

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 28th May 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

Happy Half Term!!

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Many of you may have had holiday plans for this week which have sadly been postponed. At least the sun is shining and it is nice and warm – so have your holiday at home! Enjoy an ice cream by the paddling pool and a cocktail in the shade. If you had a camping holiday planned then put up the tent in the garden. The nights are long so just sit outside and chill ☺

Some of us are having a 'non-half term', busy in school looking after the children of our key worker families. We send out our thanks to these essential workers who are helping to keep us safe and provide our services.

Thank you everybody.

Return to School

Last week I wrote at length about the plans being laid for a return to school. Information then came from the Local Authority giving us a more extended time frame in which to get safely prepared. This was very much welcomed by many.

Next steps:

School will be open on week beginning 1st June and week beginning 8th June for the children of key workers. These children will be supervised in the Year 5 classrooms. They will enter school via the main entrance. Parents should walk the children along the footpath to the main door. Children will enter school at this point. Parents will then continue in a 'one-way' system across the front of the school, across the car park and leave by the larger gate back on to Mablins Lane. (There will be a designated walkway and there will be NO vehicular access to the car park at this time.)



Once in school the children will follow a one-way system in the corridors.

Classrooms have been set up to observe social distancing.



The children of key workers will be spread across four pods. They will be split on age but we will keep family groups together as far as possible.

Our cleaning team will be working throughout the day to ensure excellent hygiene.

Part of the curriculum will involve the children learning about safe ways of working, staying safe and healthy and new routines.

The school kitchen will be operational but meals will be prepared on a grab bag menu so that they can be easily delivered to the children's pods.

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.

We aim to widen our provision over the following weeks to incorporate EYFS, Y1 and Y6. This will be a measured, step by step process and we will consult parents at each step in order to gauge and monitor opinion.

Please be patient with us as this is all new and we do not want to rush things and cause needless upset or harm within our school family.

Covid Symptoms

Once 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

It is half term but your teachers have put some fun and interesting activities on the VLE
How to log on:

VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Pupil Home Access Login

Go to our website: 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.

Y6 Communication

Year 6 have been organising 'Zoom' sessions again this week to talk about transition and High School. It has been great to see so many of you joining in. Please remember the safety tips before you sign on. Parents need to authorise and you need to make your device clear so that we can recognise who is joining the meetings.



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 not available over the half term week, but we expect them to continue through June.

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

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.

Well Being Support - Mindfulness

Five Senses Exercise

This exercise is called "five senses," and provides guidelines on practicing mindfulness quickly in nearly any situation. All that is needed is to notice something you are experiencing with each of the five senses.

Follow this order to practice the [Five Senses Exercise](#):

- Notice five things that you can **see**.



Look around you and bring your attention to five things that you can see. Pick something that you don't normally notice, like a shadow or a small crack in the concrete.

- Notice four things that you can **feel**.



Bring awareness to four things that you are currently feeling, like the texture of your clothes, the feeling of the breeze on your skin, or the smooth surface of a table you are resting your hands on.

- Notice three things you can **hear**.



Take a moment to listen, and note three things that you hear in the background. This can be the chirp of a bird, the hum of the refrigerator, or the faint sounds of traffic from a nearby road.

- Notice two things you can **smell**.



Bring your awareness to smells that you usually filter out, whether they're pleasant or unpleasant. Perhaps the breeze is carrying a whiff of pine trees if you're outside, or the smell of a fast-food restaurant across the street.

- Notice one thing you can **taste**.



Focus on one thing that you can taste right now, at this moment. You can take a sip of a drink, chew a piece of gum, eat something, notice the current taste in your mouth, or even open your mouth to search the air for a taste.

This is a quick and relatively easy exercise to bring you to a mindful state quickly. If you only have a minute or two the five senses exercise can help you bring awareness to the current moment in a short amount of time.



Safety Online

Please see below for our weekly recommendations of resources and

tips to support parents during the current COVID-19 outbreak.

