



## Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Children

I start this newsletter on a grey, wet, rainy November morning. We await the details on restriction changes later this week but it is clear that adjustments to daily school life will be minimal. We are continuing with our 'Covid Friendly' Christmas plans and I continued to be heartened by the smiles and positivity from all the children across the school. This will be a Christmas to remember and we will make the sun shine ☺



### Celebration Assembly

Last weeks Celebration assembly was back to its usual time slot of 2:30. Mrs Joule and Mrs Wagstaffe had new headbands and were pleased to give shout outs for lots of 50 Dojo winners, but also some shout outs for 100 Dojo winners. Well done to all those children, we are very proud of your achievements.

Year group certificates were presented to:

George Y1GK, Reuben Y1LK, Pollyanna Y1AG  
Lucas Y2EF, Theo Y2JMc, Callum Y2SG  
Safia Y3HG, Oliver Y3JM, Ava-Lily Y3JT/CI  
Bobby Y4GMc, Ollie Y4RL, Lola Y4SJH,  
Cian Y5JE, Scarlet Y5IMc, Oliver Y5AD,  
Darcy Y6SB, Holly Y6TH, Charlie Y6AP



***Well done to all these children. Keep up the good work this half term everybody.***

We also gave 'staff shout outs' as follows:

Miss Collins EYFS, Miss Williams Y1, Mrs Kirby Y2, Mrs Shuker Y3, Mrs Smith

Y4, Mr McLean Y5 and Y6 Mrs Malam. This week a mug and some special tea thanked them for going above and beyond.

The assembly ended this week with our Head Boy – David and Head Girl – Poppy taking over the microphone and giving out the reminders for next week. Mrs Joule and Mrs Wagstaffe will soon be out of a job!!!



## Forest School

Another busy week in Forest Schools with children enjoying lighting fires and cooking marshmallows! The weather has really changed this week so please keep sending children to forest schools appropriately dressed for the cold weather. We do appreciate your support with this.



We are still after old wellies if you have any that you can donate to us, we would really appreciate it!

**WE NEED  
YOUR OLD  
WELLIES!!**



### Drop Off and Collection

Although we have staggered start and end times to the school day it is still busy on Mablins Lane and Parkers Road between 08:30 – 9:00 and 2:55 – 3:30. Please can I urge parents to:

- Walk to school wherever possible

- Stick to the drop off times for your year group
  - DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES
  - DO NOT drop off in the school gateways
  - Park considerately on the surrounding roads
  - Keep to 20 MPH on Mablins Lane and Parkers Road
- It is everybody's responsibility to keep our children safe so please do your part.

We've had an increase in parents dropping off forgotten items into the school office, in particular Forest School clothing. Please do the class teacher if you are unsure of your child's Forest School day.

### Covid-19

Unfortunately I have to report that we have had 1 positive test result reported to us for a child in Year 4. This means that, following guidance, we have to close this class bubble until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils should return to school on **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. During this closure work will be available on the VLE. Contact will be available via dojo and the year group email [year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

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 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 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.

If we receive a call on this number we will then follow Cheshire East and Public Health England (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.

## **REMINDER Christmas at Mablins**



Christmas will start NEXT WEEK  
at Mablins on

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

**Advent Calendar 1** – There are 14 December days in school which allows for each year group to have 2 advent calendar days. On these days a box will be delivered to each class in the year group with a special treat inside for the children.

**Advent Calendar 2** – On 1<sup>st</sup> December an online advent calendar will be sent to each class. Each day there will be a window to click on where a special Christmas message will be played to the children.

### **Christmas Hat Day**

We are inviting children to come to school in some 'Christmas Headgear' (hats, antlers, stars – be creative) on **FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. In return we would like the children to bring in some chocolate as they would have done for the Christmas Fair. These will then be sent to the Salvation Army and distributed to families in need.



### **Outdoor Christmas Experience Day**

Each class will have a designated outdoor experience day led by our Forest School teachers. The Outdoor classroom will be transformed in to a 'Winter Wonderland'



with activities and crafts all on a Christmas theme. **Children should come dressed in appropriate outdoor clothing on that day:**

FOREST SCHOOL DECEMBER TIMETABLE		
Monday	7 <sup>TH</sup> DEC <b>YEAR 2</b>	14 <sup>TH</sup> DEC <b>YEAR 3</b>
Tuesday	8 <sup>TH</sup> DEC <b>YEAR 1</b>	15 <sup>TH</sup> DEC <b>YEAR 4</b>
Wednesday	9 <sup>TH</sup> DEC <b>EYFS</b>	16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC <b>YEAR 5</b>
Thursday		17 <sup>TH</sup> DEC <b>YEAR 6</b>

### Santa Visits

Santa will be visiting the school to visit as follows:



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**EYFS, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**YEAR 3,4,5& 6**

Each class has been allocated an hour time slot to go outside where Santa will sit in the Storyteller's chair and the children will sit around the fire circle. The PTA have kindly offered to send some funds to Santa in order for every child in the school to receive a gift. Santa will leave these in a sack and we will distribute once it is safe to do so.

