



MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a very positive start back to the new school year. Our new foundation 2 children have settled into school beautifully and are getting used to school life. Children in year 1-6 have been busy selecting School Council Representatives, Eco Warriors, Friendship Ambassadors, Reading Ambassadors and Prefects. The children are showing wonderful manners around school and I am very proud of them all.

Of course, we were met with the sad news last week that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had died. We all came together on Friday to talk about it in assembly and had some quiet time to reflect. The teachers have been given resources to support the children, if they have found the news upsetting. As I am sure you are aware, Monday 19th September will be the state funeral for the queen and schools have been directed to close.

Questionnaire

Thank you to parents who have completed our parental communication questionnaire. It is really helpful hearing your views. We will be closing the survey at 9a.m. tomorrow morning (Tuesday) so, if you have not done so already, please spend a few minutes to complete this as your thoughts and ideas are very important to us.

Family Assemblies

We are thrilled to be able to invite families back into school for class assemblies. These are opportunities for children to share what they have been learning through readings, songs, drama and other creative ways. They normally last between 15-20 minutes. Key Stage 2 assemblies will begin this term and Key Stage 1 will be after Christmas. There will be Nativity performances for F2 & KS1 children in December (dates TBC). Please see assembly dates below:

Mrs Waldron's Class	Y3	23 rd September @ 9.15
Miss Gillespie's Class	Y3	30 th September @ 9.15
Mrs Lea's Class	Y4	7 th October @ 9.15
Miss Byrne & Miss West's Class	Y4	14 th October @ 9.15
Mrs Dewar & Mrs Strontschak	Y5	11 th November @ 9.15
Mrs Ray & Mrs Berwick	Y5	18 th November @ 9.15
Mrs Stones	Y6	25 th November @ 9.15
Mr Ryan	Y6	2 nd December @ 9.15

When you arrive for assemblies you will be asked to sign in and will be given a sticker. There is to be no filming or photography for safeguarding reasons. There will be no adult toilet facilities available. You will have an opportunity to congratulate your child at the end of the assembly before they return to class for their lessons. I hope you enjoy them!

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October. You will be able to book an appointment nearer the time. This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into school with their class teacher.

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Open Afternoon

On Friday 21st October, we would like to invite you to join us for our first open afternoon since before the pandemic. This is an opportunity to spend some time with your child in their classroom and to take part in an activity with them linked to an area of the curriculum. This will start from 2pm and you will be able to sign your child out of school early on that day should you wish once you have completed the task. If you are unable to make it, the staff team will ensure that children without visitors are well looked after and have an enjoyable afternoon. We would request one parent per child please as these events get very busy. Lighthouse Club will be open as usual. We will have 2 more open afternoons over the year.

Phonics Workshops

Mrs Heseltine will be running parent workshops explaining how we teach phonics at Mount and ways you can help at home. These are for families of children in F2, Y1 and Y2 and will be on Tuesday 20th September at 9.00 and at 5.30. Families should have received a separate email about these with information about how to book your place.

Menai

We are really looking forward to taking Y5 and 6 on their residential trip to Menai on 26th September. The children always have a fantastic time and make lifelong memories. Please see the list below of the staff going with the children this year. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or to Miss Byrne who is visit leader.

Year 5	Y6
Miss Byrne	Miss Byrne
Mrs Senior	Mrs Senior
Mrs Ray	Mr Ryan
Mrs Berwick	Mrs Stones
Mrs Yates	Mrs Rylance

Pop Project

We are looking forward to a concert from a group called The Pop Project on Friday 16th September. They will be performing their "Walking on Sunshine" concert with a theme of happiness and positive mental health. I am sure the children and staff will all enjoy it.

Into Film Festival

We have been fortunate to have booked cinema visits to The Light in New Brighton for all children from Year 1 to Y6. This is a free event and a special treat for the children to visit the cinema with their classmates.

Year 1/2 - Connie and the cat (U) - Thursday 10th November 10-12

Year 3/4 - The Croods - A New Age (U) - Wednesday 9th November 10-12

Year 5/6 - Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG) - Thursday 17th November 10-12

We may need some parent helpers to support with this trip and more information will go out about this nearer the time.

Curriculum Guides

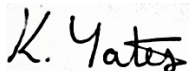
You will be receiving a curriculum guide this week setting out the topics planned for your child this term and the knowledge they will be learning. We hope you find these interesting and useful and that they support you speaking with your children at home about their learning.

Wake Up Shake Up

Mr Scott, our sports coach, is working with us all day on Mondays and Wednesdays this year to support physical health and wellbeing across school. One of his roles is to organise Wake Up Shake Up sessions for half an hour on those two mornings. These sessions get the children outside and joining in with active sports activities to help increase their activity levels during the school week. They have gone down well with the children so far and I am sure will continue to develop over the year.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns. Many thanks for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you at a school event very soon.

Best wishes



Kate Yates
Headteacher

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