



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a busy and expensive time of the year. Please do not buy special clothes for Christmas at school! We are trying to organise the majority of costumes for the concerts later this term. Rehearsals are in full swing!

At this time of year, schools are asked to supply information for different types of pupil groups. Sometimes these groups bring further grant funding for the school. It is really important that we have complete information. Please could **all** families complete this simple questionnaire by the 4th December. Many thanks.

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Free School Meals

It is very important for schools that families continue to apply for Free School Meals if eligible. ***Even if your child receives Universal Free School Meals or prefers to bring a packed lunch.*** Firstly, schools receive substantial additional funding and support for **every** child eligible for Free School Meals. Please complete the forms: every penny helps, especially in the current climate. Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals may also be entitled to additional support such as a clothing grant. Click here to see if you are eligible: [Free School Meals & Uniform Grant - Monmouthshire](#)

Parent Forum: Relationships and Sex Education Policy

The previous Parents' Forum focused on the new Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum. I shared the policy including the fact that these lessons are now mandatory and the ability of parents to withdraw their children is no longer available. We had a look at resources that may be used from Reception to Year 6. Staff will now be working to map learning across the school in this important area. Parents who attended were generally happy with the resources and lesson plans that I shared with them. To reassure parents, the resources used are age-appropriate and we will inform you of any important topics before we teach them in school.

I am changing the times of each Forum Meeting to try to accommodate as many people as possible. The next Parents Forum will be on

Thursday 19th January at 5.30

in the hall. There will be refreshments available. Please come along.

Contact us: 01873 853746

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Children in Need

Thank you for your Children in Need donations. We were able to send £56 to this amazing cause.

Christmas Jumper Swap & Uniform

The PTFA have organised a Christmas Jumper Swap & Uniform on 1st December in the school hall from 2pm onwards. Please send in your donations to the school office.

Christmas Fayre

The PTFA are organising a Christmas Fayre at the school on 15th December. Look out for more details!

Christingle

All families are invited to St. Teilo's Church for a magical Christingle at 6pm on Tuesday 20th December. All children will be making a Christingle in school in the morning of the 20th.

School Disco

The PTFA are organising a free Christmas disco for the children. Children can come to school dressed in their dancing clothes. Foundation Phase pupils will have their disco in the afternoon during school time. These children will be collected from the yard at the normal time. KS2 children will have their disco from 3.20-4.20pm. Children will be taken to the KS2 yard for collection.

Children in KS2 have written to me reminding me that, as a Healthy School, all children need to eat healthy snacks at breaktimes.

Children must not have crisps, chocolate or sweets. The children have discussed whether things like yogurt tubes, fruit strings, cereal bars and chocolate covered raisins are healthy. Some of these things are and some of these things aren't. It is quite impossible for us to supervise what is healthy and what isn't. Please can we save these things for home or for lunchboxes.

This is an exciting time of the year but extremely busy. Please be patient with us as the office is very, very busy at this time of the year. Please remember you can leave a message of the answer phone. This is sent as an email message straight away to the school email address and so will be picked up promptly.

God Bless

(Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

22nd December: Last Day of School for pupils
9th January: Start of Spring Term
17th February: INSET Training Day
20th February-24th February: Half Term
27th February: INSET Training Day
31st March: End of Spring Term
17th April: Start of Summer Term
1st May: Early Bank Holiday
8th May: Coronation Bank Holiday
29th May- 2nd June: Half Term
30th June: INSET Training Day
21st July: End of Summer Term

Please don't think that you have to buy special clothes for parties or things like ELF Day.

You absolutely DO NOT! It doesn't matter what they are wearing...it's about having fun!

If you're struggling...talk to us!

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