

"Learning Together, Learning for Life"



Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Children,

Another week in school has flown by. I can hardly believe that we are only one week away from the end of the Spring Term. It is exactly two years since the start of the first National lockdown, and although Covid is still very much with us it has been lovely to see some of our favourite activities returning to school. This half term alone we have enjoyed: Eco/Green Week, World Book Day, Green Day, RNLI fund raising (Sponge the teacher, bake sale, non-uniform), Y5 Viking Day, Anglesey visit, Red Nose Day, Maths week, TT Rock starts day, Odd socks for Down Syndrome and gingerbread sock biscuit sale. It really feels like we are getting back to a full and rich curriculum offer, which we are all loving.

Many thanks to our families and school community for supporting us in all that we do.

Thought of the Week



RNLI fundraising

raised and presented it **Lifeboats** along with a specially made cheque to the lifeboat crew at Trearddur Bay in Anglesey last week. They were very grateful and informed the children that a suit alone costs £700 so the funds raised would be able to provide one lovely new suit for a crew member. The children learnt a great deal on their visit and some were lucky to see the lifeboat crew launching the boat for a practice drill. They realised how fortunate it is that there are such people who

Assembly Shout Outs



give of their time freely to help and save those in danger.

Thanks to the wonders of technology Y4 were able to join assembly from Anglesey last week. This week everybody was back in school and certificates were awarded as follows:

EYFS

Isabella W, Cami-Rose & George L

Year 1

Shellah, Jake H & Evie D

Year 2

Riley, William & Anna

Year 3

Archie J, AJ & Logan-Lee

Year 4

Leo, Dennis & Hannah

Year 5

Ollie, Jo & Leon

Year 6

Kaydon, Dee & Freya

Drop off - Parking

Again, please can I remind parents to park responsibly and respectfully in the vicinity of the school? There's still been some very inconsiderate parking on Mablins Lane and Parkers Road this week! Parents are parking on the pavement so that pedestrians are struggling to use the footpath and cars are parking opposite junctions which is causing local residents to complain to school and the Police. Our PCSO has been informed and if he visits he will be issuing tickets if this continues.

To help ease this situation we are very grateful that the Eight Farmers pub car park has been made available for school drop off / pick up parking again. Many thanks to Lisa and her team at the pub for allowing us to use this facility.

Road Safety - SPEED/YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES



PARENTS SHOULD NOT BE DROPPING CHILDREN OFF AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL ON THE YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES!

During the period of drop off and collection vehicles should adhere to the "20's plenty" slogan. I have witnessed many vehicles in Mablins Lane exceeding



this speed. Parents are dropping children and then 'speeding' away. This is dangerous for all concerned. Please keep your speed low and our children safe.

+ MATHS WEEK ÷ x W/B 21ST MARCH –

We have had lots of fun problem solving in maths this week, we have made maths very practical with children across the school enjoying their maths lessons.

Today it was great to see children dressed in their TT Rockstar outfits, we have given out lots of great prizes for TT Rockstars times tables speeds and for great ROCKSTAR costumes!



PTA

Sadly the PTA meeting on Wednesday was attended only by 3 members of the committee and four members of staff. We have tried to meet at different times and made accessibility as easy as possible, all to no avail. Sadly it was felt that parents are just not interested in having a PTA and there was a serious discussion about disbanding the PTA at the end of this academic year.

An immediate decision has been to cancel the planned Car Boot Sale, but the non-uniform day will be held next Friday 1st April with an Easter theme.

Fundraising Day EASTER THEMED NON-UNIFORM DAY

£1 donation

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

Summer Fair — unless there is an active response and offers of help, this will also be CANCELLED. To make parents aware the summer fair in previous years has raised in excess of £2000 for school funds. All pupils have benefitted from subsidised visits as funds help to support the costs of transport. The PTA funded all gifts given to the children at Christmas along with the bears presented at the end of the summer term last year. ALL OF THESE THINGS WILL CEASE TO HAPPEN WITHOUT THE PTA AND THEIR FUNDRAISING.

Please consider whether you would like the PTA to remain in operation and if you are able to support or offer help in any capacity.

COVID Update

Unfortunately the number of cases in school is very much on the increase. Currently 22 children and 4 members of staff have tested positive. We have 4 cases in one class which is just below the outbreak threshold.

If your child tests positive we urge caution. If they are unwell then they should remain at home until they feel better as they would with any illness. Certainly if they are coughing, have a temperature or have a very runny nose we **would not** advise that they attend school. If we get 5 cases in any class we will inform parents and at that point would ask that children who have tested positive or who live in a house where somebody has tested positive, remain at home for at least 5 days.

