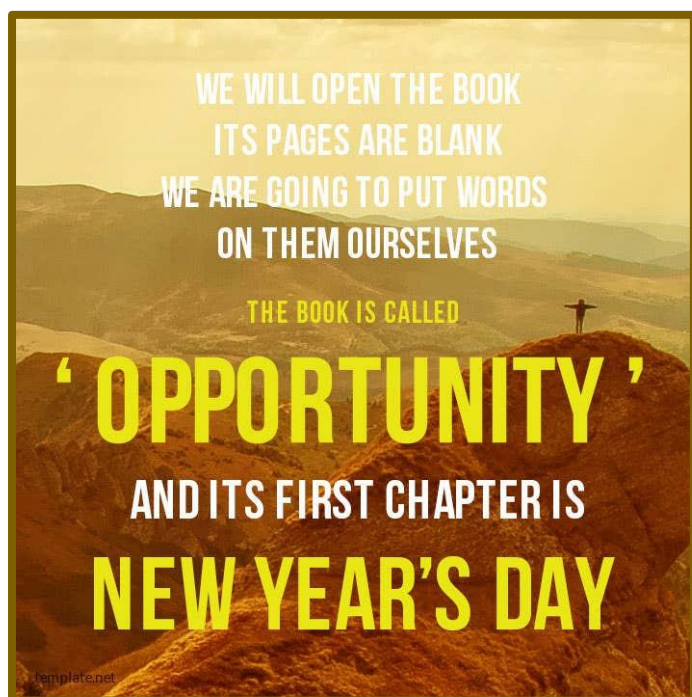


Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Children,

I would like to wish all our families a very happy new year. I hope that you had a good Christmas break, although I know that many families had to make last minute changes to arrangements due to illness! Still – the children have assured me that Santa did come to Crewe and was very generous. It is good to be back in school and we are looking forward to doing some amazing things over the coming weeks.

Thought of the Week



Assembly Shout Outs



EYFS

Maisie, Archie & Tommy

Year 1

Savannah, George & Noah

Year 2

Alfie, Archie & Willow

Year 3

Abigail, Lexi & Tristan

Year 4

Logan-Lee, Noah & Liam

Year 5

Sam, Jakub & Quinn

Year 6

Patryk, Pavel & Penny

Talents and Achievements

We are always pleased to hear about pupil's achievements outside of school whether it be sporting, musical or in another field. As part of our Celebration Assembly we would like to celebrate any achievements for the week, and therefore invite children to bring in certificates/medals. Class teachers will pass on the information to us and we will share the achievements during the assembly.

Autumn Term Reports

Autumn Term Reports are being finalised and will be emailed out on Friday 13th January, so please look out for it in your mailbox. If you do not receive a report for your child then please contact the School Office and we will ensure that one is sent out to you.

The reports will give an indication of the level your child is working at and targets for the Spring Term. Parent meetings are due at the beginning of March, but if you have any queries about your child's performance or progress then please contact the class teacher.

**SCHOOL REPORTS
FRIDAY 13th JANUARY**

Christmas Tree Recycling



The School will be offering a free Christmas tree shredding service!

We WANT your Christmas trees to convert into useful woodchip mulch for our Forest School Area by putting it through a shredder.

Please drop your unwanted and used real Christmas trees to school (there will be an area at the front of school by the main reception area to drop them off at) for shredding!

The Earth Heroes would love lots of support with this!



Curriculum Slices

Each year group will be completing their Curriculum Slice outlining the work to be covered over the Spring Term. These will be made available by each year group and will be published on the [school website](#). The 'Curriculum Slice' gives a general overview which parents can use to discuss with their children, or to support with learning activities at home.

Outdoor Learning

A new timetable is in place for the Spring Term. Class teachers will make you aware of when the sessions are for your child. Please ensure that children are sent appropriately dressed for outdoor sessions. This includes a warm coat, wellies/boots and warm layers of clothing. All clothing should be named – especially wellies!!

