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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been such a busy start back at Mount and I can't believe we are in October already. We started the term with an uplifting performance from The Pop Project who performed their "Walking on Sunshine" concert for us all. It was wonderful to see the children up singing and dancing with huge smiles on their faces. We have also had a wonderful trip away to Anglesey with Y5/6 where they took part in many outdoor adventurous activities at the Conway Centre. I was fortunate to be able to go along with the Y5s and they made me so proud with the way they were challenging themselves, supporting each other and also showing wonderful manners to the Conway Centre team. I know the staff who were away with Y6 had the same experience. Well done to all of the children and a thank you to the staff who gave up their time to accompany them on this trip.

Governors

Ms Kathryn Yates, who has been Chair of Governors at Mount for the past 4 years, has stepped down from the role this year. I would like to thank Kathryn for her dedication and commitment to the school and for supporting us along our journey. It is a huge job and Mount has been very lucky to have somebody with all of the skills she brought to the role. Mrs Coleen Hibbard has been elected as our new chair this year. Coleen brings a wealth of experience to the role, having recently retired from being the headteacher at a local primary school. We look forward to working with her this year. Please look out for information coming out to families next week on our vacancies for Parent Governors from November.

Homework

You will receive later today, information on homework expectations for each year group in school. We have kept the majority of the homework online as to reduce photocopying costs and to be able to provide tailored activities for your child. There will also be a termly project sent home to give families the opportunity to engage with an activity linked to an area of the curriculum and to get creative should they wish. While we will always encourage homework, we understand that lives are busy. I would however like to stress to families the importance of daily reading as this has been proven to have the biggest impact on academic progress in children. Please support us the best you can with our new homework policy and speak to class teachers if you have any questions or issues.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings will be held on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October 4.00-6.30. Appointments will go live from Monday on school spider. The purpose of the meetings will be to: discuss how your child has settled in to their new class; give general pastoral information – friendships, behaviour etc; look at any additional needs identified by class teachers; discuss how you can help support at home. I hope you find these meetings positive and useful.

Open Afternoon

Our open afternoon will go ahead as planned on Friday 21st October. Parents are invited into school from 2pm to spend some time with their children on an aspect of their learning. If you wish, you may sign your child out early on this day but no earlier than 2.30. There will be signing out sheets in the classrooms.

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Harvest & Foodbank Collection

This year, as part of our harvest celebrations, we will be collecting food for Wirral Foodbank. If you are able to support, please send donations to the school office w/b 10th October. See below a list of things they have requested:

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Soup
- Pasta Sauce
- Shampoo
- Washing-up Liquid
- Biscuits
- Tinned Rice Pudding

They have plenty of BEANS & TEA

Thank you

Parental Communication

One of our school improvement priorities this year is to look at ways to ensure parental communication is strong and that families feel fully involved in their child's time at Mount. We have reflected on our recent parent surveys and are working on putting some new communication tools and events in place. We will send more information out about this after half term when we are looking to launch Class Dojo as a means of sharing positive messages, housepoints, photographs and curriculum news with families.

E-Safety

Keeping children safe online is so important in today's society and we teach e-safety regularly through our computing and PSHE curriculums. We have arranged for 2 workshops for families to support you with this at home. Our colleagues from hi-Impact will be running 2 sessions on 14th November. The first will be at 9.00am and will involve key e-safety messages followed by the opportunity to do some activities with your children. The second will be at 5pm and is for parents only. Similar content will be covered in both so parents do not need to attend both. We will open these workshops up to families in KS2 (Y3-6) in the first instance. There will be a link for parents to sign up to a session coming out nearer the time.

School Photographs

We will have Academy Photography here on Wednesday 2nd November to take individual and sibling photographs. We will not be doing class photographs this time.

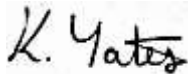
Family Assemblies

Our family assemblies are going really well this year. Thank you and well done to those who have presented already. Just a reminder of the dates for the rest of this term.

Miss Byrne & Miss West	Y4	13 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

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



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