

## Mablins Lane Community Primary School

### Newsletter ~ 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Week 4 – another busy week with lots going on at home and in school. Thank you for sharing all your lovely work and keeping in touch with us. The sun has come back and we are all feeling bright and cheerful ☺



#### Return to School

##### **EYFS**

EYFS have enjoyed their second week back in school. They have settled very nicely and have enjoyed some lovely activities.

##### **Year 1**

This week Year 1 have returned to school. We had lots of positive replies, which meant that we could arrange the children in to three pods based in their classes. We are using all the space in the Year 1 area to accommodate the children and are now at capacity.

##### **Year 6**

Following the survey sent out last week we now look forward to welcoming over 40 Year 6 children back to school from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. They will be arranged in three pods with their class teachers based in their usual workspaces. Unfortunately we will be unable to complete all the usual end of year activities, but we have a good programme of events planned and will also closely involve those children who have been unable to return to school for whatever reason.

##### **Year 5**

We are also excited to invite over 40 Year 5 children back to school next week. The children will be based with their class teachers in the Year 5 corridor in their 3 classrooms, the IT suite and meeting room. It will be lovely to see the children and see where they are up to. For those Year 5 children not returning there will be lots of shared activities and we will continue to upload work on to the VLE.

##### **Key Worker children**

From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June we will have 4 Key Worker pods. They will be in the main hall, and the 3 Year 3 classrooms. Children will still access school via the main entrance and go straight to the hall or down the Y3

corridor. The 'one-way system' in operation at the front of school will continue for these families at the start and end of the day.

Many thanks to all parents for observing the social distancing rules and making this work so smoothly.

##### **Year 4/3/2**

All year groups will continue to work at home. We will continue to look at ways to involve the children through a variety of activities. The VLE will be refreshed and we will look at our capacity to engage directly with classes before the summer break.



##### **Capacity**

This has been such a difficult time and we just want all our children back in school, but we have to do this under the current social distancing guidelines. As you will understand, it is impossible to accommodate 560 children within the school. We have to inform parents that the school is now **FULL. We have no more spaces.** We have completed the registers until the end of term and are unable to accept any more children. We sincerely apologise that this is the case, but it is impossible to find the space and the staffing to welcome back any further children or year groups.

A positive has been the announcement that school should fully re-open in September and we are looking at the details and planning how we can organise the school over the summer break to accommodate this. As soon as we have the details we will let you know.

##### **VLE**

Unfortunately we had a major technical fault with our website and the VLE at the start of this week. Many thanks to those parents who called or messaged to let us know. The problem is now fixed and everything is operational again, but we will be doing some essential maintenance work over the summer months to upgrade and improve the functionality. Please bear with us if the VLE goes off-line.

##### **School Meals**

The school kitchen is OPEN! The school kitchen has prepared a grab bag menu, and these have been delivered to the children's pods. Children should also bring a water bottle to school with them each day for WATER. Thank you.



## Visitors

Currently - there will be no additional visitors to school, no assemblies or large gatherings and the children will remain in their pods working with specific children and adults only.

## Next steps

Once children are back in school they should be in school full time unless they are ill. If this is the case a message left on the answerphone in the usual way would be most welcome. This will allow us to deploy staff appropriately and will ensure that we have the correct pupil/staff ratios.

## Covid Symptoms

Now that the school is open more widely it is very important to remember that should any child or member of their family present with symptoms (Loss of taste/smell, high temperature, persistent cough.) **THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.** Testing is now more widely available, including at Leighton hospital. A test should be sought immediately and the individual should self-isolate for 7 days with associated family members isolating for 14 days. The virus is more contagious during the early period before symptoms begin to manifest, hence the 14 isolation period.

If a child should attend school and begin to show symptoms a parent will be called immediately. The child will be isolated in our 'Silver Birch Room' near to the main entrance. On arrival at school parents will be asked to telephone the office and the child will then be brought out to the car park. A test will be requested by school. Should this test be positive then pupils and staff who have been working in that 'pod' will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. The 'pod' will be subject to a 'deep clean'.

