wig in Year 4! Great job everybody.



Assemblies – last week to....



We are still having our Friday Celebration assembly on Teams each Friday morning. Now that we are back in school each class is able to join in on-line. A tradition has become the 'Friday jig' where we all have a little dance to lift spirits. Last week we danced to the Harry Styles Comic Relief song. There were some great moves going on!!! Certificates were awarded to:

EYFS Certificates:

Jaden, Luke, Tommy

Year 1 Certificates:

Harrison, Reuben, Mia

Year 2 Certificates:

Tommy, Georgina, Jamie

Year 3 Certificates:

Tyler, Lexi, Leila

Year 4 Certificates:

Ollie, Patryk, Will

Year 5 Certificates:

Eleanor, Svetlie, Kieran

Year 6 Certificates:

Isaak, Lewis, Ethan

Timings

It is vital that parents stick to the allocated time slot for dropping off and collecting their children. Timings and entry/exits have been coordinated in order to reduce the number of contacts at each point – so please use the time and entrance/exit that is designated for your year group.

ONLY 1 MEMBER OF A HOUSEHOLD SHOULD ENTER THE SCHOOL SITE TO DROP OFF/COLLECT.

Pupils in Y4/5/6 will be starting their learning at **08:40** so **MUST** be in school by this time. For children in EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3 their start time is **09:00** and the doors do not open until **08:40/08:45**. **PLEASE do not arrive too early as this causes crowds to form on the playground.**

The one-way system remains in place on the school site. Whilst on site **all adults must wear a face covering unless exempt for medical reasons**. Please leave the premises promptly at the end of the day, and do not gather on the pathways and pavements around school. Could we also ask that parents keep toddler children under close supervision? We have already adjusted the organisation for the front of school at the Mablins Lane entrance, as it seemed to be causing some congestion. We ask parents to be mindful that this entry/exit is through the car park. Whilst we do not expect vehicles to be moving at this time exceptional care is needed. Thank you.



Drop Off – Parking

Again, please can I remind parents to park responsibly and respectfully in the vicinity of the school? There's been some pretty inconsiderate parking on Mablins Lane, parking on the pavement so that pedestrians are struggling to use the footpath. Our PCSO has been informed and if he visits he will be issuing tickets if this continues. Be warned!! To help ease this situation we are very grateful that the Eight Farmers pub car park has been made available for school drop off / pick up parking again. Many thanks go to Lisa and her team at the pub for allowing us to use this facility.



Road Safety

Two members of staff have reported that on two separate occasions a Year 6 child has left Parkers Road gate and run across Parkers Road between the parked cars without stopping to look. We have spoken to our Y6 pupils about road safety, but please could parents support us by reminding their children about the dangers of crossing in unsafe places. We understand that the Council are still looking at the feasibility of replacing our crossing patrol. When an accident has happened that is too late. I would urge



parents to lobby the appropriate authorities in support of keeping our children safe.

Thank you.

Equipment - Reminder



ALL children should wear a named coat to school. The children will be spending time outdoors including break and lunch periods so must have an outdoor coat.

Children should not bring big bags, or any unnecessary equipment from home including stationery. We have provided pencil cases and all writing equipment for the children.

Children should bring a water bottle which can be refilled throughout the day and a snack for morning break time. We are still not providing snacks via the kitchen so a healthy snack from home is advised. (No sweets or chocolate please!)

Reading books and diaries must also be brought to school every day.

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.

This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test.

Illness

We have had a number of children absent with colds and tummy upsets this week. If your child is unwell then please keep them at home in order to reduce the spread of germs. Please let us know via the absence line about their reason for absence.

We are closely monitoring those children not in school at the minute, looking at the reasons in order to avert any risk of a Covid outbreak. If your child is absent and you have not given a clear reason why they are not in school we may follow this up with a phone call. Likewise, those children with poor attendance will receive a phone call from our EWO (Education Welfare Officer) Pam Prince, or a home visit if we cannot reach you by phone.

Photographs

Everybody who owns a mobile phone has the luxury of having a camera at his or her fingertips. Some of our parents, for many and varied reasons, choose that their child should not be photographed. We keep a comprehensive list across the school so that we are aware of who can/cannot be photographed. It has been brought to my attention that during school pick up on the playground a parent has been observed using a phone camera. Please can I remind parents that phone cameras (or any other photographic equipment) should not be used in the playground. Thank you.