- CEOP are continuing the release of a new activity pack every 2 weeks to support parents to deliver online safety activities with children at a time when they will be spending more time online at home. This is in addition to their extensive library of resources and support.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

- This short blog by The Children's Society provides top tips to support young people to build mental resilience www.childrenssociety.org.uk/advice-hub/building-mental-resilience

Clapping for the Key Workers

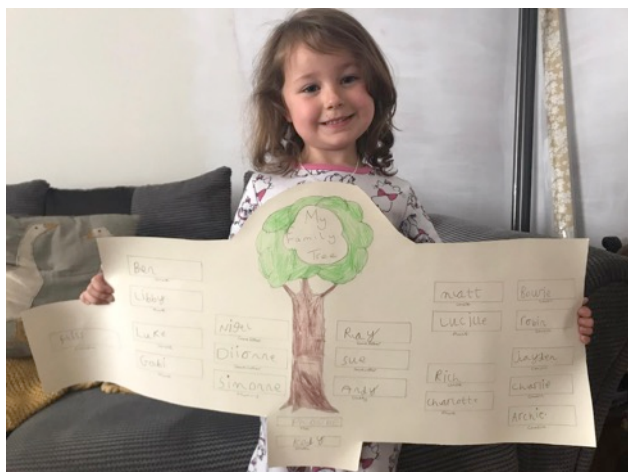
Keep up the clapping and thank you so much to all our key worker parents.



Celebration of home learning work

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.



Forest School Challenge 14 – 'Photo in nature', the winners are.... It was hard to pick just 2 so we have chosen a winner from EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

Could the 3x parents email deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk with home addresses so that we can send prizes out? Thank you to all those that entered, there were some amazing photos.

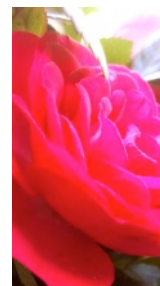
EYFS- Daisy, Corbin



KS1- Under a log, Alfie



KS2 Rose - Courtney



VE Day Celebrations Video



Please see the link below for the VE Day celebrations that our lovely Mrs. Brown has put together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VR55-FXFE3Q>

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 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

Answers to last week's Challenge

OUR COUNTRY

Great Britain is made up of 4 countries, can you: -

1. Name them?

ENGLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND & WALES

2. Draw their flags?



Scotland



Northern Ireland



England



Wales

3. Find their emblems?

ENGLAND = **ROSE**

NORTHERN IRELAND = **SHAMROCK**

SCOTLAND = **THISTLE**

WALES = **DAFFODIL**

4. Find out who their patron saints are?

ENGLAND = **ST GEORGE**

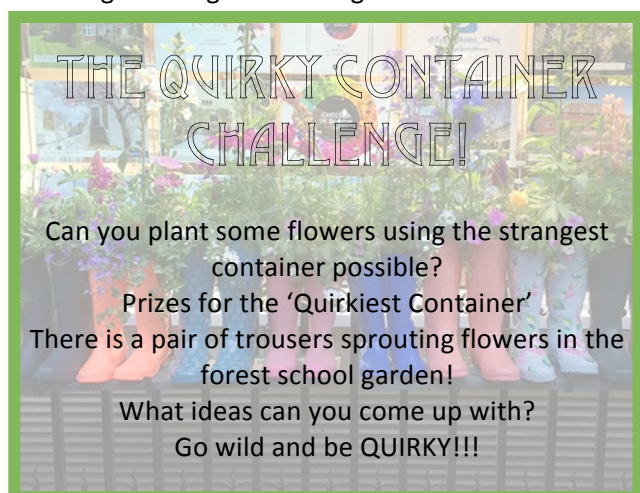
NORTHERN IRELAND = **ST PATRICK**

SCOTLAND = **ST ANDREW**

WALES = **ST DAVID**

New Challenge

Get gardening! Something different this week.



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>

Stay Safe

Could you please spare five minutes to read over this petition to make our roads safer. As parents it is important to consider the safety of the streets in our community especially given our current situation.

"Make our streets safe for social distancing and save lives"

The goal is to reach 1,000 signatures and the campaign needs more support. You can read more and sign the petition here:

<http://chng.it/5RvSghBL9G>

Thank you

School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020

We have now outlined a programme for our new starters and will be sending this out at the beginning of June with an information pack. We are creating a designated area on the website where all letters, forms and information will be found. This will be live from 1st June.

Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Finalising our plans and risk assessments for the potential return of some of our pupils.
- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working in the critical services.
- Planning transition arrangements for our new EYFS pupils.
- Linking with all schools in the locality to establish arrangements for Y6 transition.
- Liaising with the DfE, Regional Schools' Commissioner, Cheshire East and local headteachers in terms of developing a safe plan for receiving more children back in to school

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 all communication should be via:

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or
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

