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# **Newsletter Autumn Term 2018**



Dear Parents/Carers

#### **Welcome Back**

I would like to give a warm welcome back to all our children and families after a well-earned summer holiday. I hope that you all took advantage of the break and now feel refreshed and ready to face the challenges of the new school year. I would like to welcome back Miss L Williams who returns from her maternity leave to re-join the Y1 Team. I would also like to welcome Mrs K Malam who joins as a TA in EYFS.

I would like to give a special welcome to all our new reception children. Also joining our school are Alice Corbett (Y2), Sophie Peake (Y4) and Louie Mahon (Y6). A further warm welcome to these pupils and their families. We now have 552 pupils on role at the school.

## **Parent's Welcome Meeting**

Y6 - A combined welcome meeting and final information for the forthcoming residential visit will be held on Thursday  $6^{th}$ September for all Year 6 parents in the main hall. The welcome meeting will start at 3.30pm and will last for approximately 15 minutes. It will be followed immediately by the final information meeting for the Lake District visit. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting as final details about timings and organisation will be given.

Welcome meetings for Y1/2/3/4/5 are scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. This is an opportunity for parents to visit the school, meet the teachers, visit classrooms and talk to myself. The meeting offers an introduction to the work and expectations of each year group throughout the school.

Timings for each year group are as follows:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Year 1: 3:30pm, Year 2: 3:50pm, Year 3: 4:10pm, Year 4: 4:30pm and Year 5: 4:50pm

Meetings will be held in the main hall. We look forward to seeing all parents during the evening.

Parents are obviously welcome to discuss issues at the school as they arise and we urge parents to do this. All staff are around at the end of the school day. Parents can also call at the school office before school where an appointment can be made with the teacher or me. Mornings are usually very busy times and we encourage parents to avoid appointments at this time where possible unless there is an important issue that might affect your child during the day.























#### **Uniform**

It is lovely to see all the children in their school uniform. Second hand uniform is always available. We currently have a selection and ask only for a small contribution to school funds.

Please make sure that **all** uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. Name labels can be purchased from the school office.

#### **Data Collection**

With the introduction of the new GDPR guidelines, we will not be sending home the usual Data Collection sheets. We plan to check this data at the first parents evening.

In the meantime, if any pupil or emergency contact details have changed – please inform the School Office as soon as possible as it is this information that we use should we need to contact parents (or other emergency contacts) during the school day.



#### Communication

Parents can call the school at any time on 01270 685085. There is an answerphone service available on this number and messages are checked regularly. Calls regarding absence can be left on the answerphone and the registers will be updated accordingly. Parents may wish to email and this can be done directly to me or via the school office. Messages to staff can be forwarded where necessary. Addresses are as follows:

Headteacher: <a href="mailto:head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk">head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
Office: <a href="mailto:admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk</a>

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are present each morning on the main entry doors to school. Class teachers will accompany the pupils out of school at the end of the day and will be available for communication. If there is a problem it is usually best to approach the class teacher first to see if it can be resolved.

A texting service is in place for short messages. Newsletters and other correspondence will be sent by email or paper copies can be made available. If you require more than one copy then do please let us know.

We have a school website. Please regularly check online for lots of additional information. You can also keep up to speed with events as they happen by following our Twitter feed @MablinsSchool

Please note that calls coming from school will display the number as **0845 148 0060**. Please save this number as Mablins Lane School as we often find that parents are reluctant to answer calls from an unknown number.

### **Punctuality**

May I remind you that it is important for children to arrive at school promptly at the start of the day. Registration is at 9.00am prompt. A teacher is on duty at the school doors from 8.50am. Gates will open at 8.45am. In the interests of your child's safety we request that they arrive at school and go straight in to school to their classrooms.

Some children come to school on bikes or scooters. We have a designated storage area where they can remain safely during the school day. We ask that pupils walk with their bike or scooter once on site for the safety of pedestrians. Pupils riding bikes **MUST** wear a helmet.

Gates are locked at 9:00am. If your child arrives after this time you should bring your child to the main door where the office will sign your child in to school. It is unsettling for children if they have to enter the school after their class has gone in so we do ask parents to keep to the timings.