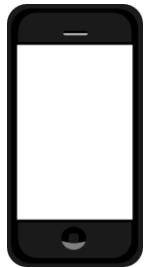
OUTDOOR LEARNING CLOTHES

- Warm coat
- Wellies / Boots
- Warm layers

**PLEASE NAME THESE
ITEMS, ESPECIALLY
WELLIES.**

Mobile Phones

Since Christmas we have noticed that more pupils are bringing phones with them to school. In line with our Mobile Phone Policy all phones must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day. (Please see extract from the policy)



4. Use of mobile phones by pupils

Pupils are allowed to bring a mobile to school for the following circumstances:

Travelling to school by themselves

Young carers who need to be contactable

If Pupils bring phones to school, they must be handed over to the class teacher at the start of the day. They will be stored in an appropriate place until the end of the day. The responsibility of the phone lies with the family and not the school.

Pupils will NOT be allowed to use their phones during the school day.

4.1 Sanctions

If a pupil is in breach of this policy.

The phone will be confiscated? (Schools are permitted to confiscate phones from pupils under sections 91 and 94 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006)

If phones are confiscated, they will be placed in the secure storage location for that class until the end of the school day when they will be returned. Parents will be contacted.

SATs – Year 2 and Year 6

During the Spring Term there will be a concentrated focus on preparation for SATs. In Year 6 the children will undertake specific 'tests', while in Year 2 all assessments are undertaken through class based activities in a less formal way.

An information evening will be held for Y6 parents on **Thursday 12th January at 3:30pm** in the main school hall. Children are invited to attend with their parents and siblings may also wait in the hall. This is an important session to help parents to understand the process and to give advice on how to support the children. Please attend if you can.

**YEAR 6 SAT'S
INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY
3:30PM Main School Hall**

After School Clubs

After school clubs will resume for the Spring Term. Some clubs will continue and others may be replaced by different clubs as the weather changes. Please contact the school office to check on availability as some clubs are limited.

Some Year 6 pupils will be invited to Booster Clubs during the Spring Term. Letters will be distributed accordingly. We encourage pupils who have received an invitation to attend the Booster Club as this will directly support their work. (Attendance at these clubs will not impact on team selection for sporting events.)

Trips and Visits

There are several trips and visits planned for the coming term. Year 2 have their first overnight visits during w/b 16th January. Y2 parents please ensure that you have returned your child's FORM C and notified us of any dietary and medical requirements.

On Monday next week (9th Jan) Y6 are having a dress a Victorian day to tie in with their topic focus. Costumes can be simple, we do not expect parents to be spending large sums of money on fancy outfits.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be back in school on Thursday 2nd Feb to take sibling group photographs. They will also catch up with children that were absent when individual photographs were taken.



PTA News

Mablins Lane PTA bingo night on Thursday 16th February is the next event in the PTA events calendar. Everyone is welcome for a fun night of bingo.



Strep A and Scarlet Fever

We received some very sad news as we returned to school that a Y1 pupil from a local Crewe school lost their life to Strep A over the Christmas period. We send our condolences to the family and have offered our support to the school.

We are still following guidance from the Local Authority and ask parents to remain extra vigilant. If your child becomes suddenly unwell then please seek immediate medical advice. If you get a confirmed case please inform the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Signs and Symptoms of Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* or Group A *Streptococcus* (GAS). It is not usually serious but should be treated with antibiotics. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. On white skin the rash looks pink or red. On brown and black skin, it might be harder to see a change in

colour, but you can still feel the sandpaper-like texture of the rash and see the raised bumps.

Action: Children and adults with suspected or confirmed scarlet fever should be excluded from nursery / school / work for at least 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment.

Contacts of Scarlet Fever cases (including siblings or household members) who are well and do not have symptoms do not require antibiotics and can continue to attend the setting. They should seek treatment if they develop symptoms.

There is no increased risk of complications for pregnant women but if you are concerned, please discuss with your midwife.

Winter respiratory illness

Many pupils and members of staff were absent before Christmas with a very nasty winter chest infection. The infection has made people very poorly and has lasted for weeks rather than days. If your child is unwell, then please do not send them to school, particularly if they are coughing. We are continuing to wash hands regularly and use hand sanitizer, as well as re-freshing the air at break times and following the 'catch it/bin it' approach.

COVID

We must also still be mindful that Covid has not gone away. Please help us all to stay well by following the guidance.

