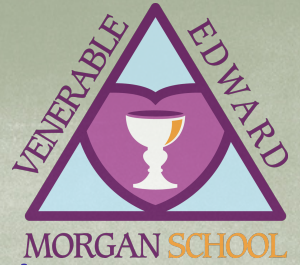




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Venerable Edward
Morgan Catholic Primary
School Newsletter

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Croeso From the Head



Croeso Pawb

Dear Parents

As this academic year draws to a close I would like to share with you all a few important messages.

It has been another fun packed year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement. I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023

All Year 6 pupils are invited to a Leavers Party held at school on Thursday 13th July 2023 from 6:30pm to 8pm.

During the evening pupils will enjoy games; photo booth; pizza and ice-cream.

A huge thank you to the friends for subsidising this event and providing goody bags for all the children.

Blwyddyn 6 Mwynhewch!!



YEAR 6 LEAVERS PARTY





Criw Cymraeg

Dydd Mercher 5 Gorffennaf 2023

Dear Parents, carers and pupils.
Thank you for supporting Criw Cymraeg this school year. We are excited to tell you that we got our bronze award / gwobr efydd.
We couldn't have done it without you.

Diolch yn fawr iawn, you stuck with us this whole time, and motivated us all this time. You really are special and we can't thank you enough for helping us achieve our goal and completing our task.
From all the Criw!



Book Fair Rewards

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the book fairs. This term we have used the rewards to restock the library with classics such as '1984' and modern books 'CATMAN'.

Each class has been able to choose some books for their book corner and we have invested in some Welsh language 'Super Taten' and Welsh Legends too! Diolch.



UNIFORM

I am sure many parents are already considering uniform ready for September. For those of you who don't know we now have a new supplier for our uniform - **Monkhouse (Forresters), 14/16 New Street, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1NZ, Tel no 01352 756636, email address: mold@monkhouse.com , store manger: Lea Morriss.**

Please see points below which should help you when ordering uniform in the future:-

- **Order early - DO NOT leave it too late**
- Uniform is now on display in store
- **Link to the website is: <https://www.monkhouse.com/school/venerable-edward-morgan-school-urn-400383-id-371791>**
- The website can also be accessed by going to: **Monkhouse.com**, and clicking on Find my School in the top search bar, the school can be found by choosing the letter V or by keying in Venerable Edward Morgan
- **Click and collect to the school is set up for Wednesday. This service is totally FREE and included with every order are FREE return labels, you will be notified by text /email so you will know when your parcel is ready for collection, parcels will be handed to the children to bring home with them.**
- The website will also give all the opening times, address, phone number, email address etc, in the summer they open on Sundays as well, there is loads more information on there to help you.
- **Monkhouse (Forresters), 14/16 New Street, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1NZ, Tel no 01352 756636, email address: mold@monkhouse.com , store manger: Lea Morriss**
- They will be launching a payment plan for back to school 2023, along the lines of Klarna, this will only be available on line for the time being but may go in store at a later date, they hope this will help you in your planning and ease the load.



We ask that all children wear the uniform and encourage them to maintain a good standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The uniform is designed to be practical, maintainable and good value for money. Parents are asked to ensure that all items are labelled clearly with their child's name. All children are expected to wear black school shoes and not trainers. Children can come to school in PE kit on PE days (for pupils in KS2 this is a Tuesday). Trainers can be worn on these days. For safety reasons we ask that the children do not wear jewellery in school and it is important that children are properly dressed for physical activity.



ATTENDANCE

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

We want every child who comes to Venerable Edward Morgan to be happy and feel like they belong to our school family. In order to achieve this pupils need to attend school as often as they can.

Poor attendance can have a negative impact on your child's self-esteem and friendship groups. Poor attendance will also have an impact on your child's progress through the curriculum. They can't make achievements against this curriculum if they are not here.

So ...Why does every day attendance matter? Well... here is some data to highlight the impact poor attendance can have.

- . Half a day off in a week = 90% attendance
- . 1 day off in a week = 80% attendance
- . One and a half days off in a week = 70% attendance
- . 2 days off in a week = 60% attendance

However, we do understand that there are times when attendance is not possible. We put these into 2 categories. Authorised and unauthorised.

