

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 26th November 2018

Dear Parents and Children,



Children In Need

The School Council decided to support this event again this year. Children were invited to wear bright and/or spotty clothes for the day. Joy prepared a special lunch (yum yum!), there were also lots of competitions and activities running throughout the day and the day finished with a cake sale on the playground. In total we raised £735. This is a great amount. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Winners of the 'Edible Treats Competition' were as follows:

KS1 – Eliza Allcock, Samuel Kemp, Lilah Fox, Kian Jones, Henry Tibble, Madison Bowring and Safia Massey-Mannion

KS2 – Bella Varley, Louisa Batho, Alexa Collings, Elliot Dyson, Olivia Pawsey and Sophie Wilde.

Well done to you all.

Visitors to school last week

Year 1 African Dancers

Year 1 welcomed African dancers this week in support of their Africa topic. There were some great moves going on in the hall and the children developed a good understanding of African culture through the dance activities.



Year 5 United Utilities

As part of their topic on rivers Year 5 welcomed visitors from 'United Utilities' who took the children through a series of water related workshops in order to better understand the journey of water and how precious a commodity it is.



Year 6 Remembrance Event

Year 6 took part in workshops as the final part of the WW1 Commemoration event delivered by members of the community. The workshops were excellent and the children gained much from their participation. Many thanks to the Parish Council and their volunteers who organised this activity.

Pre-School at Mablins Lane

During our Open Morning we were very pleased to launch the opening of a new Pre-school at Mablins Lane. Rainbows Nursery who operate our 'All Stars Before and After School Club' are planning to open a pre-school provision in 2019. The number of places will be limited and we expect them to fill up very quickly. If you are interested in using this new facility then please contact the school office. We will then pass on the details to rainbows. We intend to work in very close collaboration with Rainbows and there will be lots of good transition and shared opportunities for pupils accessing the provision. Parents should be advised that funding can be split between providers and therefore any number of sessions can be booked.



Along with the Governors we are very excited about the launch of this new venture at Mablins Lane. As the details continue to be finalised we will keep parents informed. Watch this space!

Road Safety

Last week we had to take the decision to close the school gates to restrict vehicle access on site after school. We thank those parents who have not entered the car park and who have walked on the pavements. Unfortunately too many parents are driving irresponsibly in the car park and children are walking between cars. We feel that the situation is not safe and therefore have had to take the decision to close the gates. We are pleased to offer such a variety of clubs and activities after school, but this does mean that we have to release an increasing number of children at 4:15. We are using the two entrances at the front of school to ease the congestion but insist that all parents and pupils use the footpaths on the school site.

May I also take this opportunity to ask parents who drop off/collect in cars to remember to park legally and considerately on local roads. We continue to receive complaints from local residents about blocked driveways and reports of verbal abuse when challenged. Parking is available behind The Eight Farmers/Co-op and a Crossing Patrol is in place to help cross the main road safely.

Please note that our school gates do not open until 8.45am each morning. We have a number of children arriving at school as early as 8.20am and then waiting unsupervised for gates to open. If before school provision is required parents can contact Allstars on 01270 589429 for information about their before school service.

****PTA Christmas Fair**** **FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER** **6-8pm at School**

Please put this date in your diary and support us if you can. Information in the form of posters and flyers have been distributed on behalf of the PTA.

REMINDER: We will again be having the 'Year Group Hampers' and request that items are sent in within the next day. The themes for each year group are as follows:

- EYFS – Gold
- Year 1 – Silver
- Year 2 – Red
- Year 3 – Green
- Year 4 – White
- Year 5 – Winter
- Year 6 – Christmas

There will also be a **non-uniform day on Friday 30th November** where we ask for donations of bottles,

chocolate and tombola items. If you are able to assist in any way at all whether it be in the days before, during the day, or on the evening then please, please get in touch. Many hands make light work, and ALL the children in school benefit from the proceeds.

Scroogical the Musical

The PTA have used some of the funds raised over the last 12 months to pay for a visiting panto. Instead of hiring coaches and travelling to the theatre, the theatre is coming to school! On Monday 17th December the hall will be transformed and all pupils will have the opportunity to watch 'Scroogical the Musical' entirely FREE. This event is being fully funded by the PTA and we thank them for this generous donation.



Book Fair

We will be hosting a pre-Christmas Book Fair in school starting today **Monday 26th November** for three days. During this time all books will be on sale for **HALF PRICE!**

The Book Fair will be used to start our focused Reading Week. During this week there will be many literature led activities and many opportunities to read. On **Wednesday 28th** all pupils (except Y6) are invited to come to school dressed as a character linked to/from a book. We invite parents to **'Stay and read'** as follows :

- EYFS – 9.00 – 9.30am**
- Year 1 – 9.00 – 9.30am**
- Year 2 – 2.45 – 3.15pm**
- Year 3 – 2.45 – 3.15pm**
- Year 4 – 9.00 – 9.30am**
- Year 5 – 9.00 – 9.30am**

Y6 have other plans on Wednesday 28th November and so will have their book day on Thursday 29th November. Again - children can come dressed up as a character linked to/from a book and parents are invited to 'Stay and read' between 9.00 – 9.30am.

Please see additional information from the English team or speak to the class teacher for more information for your child's class.



Christmas Performances

Plans have been laid and practices are well under way for all four of our Christmas Performances. EYFS will perform on Tuesday 11th December, Year 1/2 Wednesday 12th December, Year 3/4 Tuesday 18th December and Year 5/6 Wednesday 19th December. A letter is on its way to all year groups to explain the ticket system. Only people with a ticket will be admitted to watch the performances. There will be a nominal charge of £1 per ticket this year to support us with the cost of the performance licenses.

Uniform

It has been great to see the children in their lovely uniform this half term. They generally look very smart with school shoes and sweatshirts. As the winter comes upon us please try to keep to the uniform guidelines which are shoes and not trainers. Children may wear boots but it is good to have a pair of shoes to change in to at school to keep our floors and carpets clean. Children should have a warm coat for playtimes.

We still have a **significant amount of lost property** and most of the clothing is un-named. 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.

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter and for your continued support this half term.

With Kind Regards,
Justine Joule
Headteacher

Dairy dates to make a note of



Mon 26 – Wed 28 November	Mablins Book Fair
Wednesday 28 th November	Book Day 'Stay and Read' Dress as a character
Thursday 29 th November	Y6 Book Day 'Stay and Read' Dress as a character
Friday 30 th November	Non-uniform for Christmas Fair
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity Day
Wednesday 12 th December	Y1/2 Christmas Play
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper/Activity/lunch Day
Monday 17 th December	'Scroogical the Musical' Performances for children
Tuesday 18 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play
Wednesday 19 th December	Y5/6 Christmas Play
Thursday 20th December	Children break up for Christmas Holiday