- **If your child does show any symptoms at all then please do not send them in to school.**
- **If anybody in your house receives a positive result then that person should isolate and should not come to school.**
- **Please be vigilant where there are positive cases in the household.**

The guidance is 5 days isolation for adults and 3 days for children. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

The number of severe winter illnesses has led to concerns about attendance. Our Education Welfare Officer visited this week and has supported in an Attendance analysis. Some parents may have received a letter just outlining absence and notifying them of the current position. Others may have received a warning letter saying that the absence is more concerning and may lead to further action. Several families will have received a telephone call to discuss the absence.

We understand that children can and will be ill. Our aim is to work with our families so that there is a clear

understanding and that all children are accessing the education that they are entitled to.

Please be reminded that requests for absence during term time should be made on the appropriate form. Absence for holidays cannot be authorised and a fixed penalty notice will be issued if the absence exceeds 10 session (5 days).

SCHOOL LUNCHES

MONDAY

Week 1

Homemade
Pizza with a
Choice of toppings

Quorn Korma with
Rice & Cous Cous
(v)

Fresh Fruit Platter
or Organic
Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Beef Pasta Bolognese
with Garlic Bread

Jacket Potato with a
choice of filling/s (v)

Fresh fruit platter or
fruit crumble &
custard

WEDNESDAY

Butchers Sausage,
Mash potato, carrots
Broccoli & gravy

Fresh fruit platter or
Organic Yoghurt or
Cookie of the Day

THURSDAY

Leek & Bacon
Pasta Bake with
sweetcorn

Vegetarian sausage
rolls with mash potato
Mixed veg & gravy (v)

Fresh Fruit platter or
Warm choc brownie
& chocolate sauce

FRIDAY

Battered Fish with
Chips, mushy peas /
Peas & tomato sauce

Homemade vegetable
Frittata with chips
(v)

Fresh fruit platter or
Coconut crunch &
Fruit chunk

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](#)

TABLETS

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR TABLETS

Do not carry tablets in bags with water bottles. We have had instances of water damaged tablets which have required repair. This is costly to the school and is totally avoidable.



Other tablets have been damaged through careless use, again requiring repair. These tablets will have to remain in school in order to minimise the risk.

Primary School Admissions 2023

The deadline for applying for primary school places for September 2023 is the **15th January 2023**.

To apply, please visit:

[Cheshire East School Admissions](#)

If you have any questions, then please contact School Admissions directly on 0300 123 5012 or email admissions@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Governor Vacancy

Following the recent resignation of Mrs Heywood we have a vacancy for a parent Governor. I would like to thank Mrs Heywood for her time as a Governor and her contribution to the school. If any parent is interested in the vacancy then please contact me for further details: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

SCHOOL PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Contact Details

If you have moved house, changed telephone number or would like to make changes to emergency contact numbers, please email

admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk with details and we will amend our records.

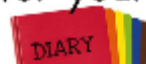
CONTACT DETAILS

DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE THE OFFICE IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

With kind regards

Justine Joule – Headteacher

Dates for your *School Dates for Your Diary*



Date	Event
Mon 9 th Jan	Y6 Dress as a Victorian Day
Thurs 12 th Jan	Y6 SATs info evening 3:30pm
Fri 13 th Jan	Autumn Reports out to Parents
17/18/19/20 Jan	Y2 Burwardsley Residential Visit
Wed 1 st Feb	Y6 Visit to Blists Hill Museum
Thurs 2 nd Feb	Sibling Photographs
w/b 6 th Feb	Assessment week
Tues 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Mon 13 th Feb	Y5 Chester Zoo visit
Thurs 16th Feb	Children Break Up for Half Term
Thurs 16 th Feb	PTA Bingo Night – Main Hall 6pm
Fri 17th Feb	Staff INSET Day

Keeping in touch



Our main switchboard telephone number is **01270 749908** and will show as this on caller ID



We use e-mail as our main method of communicating with parents and carers as it's quick, efficient and cost effective. Please make sure we have your current e-mail address so you don't miss important communications.



We also distribute up-to-the-minute information via Twitter **@MablinsSchool** which can be viewed on the front page of our website



www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk

Please be reminded that the teachers are busy with their classes during the day and are not available for appointments unless previously arranged. The best time for appointments is after school