Authorised absence

If your child is unwell we would expect you to make the judgement as to whether they would be well enough to attend school. Please let school know on the first morning of any absence so school can record the correct attendance mark promptly. If they are unable to attend school then they will have an "I" recorded to signify they are off ill. We can also give a recording of "M" for a medical appointment. However, we kindly ask, where possible, that all medical and dental appointments are made after school hours or during school holidays. We would expect, again where possible, pupils to be able to come to school before and after their appointments.

We do like to help where ever possible and so if your child has more than 10 days (20 sessions) absence the school may contact you to see if there is anything we can do as a school to help you.

Unauthorised Absence

If a child does not attend school and we do not receive notification as to why from either a phone call or letter, then it shall be recorded as unauthorised. Late after registration is also counted as an unauthorised absence, if no reason is provided. Any incident of 10 sessions missed through unauthorised absence will be investigated by the school and may result in a referral to the education inclusion team.

Request for Leave of Absence

It is possible to request leave for your child for a special occasion or holiday.

The decision as to whether the absence can be authorised lies solely with the head teacher. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils from school during the school term for a holiday. The head teacher will make the decision and may include the following contributory factors:

- Time of year
- Length of time
- Overall percentage of attendance
- Impact on the child's learning

You are able to request up to 10 days absence which must be done where possible at least 28 days before the period of leave. The head teacher will then assess each case on its own merits and report back to you detailing as to the reasons why the request has been approved, or indeed, unapproved.

There are other circumstances where absence may be approved, some of which will not affect attendance, such as Educational and/or residential visits, educated off site etc...

Punctuality

Being on time for school is another way you can support your child being 'School Ready'. For some children arriving late when the class routine has started can be very unsettling and can have an impact on the rest of the day. Children really hate being late for school. It can make them anxious and upset about attending school. If you have problems in getting your child to school on time you must let the head teacher know as soon as possible.

Our school gates open at 8:45am and the bell rings to signal the start of the school day at 8:55am. It is advisable to have your child in school for 8:45am. If you need to drop your child off earlier we have a breakfast club which starts at 8:15am and pupils in Reception to Year 6 are able to attend. Please ask in the office how to book. Lateness can add up to a lot of lost learning.

I hope this helps you understand why attendance and punctuality is so important to us at Venerable Edward Morgan – but more importantly why it is important for your children.





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STAFF CHANGES

July Dates

Friday 7th
 end of year reports go home

Monday 10th
 Parents informed of pupils class for 2023-24

Wednesday 12th
 Moving Up Day
 Pupils spend the morning in new classes
 New Reception pupils can have a free school dinner

Wednesday 12th
 Meet the Teacher Evening
 3:30-4:30pm
 parents can visit new class and meet new class teacher

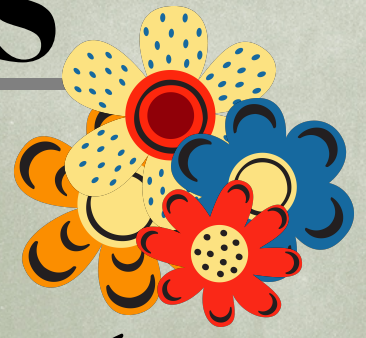
Thursday 13th
 Year 6 Leavers Party 6:30-8pm

Wednesday 19th
 Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 10am

Wednesday 19th
 Summer Disco
 Infants 5-6pm
 Juniors 6:30-7:30pm

We have a few changes to staffing happening at the end of this term. Firstly, Mrs Probert who was contracted temporarily for one year will be leaving us at the end of July, as will, Mrs Dooner, teaching assistant in Foundation. I want to thank them both for their hard work and dedication to the pupils this year.

Finally, Mrs Roberts will also be leaving us this summer. Like many schools in Flintshire at the moment, school is experiencing huge financial pressures and due to the threat of a potential redundancy situation, Mrs Roberts has taken the opportunity for voluntary redundancy from teaching. As you can imagine such a situation brings mixed feelings for all the staff. Mrs Roberts has taught at Venerable Edward Morgan for 20 years and has been a huge part of the VEM family. She has taught in both key stages and her presence as part of the staff will be greatly missed. However, we know she is taking this as an opportunity for new things and we wish her all the best in the future.



Thanks
 FOR EVERYTHING

School Closes for Summer Holidays

Thursday
 20th July 2023

STAFF TRAINING DAYS
 School closed to Pupils

Friday
 1st September 2023

Monday
 4th September 2023

School Opens for 2023/2024

Tuesday
 5th September 2023