NO PHOTOGRAPHY

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 [online parent guide](#).

Make an online payment ➔

School Lunches

The menu is now two choices each day. A copy of the menu for next week is below.



Week 1		
MONDAY	Organic Beef Burger Topped with Cheese & BBQ Sauce	Tomato Pasta Parma Rosa (v) Coconut Oatie & Fruit Chunk or Organic Yogurt
TUESDAY	Fruity Chicken Curry with Rice & Cous Cous	Mediterranean Quiche with Salad Potatoes (v) Ice Cream Roll with Fruit Chunk
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy Roast/ Creamed Pots	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v) Summer Shortbread with Fruit Chunk
THURSDAY	Pork Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Hidden Veg Pizza with Potato Wedges (v) Banana & Chocolate Cup
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips	Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie with Chips Ginger Oatie Cookie or Organic Yogurt

Reading



Many thanks for the kind donations of books for our 'Read it ... Swap it' bookstall. We are almost ready to go, but are still happy to receive further good quality books to add to the shelves.

Another link this week for story telling activities:
[Storytime-Reading-Catch-Up-Pack.pdf](#)
(storytimemagazine.com)

Science Week



Week beginning Monday 26th April 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. 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

Now that we are back in school we are planning to offer Parents Evening appointments. This usually happens during March but with the school being partially closed we are now looking to do this after the Easter break, before the end of April. The meeting will be held via TEAMS. All children have a log in and meetings can be set up quite easily on this platform.



Meetings will be held after Easter on **27/28/29 April between 4-7pm**. The system for booking appointments will continue as previously on line with each class teacher sharing their availability.

Appointments will be 10-minute time slots. 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.

An emailed letter from school will notify you when the Parents Evening system is available for bookings.

Mablins Lane Forest School – Can you help?



We are passionate at Mablins Lane about outdoor learning and we are committed to getting all children outside at this time and having fun and enjoying learning in our fabulous Forest School area!

We need your help again...



WE NEED YOUR OLD WELLIES!!

We desperately need your old children's wellies and if you can dig any out and donate them to us we would be very grateful!

We are also asking if parents/grandparents have any seeds that they can

donate to our Forest School area too? We are on a mission to plant our vegetable beds with our lovely children!



VEGETABLE SEEDS

This week in Forest School we tried a little Japanese happa zome with yr6 and they look great. We are going for a whole school project to create some bunting.



Year Group – Email Address
Mablins Lane CP School

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



Mablins Lane School has registered to enter into this national art competition from Royal Mail, to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. All children aged 4 – 14 years can take part.



Eight pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK will become the designers of this stamp set, and one could be from our school!

We are asking children to think of the heroes who have continued to work tirelessly to keep the country moving during the pandemic - and to keep us all safe. Their designs could be of NHS frontline workers, school teachers or support staff, supermarket workers, delivery drivers. Or perhaps it could be of public transport workers, military personnel, emergency services, foodbank volunteers or cleaners. Or maybe Captain Sir Tom Moore.

A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen, before they are printed and issued. In addition to the eight winning stamps, the winners will receive up to £1,000 in high street vouchers and their schools will each receive up to £1,000 in cash. There are 120 great prizes on offer for area winners and runners up, in both the 4-11 and 12-14 years' age categories

If your child would like to enter then we will be handing out entry forms over the next few weeks.

All competition entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 28th May 2021.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

England is still in a national lockdown. You must stay at home, leaving only where permitted by law, and follow the rules in the [national lockdown: stay at home guidance](#).

The next change is not due until 29th March at the earliest.

Social contact: The evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors. And this is why from 29 March, when most schools start to break up for the Easter holidays, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Business and activities: Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

Travel: The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme. The government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel, which will report on 12 April.

End of Term

Next week is the last week of term.

We break up on **THURSDAY 1ST APRIL** (no April Fool!). Easter weekend is at the start of our holiday period this year. We return to school on **MONDAY 19TH APRIL**.

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As stated above, restrictions are scheduled to change over the Easter period. Please plan your Easter break carefully. Consider contacts and continue to follow the guidance. If you can, meet outdoors, that is the safest place.

Have a good weekend everybody.

Stay Home, Stay Safe.

Take care and look after yourselves.

With kind regards,

Justine Joule – Headteacher

