

Learning Together Learning for Life

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 16th April 2020

Dear Parents and Children
I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Easter Break

Our 'non-Easter' holiday is now drawing to a close. Never before have I spent my Good Friday in school with a group of children. We had an excellent day making Easter crafts in the morning and pond dipping in the afternoon. The weather has certainly been very kind to us recently and it



has been good to get outdoors and enjoy the

wonders of nature as spring comes in to bloom.



This week in school we have continued to get fit with Joe Wicks. Some children have learnt how to skip. We have made nests like the birds, and have enjoyed watching the

chickens exploring their new home. We have looked carefully at nature and done some creative artwork too.



Summer Term!!

Next week it should have been back to school for the start of the Summer Term. We are now certain that this will not be happening. We do not expect to be returning within the next 3 weeks and therefore we have to continue as planned with home learning. The teachers have continued to upload activities to the VLE on the school website. As the Easter break is over it would be great if the children could do at least one focused activity a day. They should get back to some TT Rockstars and daily writing.

The school will continue to open for the children of our key workers.

Please contact:-

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

to confirm your requirements for a place.

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PROTECT YOURSELF OTHERS & THE NHS

Free School Meals - Vouchers

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.

Due to the huge demand across the Country it has taken some time for vouchers to de delivered to families but I understand that families are now receiving them. If you have not received a voucher that you think you are entitled to then please let us know.

Income Related Free School Meal Entitlement

Income Related Free School meals can be awarded to families whose joint household income is below

£16,190 - subject to any other benefits being claimed.

It can be a simple phone call to Cheshire East Free School Meals Team on 0300 123 5012.

Families who qualify will be entitled to the Free School Meal voucher currently on offer and in future will receive remission of charges for trips etc.

This entitlement should not be confused with the Universal Infant Free School Meal that all children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to.



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16.190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium



Well Being Support

Staying calm in a time of crisis is not always easy. One way to focus is to concentrate on your breathing.

This week try 'calm in 5'. If you need a minute, stop and take 5 deep



Really concentrate on how you are breathing. Breathe slowly and deeply with your eyes closed. Once your oxygen levels are refreshed you will feel much better and can then carry on.

Safety Online

A reminder to parents that whilst children are accessing information on line and maybe using social media to keep in contact with family and friends, there is a need to be vigilant around internet safety. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- Thinkyouknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- Internet matters (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Parent info (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- LGfL (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Net-aware (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

Clapping for the Key Workers

Thursday evening at 8pm has become a significant time in the week when we all take to our doorsteps and driveways to clap for the NHS and key workers. Last week some of my neighbours were using wooden spoons and pans to add to the clapping. Jessica shared her photos last week. WE would love to see more photos of you all clapping for the key workers. Please share via:

mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk





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 you're learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:-

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk.





Blessings!

We have been touched by the countless blessings posted on our website. Please



keep sending them in.

Each of these small actions is a prayer in itself and shows 'We keep calm and carry on'.

If you would like to share a smidgen of positivity, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, email the school on



mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk with the subject 'Blessings' – no need to write a message. You could simply write; 'We made a cake for our auntie', and hit send!











Reading Challenge

Last week we set a reading challenge and it has been great to see some of the different and interesting places you

have found to read. How many people can we get reading? This is the challenge:

Can you take the daily reading challenge and read for at least 15 minutes every day? Where can you read? In bed, in the bath, in the garden, up a tree, in your tent? Send your pictures to mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk and we will post on Twitter.

Be creative and 'get reading!!!'

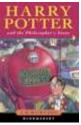
Audio Books - VLE

We have uploaded new audio books to your child's year group VLE; take a look for the next

installments!







Mrs. Joule's Challenge

Last week it was a journey round the equator through 13 countries and 3 oceans:

Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Sao Tome & Principe, Gabon, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, Maldives, Indonesia and Kiribati.

Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean. You needed some suncream and a hat because it was hot, hot, hot!



Science Challenge!

Inside our bodies we have a skeleton. It is the frame upon which our bodies are built. It protects our organs and helps us to move – BUT How many bones make up our skeleton? Which is the largest and which is the smallest bone?

How many other bones can you name?

School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020

Children expecting to start school in September 2020 will receive notification of their school place this week. For on-line applications the information will be available on the Cheshire East website from Thursday 16th April. Postal applications will be sent by second class mail and should be received by the weekend.

Families have 14 days to accept or decline the place. We would encourage families to do this as soon as possible.

Transition for us this year will be more challenging in terms of contacting nursery settings as many of these are closed. Also whilst the school is open only to the children of key workers, it will also be difficult to timetable visits.

As soon as we have the contact details for those families who have accepted a place I will be writing to welcome them to our school family, and we will endeavour to set up a meeting as soon as possible.

Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Continue providing vouchers to families in receipt of Free School Meals.
- 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.
- Liaising with the DfE, Regional Schools' Commissioner, Cheshire East and local headteachers.

A ray of 'Hope' - A new baby girl!

Beautiful Baby news! Miss Wood gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl, Francesca Hope, last Saturday! Mum and

We send Miss Wood and her family our very best wishes and look forward to meeting Francesca

very soon.

Stay Safe

At the current time, we still don't know when we will return as a school – in the meantime we will

baby are both doing well.

endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are informed. Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need support, help or advice.

With Kind Regards

Justine Joule Headteacher

Messages from Mablins Lane Staff

In the next few pages of the newsletter we've put together a collage of photographs of the Mablins Lane Staff sending messages of support to our lovely children. We wanted you to know that we are all thinking of you. They'll be posted on Twitter too.