In order to ensure the Health and Safety of all our children please remember that if your child will be absent, the school should be contacted by 9.30am. We may phone after this time in order to clarify the situation if your child has not arrived in school and we have not had notification otherwise. On return to school, please can you make sure that we have had





















communication to explain the reason for your child's absence, in order for the office to accurately maintain our attendance records.

At the end of the day school gates will open at 3.05pm. Pupils should be collected from the designated points. Pupils will be handed over to parents. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 may opt to walk home; **if this is the case please can parents let the class teacher know the arrangement in writing**. It does take a little time to release all pupils from each year group but we ask you to bear with us in order to keep the children safe. If parents are not waiting pupils will be brought back in to school where we will try to contact you. Unless a child has a specific appointment pupils will not be released from school before 3.15pm.

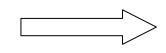
Finally, can we remind parents that pets should not be brought on to the school site, with the exception of guide dogs or dogs supporting another disability. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **School Lunch Payments**

School meals cost £2.30p per day (£11.50 per full week, £87.40 for this half term of 38 days). Pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal and will not need to send in any payment. Please be reminded that registration is still required for Free School Meals if parents are in receipt of some benefits. This applies to pupils in any year group across the school including EYFS, Y1 and Y2. This registration releases money in to the school budget (Pupil Premium Funding) which helps to support pupil learning and may mean a remission of charges for trips. The number to call is 0300 123 5012. If you are unsure if you are eligible or require assistance in your application then do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Dinner money is payable in **advance** and is due weekly on a **Monday**, or at the start of the half term. Where possible please use the online Cheshire East School Shop to pay for lunches and trips. The website can be accessed via <a href="https://online.cheshireeast.gov.uk/SchoolShop/ParentLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSchoolShop%2fSecureApp%2fParentHome.aspx">https://online.cheshireeast.gov.uk/SchoolShop/ParentLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSchoolShop%2fSecureApp%2fParentHome.aspx</a>. **Children who owe for dinners will not be able to continue until all arrears are paid**. Where possible we would prefer all payments online. If this is not possible then payments can be made either by cash or cheque made payable to 'CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL'. Cash or cheque payments must be in a sealed envelope marked clearly with the child's name and class. If you are paying for more than one child, please state clearly on the envelope which money is due to which child.







#### **PTA**

The first PTA meeting of the year is to be held this Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting will be held at The White Lion starting at 7:15pm.

#### Medicine

Some pupils take regular medicine and need to do this during the school day. Please ensure that a new form has been completed for the office and that medication in school is in date and current doses are accurate. We will not be able to administer any medication until forms are signed and complete for this school year.

Some pupils may need to take a course of medication after a short illness and this may require administering during the school day. We can only administer medicine prescribed by a doctor and to the dose prescribed on the label. A form will need to be completed giving your authorisation for us to administer the medicine. Forms are available via the school website (under the parents – letters and forms section) or from the office. Please do not send in medicine with pupils. Medicine should be passed to/collected from the office staff by a responsible adult.

Some pupils will take regular medicine, but this may be outside of school hours. It is useful for us to know if this in case there is an emergency. Please could parents let us know in writing so that we can add this to our records.





















## **Allergies Information**

It is very important for you to inform us at school if your child suffers from any allergies. We have trained staff to deal with reactions and can work accordingly. Currently we do have both staff and pupils who suffer from nut allergies and ask parents if they could refrain from sending in nut products as part of snacks or packed lunches. Many thanks for your cooperation with this request.



### **Parking Outside School**

Cheshire East Council has recently been monitoring parking outside the school. The safety of the children is paramount and it is essential therefore that everyone parks thoughtfully and considerately. We do have our yellow zig-zag lines giving a clear zone, but I do urge all parents to be vigilant in keeping the front of the school clear.

(We have already had one complaint from a neighbour who was met with abuse when asking a parent not to block their driveway.)

### Back to school – safely!

Very few parents are aware that children up to the age of 12 are required to use a booster seat of some sort. The only exemption is if a child is taller than 135cm. The full legislation is copied below.

1. Using a child car seat or booster seat

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135cm tall.