## Home Learning

There has been a bit of a lull with on-line activity on the VLE. Please don't give up. Even if you only do one small thing a day it will help to keep up motivation and positivity.

How to log on:

VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Pupil Home Access Login

Go to our website: [www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk](http://www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk)

Click on "Pupil login"

Select – (choose your year group)

Enter your password – year5\_vle (Change year group accordingly)

There are so many great suggestions for activities to suit everybody.

## Town Sports 2020

Don't forget to make the most of this lovely weather and join in with the Virtual Town Sports activities.

Everyone can have a go

<https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/download/virtual-town-sports-2020->

Send photos to [mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)



## Communication - Email addresses for year groups

Don't forget your year group email addresses, as below. Your email will be answered by one of the teachers in your child's year group, during school working hours. Do get in touch we would love to hear from you. Please also send any photos or work as the teachers would love to see home learning.



### Year Group - Email Address Mablins Lane CP School

New EYFS starters Sept 2020

[eyfs20@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs20@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

[year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

We encourage this to be a positive communication channel, and look forward to hearing from you about what you are doing.

## Free School Meals

The Government promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). The National voucher scheme was set-up in order to deliver this support. Just a reminder that vouchers are still available over the coming half term, and over the summer holiday too! Children can have a voucher or a meal. Once children return to school a meal will be provided instead of the voucher unless you inform us otherwise and send in a packed lunch. Thank you.

## Children's Check in

During this time, we want to reach out to you and offer our support as much as we can.

If you are feeling lonely, if someone is being unkind online, or if you would just like to check in with us, please get in touch.

Just like in school, you can reach out to talk to us by emailing: [mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

Likewise if you, or a member of your family, have been seriously impacted by Covid-19 then please let us know. We are here to help and can pass on the details of support networks if we are unable to help you ourselves. We don't know how many of our families have had a close contact with a Covid-19 sufferer or

indeed a victim of this dreadful virus. Please let us know if you, or someone you know is in that category.

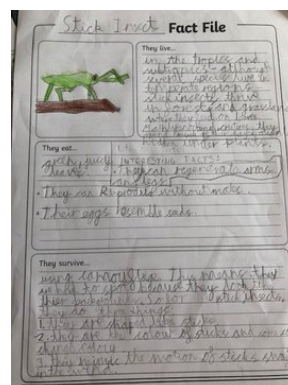
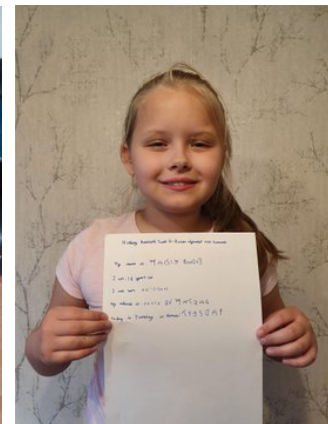
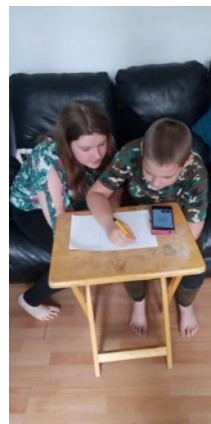
## Celebration of home learning work – this week!

Thank you so much for the work that has been shared again this week! It is so lovely to see this work and that our Mablins children are enjoying their home activities. If you would like to share your learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:- [deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk).

