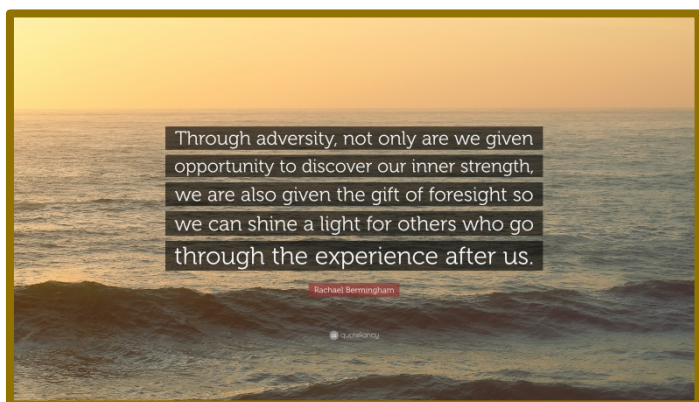


Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Children,

Well unfortunately the inevitable has happened and I have personally tested positive for Covid. The number of cases across the school has risen dramatically over the last week and there are many children and several staff with positive results. Fortunately I am not unwell at the minute and am able to continue working from home. I hope that I manage to stay well and am able to return to site within the 10 day period. Please read the Covid section of this newsletter carefully as some regulations have changed. At all times the health and safety of our school community must be the number 1 priority and it is important that everybody works together to ensure the smooth running of the school.

Thought of the Week



Assembly Shout Outs



Certificates for this week were awarded as follows:

EYFS

A huge shout to all the children in EYFS who have worked so hard this week 😊

Year 1

Oscar, Ollie, Paisley

Year 2

The year 2 certificates goes to all the children who went on the residential trip to Burwardsley - They had a wonderful time learning about the nature around them, going on adventurous walks, seeing cows (a little too close to Mr McKay's class!) archery, campfire and making smores, eating lots and lots of lovely food and not forgetting the exciting experience of sleeping in dormitories with all of their friends.

The certificate is also for the children who stayed in school, they were just brilliant and Mrs Palin had lots of fun with them!

Well done to the all the year 2 staff, Mrs Manning and Mrs Joule plus the staff that helped to save the trip by stepping in at the last minute - Mrs Gibson, Mrs Barwick and Miss Dennigan.

Year 3

Lucy, Isla and Phoebe

Year 4

Skyla, Jakub and Louie-Jay

Year 5

Patryk, Harrison and Zack

Year 6

Harrison, Oscar and Harvie

Rainbow Room

All the children that made the Banana bread this week 😊 it was delicious!

Y2 Burwardsley

After immense planning and preparation, we managed to get our Y2 classes away on an overnight visit this week. After last minute staffing changes due to positive tests Mrs Forrester's class were first to go on Tuesday night. Mr McKay's class stayed overnight on Wednesday with Mr Harrison's class staying on Thursday night. The

children have been very well behaved and have enjoyed outdoor activities including a walk and archery. The children seem to have had a great time.



Overnight visits have been very difficult during the pandemic and this visit has proved to be challenging in terms of organisation and risk management, but we are so pleased that we have been able to do it. We have other visits in the diary for KS2 year groups in the Spring and Summer terms. Planning is under way and parents will be notified accordingly once all risks and pre-visits checks have been completed.

Empty Crisp Packets



Many thanks for all the empty crisp packets already received. We are collecting empty crisp packets in January to support the 'crisp packet project' where they make sleeping bags for the homeless. Please keep bringing in your empty crisp bags and drop them in the large box next to reception. **Remember - they need to be washed out and cut open!**

**HELP US TO MAKE
SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE
HOMELESS**

**BRING IN SILVER LINED CRISP
PACKETS THROUGHOUT JANUARY
WASHED OUT AND CUT OPEN**

COVID Update

Unfortunately the situation in school is as bad as it has ever been. Cases are rising quickly in the area and we are being affected in school more than ever before. We currently have **31 children** out of school because they have received a positive test. (At the time of writing.) There are 9 cases in EYFS, 6 of those in YRLK. Y2JMc/Y3SW/Y4SJH – have 3 cases in each class. **Six** members of staff are also currently absent due to positive Covid results.

We also have 16 Children not in school because they have a positive case at home and are isolating. This is the current advice from CE for schools:

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. They do not need to take any more LFD tests after the 10th day of self-isolation period because they are unlikely to be infectious and may stop self-isolating after this day. Even if they have a positive LFD test result on the 10th day of self-isolation period they do not need to take any more LFD tests after this day and do not need a follow-up PCR test. If they are concerned, they may choose to limit close contact with other people, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness until 14 days after the start of your self-isolation period.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

If both LFD test results are negative, it is likely that the case was not infectious at the time the tests were taken and they can end

their isolation. If self-isolation ends following 2 negative LFD test results, 24 hours apart, from day 6 they are strongly advised to follow the advice below until 10 full days from when their self-isolation period started to further reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others:

- limit close contact with other people outside their household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
- work from home if possible
- wear a face covering in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where they are in close contact with other people
- limit contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19
- follow the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#)

The previous additional advice from Cheshire East Director of Public Health that children who were household contacts of positive cases stayed away from school for 5 days was withdrawn with effect from Monday 17 January 2022.