### Christmas Jumper Day

ALL children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/outfit to school on **BOTH Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December AND Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Following the success of our Children In Need collection, we are setting up a 'just giving page' in order for donations to be received without the children having to bring money in to school. The money raised will support the Christmas activity programme in school and some will be sent to local charities.



**THURSDAY 11TH AND  
FRIDAY 12TH DEC**

### Christmas Lunch

This year Christmas Lunch will be held over 2 days to coincide with the Santa visits and Christmas jumper day.



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**EYFS, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**Friday 11th December**

**YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6**

The children will have Christmas Lunch in the main hall, a traditional Christmas menu (vegetarian option available), with festive music and treats. A timetable has been organised to keep mixing of year groups to a minimum.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For those children not taking a Christmas lunch on that day, they may still bring sandwiches which will be supervised in the classroom. A grab bag meal will be sent to classrooms on alternate days:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Grab Bag Meal

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS/Y1/Y2 Grab Bag Meal

### GRAB BAG MEALS ONLY

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6**

**Friday 11th December**

**EYFS, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

### 12 Days of Mabllins Christmas

Over each December day the children will be involved in some Christmas activity. We will be photographing and recording the children at work and hope to send home a 'pic-collage' each evening to let parents know what we have been up to. **PLEASE can parents let us know if permissions have changed regarding taking and using photographs.** This caused some problems for our Harvest recordings. (Teachers may contact you to confirm just to make sure that we have the correct information.)

At the end of term all photos and recording will be combined to make a '12 Days of Mabllins Christmas' story which we will publish.



As you can see we have lots planned and are aiming to make it as fun and 'sparkling' as possible.

*"We shall never surrender."* Winston Churchill.

## Christmas Cards

This year we are requesting that the children do not bring in multiple cards from home to distribute around their classes. Instead we would like children to make one super Christmas card, take a photo of it and send the picture in to their teacher. The pictures will then be displayed in the classroom for all to see. This cuts the Covid risk, reduces the amount of paper and allows for everybody to share the season's greetings.

We have also been asked about gifts for teachers. Whilst this is a very kind gesture we would very much appreciate 'Kind Words' messages. Our aim is to display these in school for all to see. Thank you.



## Weston Light Display

We have been asked to advertise Weston Christmas Light Display 'Drive Thru', in the hope that Mablins families will support this community event.



## PTA



The PTA are putting together 'Christmas Eve Treat Bags'. These can be pre-ordered and will contain hot chocolate, marshmallows, reindeer food and candy cane treats. The pre-ordered bags will be available at a bargain price of just £2.50. Order forms have been sent out with a strict deadline of **FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** for return. This will allow the PTA time to make up the bags, deliver them to school and allow them to be isolated prior to distribution.

The PTA are always ready to welcome new members to the committee. If you have any ideas for fundraising and support then please get in touch: [head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.co.uk](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.co.uk) and I will pass on your details.

## Applying for a September 2021 School place!

Parents of children who will be starting school in September 2021 have until **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.



### 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](#).

It can also be found on our YouTube channel follow the link: [https://youtu.be/vusLdKMU\\_eg](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](mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk) or  
[deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk)

### 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>



### 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.

Children from year 1 to year 6 have now all got Office 365 Teams log in details and how to access this. Class bubbles that close due to Covid will be able to access home learning through the VLE and through Office Teams. Teachers will inform parents using the



DOJO system of work that will be set if children are having to access remote learning. If parents require paper copies of the work then they must inform



us using the year group email address and we will be able to sort this out for families.



Year Group - Email Address  
Mablins Lane CP School

[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)

### Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately a replacement has yet to be found for our crossing patrol. The vacancy has been advertised by Cheshire Transport on the Cheshire East website. If you, or any one you know, would be interested in this job then please apply accordingly to Cheshire East.

In the interim, I have to inform parents that the crossing will not be supervised so additional care will be required.



### 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](#) below.

Take care, look after yourselves.

With kind regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher



### Calendar of Events 2020

December	Christmas Celebrations
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Hat Day
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Santa Visits EYFS/Y1/Y2
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch EYFS/Y1/Y2
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Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grab Bag Lunch EYFS/Y1/Y2
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – Whole school
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Closes
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School reopens