Types of child car seat

Which child car seat to use depends on the child's weight.

Type of seat Weight

Rear-facing baby seats Babies up to 13kg

Forward or rear-facing baby seats Children from 9 to 18kg Forward-facing child car seats (booster seats) Children from 15 to 25kg

Booster cushions Children over 22kg

Only EU-approved child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle.

It is a frightening fact that if you are involved in an accident, even if you are not at fault and you are found to be committing any offence, be that a bald tyre, using your phone or not using a booster seat, your insurer is unlikely to pay your claim and a prosecution is a possibility.

Could you live with yourself if you injured your child permanently because they were wearing an ill-fitting seat belt? The legislation is there for your child's protection. Please ensure you comply.

#### **Absence in Term Time**

Cheshire East have confirmed that where unauthorised absence exceeds 10 sessions (1 day = 2 sessions) then Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued. Further information is available through the Cheshire East Website. Should parents consider absence during term time then a form must be completed and returned to the school office. Absence can only be authorized in exceptional circumstances. Holidays and weddings are not classed as exceptional circumstances and parents should make a careful consideration before making a request for these reasons. Each request is assessed independently and on its own merits.

### Clubs

A variety of After School Clubs will be available to the children during the Autumn Term and a separate letter will be sent showing the options soon.





















The choir already has several events in the diary and is looking for new members. They would love to see any new faces. Existing members of the choir who may still have their 'Crewe Out Loud' T shirt are asked to return this to Mrs Stant by the end of this week. (She does have a list if you are not sure!)

## **Dates for the Coming Term**

A list of headline dates for the school year is shown below.

We hope that it will help with forward planning but should the dates change, or new dates be added we will inform you. A copy of dates and a calendar is available on the school website for reference.



May I remind you that I am always available should you have any queries or concerns no matter how small. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I wish you all a most successful term.

Yours sincerely Justine Joule

#### **Dates for Autumn Term 2018**

Date	Event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	STAFF INSET Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	3:30 Y6 Welcome and Residential meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome meetings Y1/2/3/4/5
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 Swimming to start (Y4JE – 6 weeks)
W/B 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Lake District Visit (5 Days)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Prince William Award Ceremony, Birmingham
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 Visit to Techniquest
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	International Peace Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	1-2-3 Magic Course (1.30 – 3.00)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 DT workshops
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	1-2-3 Magic Course (1.30 – 3.00)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival – YEAR 5 (2:30)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Forest School Visit (Y5)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Lakes Assembly
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	1-2-3 Magic Course (1.30 – 3.00)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Visit to Dovedale
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Visit to Dovedale
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Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	WW1 Family Fun Day
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W/B 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Multi Faith Week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	1-2-3 Magic Course (1.30 – 3.00)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Fluenz Immunisations EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Forest School Visit (Y5)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Eco Team – Recycling collection
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3:30 – 7:00pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Children break up for half term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	STAFF INSET Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
W/B 5 <sup>th</sup> November	WW1 Commemoration Week
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Forest School Visit (Y5)
Friday 9th November	Remembrance Assembly
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Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance service
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
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Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Mablins Book Fair (1 Week)
Thurs 22/Fri 23 November	Y6 Remembrance Event
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity Play
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Christmas Play
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper/Activity/lunch Day
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Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	'Scroogical the Musical' Performances for children
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2/3 Christmas Play
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December  Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Christmas Play Children break up for Christmas Holiday
Thursday 20 December	Children break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children back to school
W/B 21 <sup>st</sup> January	History/Geography Week
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Children break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	STAFF INSET Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children back to school
W/B Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	ARK Week
Wed/Thurs/Fri 6/7/8 March	Y2 Beeston Visit
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wed/Thurs/Fri 27/28/29 March	Y4 Anglesey
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Children break up for Easter Holiday















Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	STAFF INSET Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back to school
W/B Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Science Week
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Green Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
W/B 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
W/B 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Make £ Grow week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Children break up for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	STAFF INSET Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children back to school
W/B 4 <sup>th</sup> June	ARK Week
W/B 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Global Awareness Week
W/B 24 <sup>th</sup> June	National Sports Week
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> July	Crewe High Schools Transition
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Children break up for Summer Holiday















