

Mablins Lane Community Primary School

Newsletter ~ 8th February 2019

Dear Parents and Children,

I can barely believe that this has been our fifth week in school since returning after the Christmas break. So many activities have taken place and more are planned as we head into our last week before the half term break.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th February was Safer Internet Day which was celebrated globally with the theme 'Together for a better internet'. Children were encouraged to think about their safety online and how they can give/receive consent online. Children worked hard to create pledges to ensure their safety online and the safety of others. We ask parents to continue to talk to their children about staying safe online. We have Tweeted some useful resources. If you don't already follow us on Twitter – please look for us '@MablinsSchool'. Staff Tweet often through the week and there are some great pictures and information.

Year 2

As part of their topic, Year 2 have been learning about China. The end of the topic coincided with the Chinese New Year and so Year 2 have celebrated in style. Children came to school in Chinese inspired outfits, they have done some special art work, learnt all about Chinese New Year celebrations and then had a special Chinese themed lunch. Year 2 also welcomed lots of parents for a 'Stay and Make' session where parents and children worked together to make beautiful Chinese lanterns. Thank you to all of our Year 2 parents for your support and involvement with this celebration. "Gong hei fat choy".



Year 5

This week some of our Year 5 children were involved in an engineering inspired event 'Fly to the Line'. Pupils designed, analysed and modified gliders to see whose could travel the furthest. We submitted 2 teams into the North West regional final and 1 of the teams has earned their place in the larger North Regional finals which will be held at RAF Cosford. Well done to all who took part and thank you to Mr McLean and Mrs Wagstaffe for accompanying them. Watch this space for news about the result !



Sport

We continue to be successful in a range of sporting activities and competitions.

A team of 9 boys and 9 girls travelled to Brine Leas in Nantwich on 31st January to take part in the Finals of the Crewe and Nantwich Schools Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics. The children took part in various races and field activities and came a very commendable 3rd from the 8 schools represented. A fantastic result – well done to all who took part and thank you to parents for supporting us with lifts and cheers from the side lines !

This week 7 children represented the School in the Finals of the Spring Dodgeball competition having previously qualified unbeaten from their heats. The children competed in 5 matches, each of 5 ends. The team finished joint 4th, displaying great determination and good sportsmanship throughout. Well done to Abi, Sam, Micah, Lucas, Ryan, Owen and Dylan for representing the school so well and again for support from parents.

Young Voices

Tuesday 12th February will see our choir travel to the Manchester Arena to take part in Young Voices. Schools

from all over the region will gather to sing together in one massive choir. This will be a great experience for our children. Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Stant for leading our choir and practices and thank you to parents who have purchased tickets to attend the event.



PTA

Last night our fabulous PTA held a movie night in school. Children in EYFS gathered together with popcorn and drinks to watch 'Peter Rabbit' whilst children in Years 1/2/3 and then Years 4/5/6 were joining in with the sing-a-long version of 'The Greatest Showman'. It was a great event and raised valuable funds that the PTA use to support the school – thank you !

Please remember the PTA Fashion Show on 28th February – Tickets are £5 and are on sale from the school office – great savings and discounts are available on High Street Brands

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th February from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Please be sure to book your appointment. We use an online booking system for appointments and letters were sent out at the end of last week advising parents how to book. Please speak to the office if you have not had a letter or are struggling to book an appointment. If you are not able to make an appointment on either of those days – then please speak to your child's class teacher to see if it is possible to arrange an alternative appointment.

Year 4 Anglesey Residential

For those children attending the Anglesey residential, there will be a parent meeting to provide further information (including kit list) in the main hall on Monday 11th February at 3.30pm.

Crossing Patrol

We are really lucky to have a Crossing Patrol on the crossing to ensure our children and parents cross safely. Mrs Cope is employed by Cheshire East Transport Services Solutions (TSS) and in the event that she is not able to work TSS have no resources to provide a replacement. Unfortunately, Mrs Cope will be absent from the Crossing Patrol on Wednesday 13th February

and for the morning of Thursday 14th February. The School Office have contacted the local PCSO to ask whether it would be possible to have some support but have been advised that PCSOs are not able to help in this way. Please cross carefully and if your child walks to and from school alone and uses the crossing – please remind them to cross with caution.



Sickness and Diarrhoea Advice

We have seen a slight increase in the number of cases of sickness and diarrhoea this week. In accordance with advice from Public Health England, and to prevent a more serious outbreak, please ensure that children remain absent from school until they are symptom free for 48 hours.

Rainbows Pre-School at Mablins Lane

Our new 'Rainbows' pre-school children continue to settle in well and are enjoying all the lovely activities and resources. If you have a pre-school child and would be interested in joining the pre-school then we would love to hear from you. The number of places will be limited and take up of spaces is increasing. 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.



Car Parking

A plea again about parking safely near to school. We continue to receive complaints about parking over people's drives and too close to junctions. I am aware that the PCSO has been on patrol several times this week and handed out advisory notices to those parked illegally. Please be considerate and safe when dropping children off and keep to the pedestrian routes whilst on site – please do not walk across the car park. Parking at drop off and collection times only is available at the

Eight Farmers Pub and then parents and children can cross safely with our Crossing Patrol.

Contact Information

With the introduction of the new GDPR regulations we have chosen not to send out the annual Data Collection sheets. Instead these were handed to parents that attended the first parents' evening in October.

It is vital that emergency contact details for our pupils are kept up to date. If any information – in particular mobile numbers, work numbers, addresses and email addresses – has changed - please speak to the School Office and ensure that we have up to date information.

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

With Kind Regards,

Justine Joule
Headteacher



Diary dates to make a note of for Spring Term!

11 February	Y4 parents meeting /Anglesey
11 February	Y1 White Snow Day
12 February	Young Voices – Manchester Arena/School choir
14 February	SCHOOL CLOSSES – February Half Term
15 February	INSET DAY –school closed for children
25 February	SCHOOL OPENS
26/27 February	Parents evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm appointments will be available online shortly.
27 February	YR3 Bramall Trip
28 February	PTA Fashion Show – 6.30pm
1 March	School Council Trip to Parliament
5 March	Y5 Viking Workshop
6/7/8 March	Y2 Residential to Beeston
11- 15 March	Maths Week in school
13 March	Maths Stay and Play for parents
15 March	Red Nose Day
21 March	World Down Syndrome Day
25 – 1 March	Kindness Week
27/28/29 March	Y4 Residential to Anglesey
4 April	PTA Easter Bingo
5 April	SCHOOL CLOSSES – for Easter
23 April	INSET DAY – school closed for children
24 April	SCHOOL OPENS