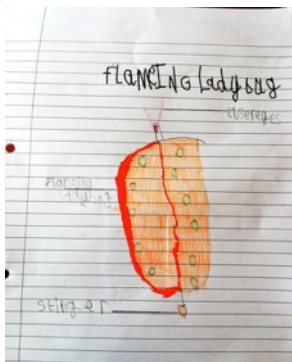
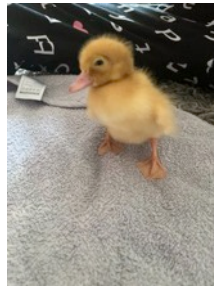
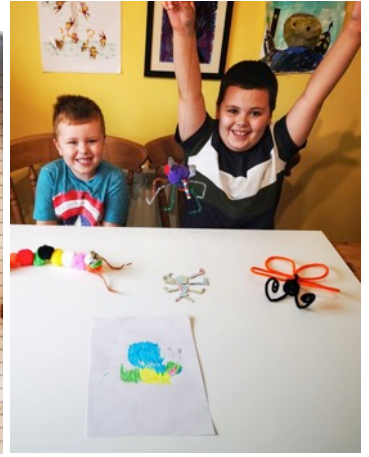
We try to share as much of the work as possible on our twitter feed as well, please see:



@MablinsSchool







## Blessings!

We continue to be touched by the countless blessings posted on our website. Please keep sending them in to: [mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) with the subject 'Blessings' – no need to write a message. You could simply write; 'We made a kite and tried to fly it in the garden' and hit send!



## Mrs. Joule's Challenge

As more children are returning to school my challenge this week is linked to 'National Sports Week'.

### SPORTING CHALLENGE

Set yourself a sporting challenge.

How many skips can you do?

How many 'keepy-uppies'?

How many headers?

Be active, have fun!

Share them on Twitter with us:  
[deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](https://twitter.com/deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)



Challenge website on **Friday 5th June** on the Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page. You can read about the launch activities and the guest celebrities who will be involved at

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/first-ambassadors-announced-for-2020-summer-reading-challenge.html>

Cheshire East Libraries will be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge through their own e-lending platforms and social media.

As well as signing up to take part at [sillysquad.org.uk](http://sillysquad.org.uk), they would like to encourage families to follow them on their local Cheshire East Library Facebook page e.g. @CreweLibrary, and on Twitter @CECLibraries. The daily Facebook posts contain lots of interesting items and activities for both adults and children such as online Rhymetimes/Storytimes and book reviews.

## School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020



We have now outlined a programme for our new September starters.

We have a new section on the website '**New Starters September 2020**'. Information will be added to this area for reference.

Mrs. Hartley, our EYFS lead, and Mrs Gorman have visited each home with a welcome pack. (Socially distanced). They have been made very welcome with most families pleased with the human contact!

The EYFS team will be adding more information and messages to the website over the coming weeks including **EYFS story time next week**.

We hope to be able to invite everybody in to school for a short visit (in very small groups) before the end of this half term. All families should receive an invitation. Please let us know if you have not heard.

As it stands we do not yet know what September will look like in school but we anticipate a phased start for our new EYFS children.

## Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working as 'Key Workers'
- Welcoming back our Y5/6 children
- Inviting our new EYFS starters to school
- Ensuring good communication with all families, particularly those not expected to return to school this month

## FOREST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 19

Make a hanging mobile, can you collect natural objects and 3 sticks and have a go at making a forest school hanging mobile? Please send us your finished pictures.



## Summer Reading Challenge

The local libraries are planning to continue with the Summer Reading Challenge but this year it will be a virtual challenge. More information can be found here:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-summer-reading-challenge-is-asking-the-nation-to-join-the-silly-squad.html>



The digital platform will be **FREE** and safe for children and families to use. There is an exciting virtual launch party for the Silly Squad Summer Reading

### **Stay Safe**

At the current time, we are still not certain when we will return as a whole school – in the meantime we will endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are well informed. Remember that Class Dojo is currently suspended and communication should be via:

Year group emails,  
[head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) or  
[admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need any support, help or advice.

Make sure that you do what feels right for you, be aware of your own feelings and be kind to yourself and others. Remembering that this is a temporary situation and that things will get better.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