Covid-19 Telephone Number

If your child has a **Covid test and it is positive**, please still inform the school **by calling our Covid telephone line on:**

MABLINS LANE COVID POSITIVE TEST REPORTING TELEPHONE NO.

07415 005702

This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test. Please leave a message and we will then operate our positive reporting plan. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND A MESSAGE VIA CLASS DOJO** as this can be missed from the reporting log. We will continue to log and monitor positive cases in line with LA advice until Easter.



Reporting Absences

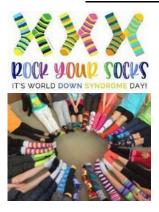
If your child is sick or absent for any non-Covid reason, please report the absence to the School Office by either leaving a message with a reason for

the absence on the School Sick Line or speaking to someone in the office. The telephone number is 01270 749908.

Chickenpox

We still have several children absent from school suffering with chickenpox. They are mainly in KS1, but just wanted to alert parents. Children should remain at home until all spots have scabbed over.

World Down Syndrome Day



A massive

Thank You

for supporting
World Down
Syndrome Day.
We raised £285 by
selling the gingerbread
sock biscuits.

Red Nose Day

OUR RED NOSE DAY
FUNDRAISING TOTAL IS AN
AMAZING
£508

Crisp Packet Collection

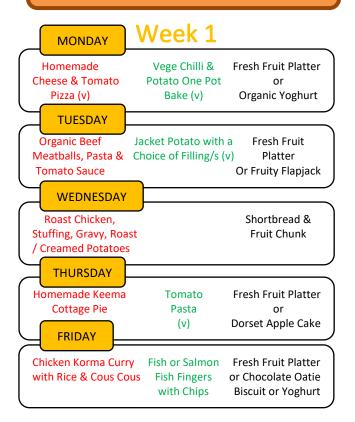
We are still collecting crisp packets. Please wash out, cut open and place in the box by the main office.

MABLINS EARTH HEROES

HELP US TO MAKE SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

BRING IN SILVER LINED CRISP PACKETS WASHED OUT AND CUT OPEN

SCHOOL LUNCHES



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

Bag2School

The Earth Heroes/School Council are wanting families to collect unwanted items for our Bag2School campaign.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE: Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

MABLINS EARTH HEROES



ARE COLLECTING GOOD QUALITY CLOTHING FOR RE-USE FOR BAG 2 SCHOOL

Collection day Wed. 30th March



(No uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets, bed linen, curtains, towels, soft toys or pieces of fabric please)

Please see Bag2School for more information: https://bag2school.com/how-it-works

The children will NOW have bought a bag home to fill and the collection date is the Wednesday 30th March, we need all items in school for this date!

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday is scheduled during the May half term. (We had our additional Bank Holiday at the end of the Christmas break.) We are currently planning a week of celebration and activities for the week before the



May half term. We plan to have a parade, picnic and dressing-up day along with lots of other activities. If parents have any suggestions, or can help in any way then please let us know. We are looking for donations of trees to support the 'Green canopy project' if anybody can help us. See the <u>Queen's Green Canopy</u> website for more information.



Holiday Activity Fund



Easter Activity Days at Mablins Lane Community Primary

WHEN?

Monday to Thursday 9am to 1pm from Monday 4th April to Thursday 7th April

WHAT?

We have planned an incredible Easter of activities that will keep your children happy, entertained and engaged during the Easter Break. On our enriching courses your child will benefit from playing a range of sports, learn how to cook and prepare healthy foods, try new activities (new sports, music, singing, science experiments and more) and learn all about how to stay happy and healthy, there may even be some Easter treats and games too!

WHO?

The course is free for all children eligible for benefit related free school meals.

There are 30 places available. (We have only filled 7 places top date.) PLEASE contact the school office to register for the course.

Curriculum Swimming

Next term will see a swimming pool appearing on the school playground. We've hired the pool, changing facilities and swimming coaches to teach the Year 4 children to swim. It's coming via Sports Coaching who already teach Sports activities within our school.



<u>Year Group – Email Address</u> <u>Mablins Lane CP School</u>

Our year group email addresses are still operational. Please use ONLY the following email addresses to contact your child's class teacher. They will respond during the school working hours of between 9.00am and 4.30pm, please note that many of the teachers are still in school and teaching key worker children.

eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 st April	Finish for Easter
19 th April	Summer Term return

Happy Mothers Day

To All Our Lovely Mums Happy Mothers Day



Please can I remind you that we break for the Easter holiday on FRIDAY 1ST APRIL. (No April Fool!) This is a non-uniform day with an Easter theme. Donations of £1 per child will support the PTA and will help all children across the school.

We return to school on **TUESDAY 19TH APRIL**, following the Easter weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Justine Joule - Headteacher