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MOUNTAIN LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th September 2026

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Croeso yn ôl pawb!

I am delighted to see the children returning to school and adjusting to life in their new classrooms so quickly and smoothly. I would like to thank you as parents and carers for ensuring they are arriving at school with everything they need as this helps greatly with the start to the school day.

I would also like to welcome all of our new pupils as they begin their Mountain Lane journey.

I will return to the colourful picture newsletter next week, but would like to take the opportunity to share some reminders and routines this week.

Leave Requests (holiday/dance exam etc) / Medical or Dental Appointments

In order to reduce our paper usage all requests for holiday absences should be recorded via these links which are also found on the 'useful links' section of the app:

Planned leave of absence: <https://forms.gle/nQ5oBPfimgtpiDb9A> (please note this is not for reporting illness)

Medical / dental appointments: <https://forms.gle/SyEyS7PMYuxthUNT9>

Healthy Schools

As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind you that Mountain Lane is part of the Flintshire Healthy Schools Scheme and has achieved the National Quality Award for Healthy Schools.

We would appreciate your support in encouraging learners from Years 3 to 6 to bring in a healthy snack for daily morning break-time and a water bottle to access throughout the day.

Uniform / Water Bottles / Snack Boxes

Please may I request that you label items of uniform, coats, jackets, water bottles and snack boxes so we can assist in returning items to pupils when they are left on the yard or class and reduce the amount of lost property we have in school. Diolch.

Nursery Pupils' Uniform

A reminder please for pupils in our Nursery to wear either jogging bottoms, shorts or summer dresses please as this will assist the staff with toileting and changing - diolch.

Communications

Our preferred method of communication with school is messaging via School Gateway. The office is manned from 8.30am - 4.30pm with the exception on 12.15pm – 12.45pm when staff are having their lunch. A telephone service is also available; there is an answerphone facility so you will be called back once a staff member is available should they miss your call.

Please also set notifications to 'on' so that you receive details when messages have been sent.

Please do not use the Seesaw App to message staff as they may not have the opportunity to view prior to the start of the school day.

Pupil Absences

It is important that you let school know if your son / daughter is absent. Reporting via the SchoolGateway is the most efficient method. If you do phone school please use option 1 to report a pupil absence. Please also advise of the reason for absence e.g. illness / last minute appointment or other reason as we have to update the registers with different absence codes.

For pupils in ***Nursery to Year 4*** we ask that you contact us on the first day of absence but for ***Year 5 and 6 pupils please contact us each day as these children may be walking to school and we need to know who to expect in class.***

Fever and Sickness

Whilst we do want the children to be in school, we kindly request you observe the following exclusion periods to reduce the possibility of spreading to others as per advice from Public Health Wales.

Please ensure children are absent for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and or vomiting.

Also, new guidance suggests that children are kept home until 48 hours after a high temperature and or fever.

Arrival and Collection from school

As we start the new year I kindly request that you consider our neighbours and each other at the start and end of each school day and park in safer locations. Additional parking is available in the car park at St. Matthew's Church Hall and at Elfed High School; a safe walking route to Mountain Lane can then be accessed across The Common.

Please try not to crowd the pavements to ensure those with pushchairs and double buggies can pass safely. The gate adjacent to the alleyway can also be used by pupils entering and exiting the site in order to reduce congestion along the pavement on Knowle Lane.

Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will take place in school on **Wednesday 4th November for pupils from Reception to Year 5 and on Monday 30th November for pupils in Year 6.**

If you wish for your child to receive the immunisation, please complete the on-line application using the link / QR Code below:

<https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/SchoolFlu>



Uniform Expectations

As we start a new academic year, staff in the Upper Junior Department would like to remind families of the expectations regarding uniform, as described in our school policy. Please can we kindly request that pupils do not attend school wearing make-up, false nails or jewellery. If earrings are being worn in the six-week period after being pierced, we would expect these to be studs which are covered appropriately with tape for P.E. lessons and sporting activities e.g., clubs and competitions. Longer hair should also be tied up for physical activity. Diolch in advance.

Secondary School Applications for September 2027

Applications for a place at Secondary School for pupils currently in Year 6 are now open and close on **31st October 2026**.

Please see below a flyer from Flintshire County Council; applications can be made using the link below:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Admissions/Secondary.aspx>

Lost Property

We have a few items of lost property which have appeared this week:

A silver Timpson key with a circular metal ring on the end (this has a small metal heart attached to it) and a dusky pink New Look jacket (size UK 8). If you think that any of these belong to you, please pop into the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Y Tomkinson
Pennaeth / Headteacher.