We are asking families to be cautious in the light of the current situation in school. If several people in your household have tested positive, there is a very likely chance that everybody is positive and we ask that you think carefully about whether you send the children to school. We have not yet reached the threshold classed as an outbreak and have been able to manage staff absence. If case numbers were to rise further we will need to implement our plan which could mean the closure of classes/year groups and learning moving to on-line. We assure you that this will only happen as a last resort, but if we do not have adequate staff to maintain the children's safety then we will have no alternative.

PLEASE HELP EVERYBODY TO STAY SAFE AND FOLLOW THIS GUIDANCE. WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO CLOSE ANY CLASSES, YEAR GROUPS, OR EVEN THE SCHOOL DUE TO UNMANAGEABLE NUMBERS OF CASES.

FACE MASKS – All staff will continue to wear a face covering in communal areas of the school. Visitors are

being kept to an absolute minimum and year groups are working independently.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – we are still encouraging families to observe the 2m social distancing measures, particularly whilst waiting on the playground. It is requested that only **1 adult per family** comes on site to collect children and that they stick to the drop off and collection times. At the end of the day we ask that families move quickly from the site and disperse accordingly.



ONE WAY SYSTEM – this remains in operation across the school site.

ONE WAY SYSTEM IN OPERATION

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:**



This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test. Please leave a message and we will then operate our positive reporting plan.

Reporting Absences

If your child is sick or absent for any non-Covid reason, please report the absence to the School Office by either leaving a message **with a reason for the absence** on the School Sick Line or speaking to someone in the office. The telephone number is 01270 749908.



Applying for a School Place for September 2022

The deadline for application for school places for September has now passed. Any further applications will

be received and processed as late applications. If you have not made an application and your child is due to start school in September 2022 then please contact Cheshire East Admission Team.

I am pleased to say that we have received 91 first choice applications for September, along with 42 second choice and 15 third choices. The Local Authority will now process the forms and parents should receive notification towards the end of the Spring Term. As soon as offers have been accepted we will then start to liaise with families ready for September.

Lost Property

The Lost Property Box is situated in the foyer outside the school office. All the items are unnamed. Please label your child's uniform by writing on the label or easy to use name labels can be purchased from the school office. (25 name labels for £2.50 and 5 pairs of shoe labels for £3.00). Labels can be prepared swiftly, no long wait and no postage and packing! Please think about using this service. This will help to significantly reduce our lost property pile. PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

**NAME LABELS AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**

School Lunches – Meat Free Mondays

The School Council/Earth Heroes have met and written to Joy and asked if the School canteen can offer 'Meat Free Mondays' after Christmas to children having a hot school lunch. We will be trialling this scheme from Monday 10th January, and we will let you know how this goes! 😊

**MEAT FREE
MONDAY**

EYFS, Y1 & 2 ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS
Y3, 4, 5 & 6 MEALS COST £2.40
PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE VIA THE
[CHESHIRE EAST EPAYMENT](#)

SCHOOL LUNCH

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards
Mrs Justine Joule

Week 1

MONDAY

Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	Vege Chilli & Potato One Pot Bake (v)	Fresh Fruit Platter or Organic Yoghurt
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TUESDAY

Organic Beef Meatballs, Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v)	Fresh Fruit Platter Or Fruity Flapjack
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WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Gravy, Roast / Creamed Potatoes	Shortbread & Fruit Chunk
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THURSDAY

Homemade Keema Cottage Pie	Tomato Pasta (v)	Fresh Fruit Platter or Dorset Apple Cake
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FRIDAY

Chicken Korma Curry with Rice & Cous Cous	Fish or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips	Fresh Fruit Platter or Chocolate Oatie Biscuit or Yoghurt
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JOY'S NOTICEBOARD

PLEASE NOTE: Change of menu on Thursday week 1 and Wednesday week 2, the choice from now on will be Tomato Pasta (v).

Cheshire East Survey

We have launched a Big Old Survey to find out what older people in Cheshire East want and need. It is on Facebook and twitter and we will be getting paper copies out to as many places as we can over the next few weeks.

<https://www.facebook.com/AgeUKCheshireEast/>
<https://twitter.com/ageukce>

Please share as widely as you can with your networks and everyone you can think of because by asking older people in our area what they want and what they need, we can get the right services in place and help more people.

Thanks very much