

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### WELCOME

*A warm welcome to all our new children and parents. As the first week comes to an end we hope all our Reception children are settling in to life at Mab's Cross. It is wonderful to see all our children back at school as we look forward to another exciting year.*

This newsletter will be sent home every other Friday and will include any information, news and dates we need to share with you and keep you informed of forthcoming events. A copy of the newsletter will also be on the school website.

### DATA COLLECTION SHEET (YEAR 1 – YEAR 6)

In order that we have the most up-to-date contact information please would you fully complete and date the sheet your child has brought home today and return it to school by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. This is part of our safeguarding procedures and it is important that a new form is completed annually. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

On **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6 p.m.** we will be holding a Parent Information Night. This will begin with a presentation about initiatives and priorities for the school for the coming year, followed by a short presentation by your child's class teacher in the classroom, giving you information about what will be going on in your child's class this year. It will also be a good opportunity to ask any questions. The evening should finish around 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### UNIFORM

Thank you for your support with the introduction of our new school uniform - we are sure you will agree the children look very smart! Please ensure that all items of uniform, including P.E. kit, are named, preferably with your child's initial, last name and year group (or class teacher) to ensure we can return it to them as soon as possible.

Children in Reception class and Key Stage 1 should have pumps for P.E. Children from Year 3 upwards can wear pumps or trainers, however, if they are wearing trainers they must be able to tie their own laces.

Can we also remind parents that earrings are not to be worn in school. If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer holiday they will need to wear plasters over their earrings until they heal, however all earrings should be removed before the half term holiday.

### MR CLARKE'S CLASS

As you are aware Mr Clarke was appointed as our new Deputy Head Teacher last term. We are in the process of appointing a new Year 6 teacher, who will also be a member of our senior leadership team, for January. Mr Clarke will remain as Year 6 teacher until this time, however he will have some release time to carry out his deputy head teacher responsibilities - during these sessions Mrs Jones, our other deputy, will teach Mr Clarke's class. Our new appointment should be complete by the beginning of November to ensure a good transition in January.

## SCHOOL APP

You will have received a letter at the end of last term (Reception parents this term) explaining that we now have our own app. Therefore our old texting service will only be used to send texts to individual parents. General messages and reminders will be sent via the app. Instructions on how to download the app are available on the website in the 'Newsletters' section.

## WATER BOTTLES

Please could we remind parents to send your children into school with a water bottle with a sports cap, so they have access to a drink during the day (this does not apply to Reception as they have water provided in class.) **This must only be water, no cordial or flavoured water is to be brought into school.** At the end of each day the children will bring their water bottles home so a fresh one can be brought into school the next day. If you would like to purchase a water bottle with our Mab's Cross emblem printed on please send in **£3.00** into the school office.

## TOAST

In the next few weeks we are hoping to start our toast snack again at morning break. We would therefore be very grateful for any volunteers to help make the toast in the mornings -this would be for around an hour once school has started. Any funds we make from this go back into school funds to buy additional resources / prizes for the children. If you are able to volunteer for one or two days a week please see Mrs Cole in the school office. Thank you.

## MONEY

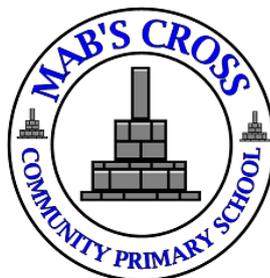
Could we please ask that any monies sent into school are put into an envelope that is labelled with your child's name, the amount enclosed and what the money is for (e.g. toast, trip, etc.)

## MRS FAWCETT

Congratulations to Miss Lloyd who is now Mrs Fawcett after marrying her partner over the summer holidays.

## DATES

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 visits to Wigan Museum
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 trip to Blackpool
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 trip to World of Glass
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 3 Ancient Greece workshop in school



*"Bringing out the best in everyone"*

