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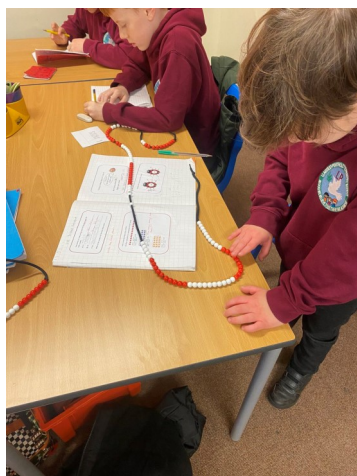
Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting us with the additional measures that we have put in place to ensure our school site is safe. You may be aware that numbers of people in hospital are falling. This is great news! Sadly, we have had a few cases of COVID in school over the past couple of weeks but these have been kept to a minimum because of our precautions.

Windows and Doors Open

One of these precautions is keeping the building ventilated. At this time of year, this is not an ideal situation. We have the heating on, however windows and doors have to be open. This will be the same for all schools in Wales.

Following WG guidance we open windows slightly during lesson times and leave doors open to ensure that air is circulated. We then open windows and doors wide during breaktimes and lunchtimes to 'purge' the learning areas. The school, obviously, can be cold with windows and doors open. Please ensure that your child comes in to school dressed warmly with layers that can be taken off. I know this situation is far from ideal. Hopefully, the weather will be milder soon.



Bicycles and Scooters

I have made enquiries about getting funding for a new bicycle shelter. It is really important to encourage our young people to exercise and coming to school on a bicycle or a scooter is an ideal opportunity. I know that our facilities are not adequate or inspiring as yet. However, I am concerned about a number of children riding this equipment without a helmet. It is important that our children are protected and, with the speeds that can be achieved on a scooter or a helmet, I feel this is really dangerous.

Also, please remind your child that scooters and bicycles are **not** to be ridden on the school site. I have had a number of complaints from pedestrians that they have had a near miss with someone riding past. Children should walk this equipment until outside the school gates and then get on safely. Thank you for supporting us with this.

School Transport

If for any reason your child will not be on school transport either AM, PM or both, please can you ensure that you advise the driver/operator directly to enable them to continue their route and not wait for your child. If your child is currently isolating with Covid then please could you ensure that you advise the driver/operator when they will be returning to school transport. If this could be communicated in advance we would appreciate this.

Newsletter

**14th
January**



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We would like to thank Cwtch Angels for their kind donation of fruit. The children enjoyed the fruit this playtime...what a treat!

Blwyddyn Tri continue with their Lead Creative Schools Project. They have had an amazing experiences so far: storytelling, role-playing and printing. Thank you to our expert visitors Suzi and Bevin.



Community Clothes and Shoes Recycling Project

We are considering developing a recycling project on our school site. People in the local community would donate children's clothes and shoes that are still good quality but their children no longer wear them. Others can then reuse the clothes and shoes for free or for a small donation towards the project. We would have an out-building on the school site that would be open during school hours for people to donate or collect the clothes and shoes.

I do need and value your opinion.

Please complete this questionnaire regarding the project. I need as many people in the community to complete this as possible in order to apply for funding for the project.

Please help us...

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We have a variety of ways that we get information to you:

- SCHOOP (ask the office or go to the website for instructions of how to sign up)
- TWITTER (@LPCommunity_)
- WEBSITE (www.llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk)
- SEESAW

There have been a number of instances over recent weeks of parents contacting teachers all times of the day and night, including weekends. I have told my teachers not to look at these messages and certainly not to respond, outside school hours. My staff work extremely hard and are dedicated to their jobs and to your children. However, staff do need some down time and have a good work like balance with their own families. Please do be considerate to your child's teacher. After all, the only thing that the teacher can do outside school hours is worry about a problem shared with them and that really isn't fair. Of course, I would always encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have concerns, it is really important that we have open communications, but please do it in a reasonable manner.

Please note that we are closed to children for an INSET day next **Friday 21st January**.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter. These are always uploaded onto the school website.

Thank you for supporting me, and the staff, to keep our school community safe.

God Bless

(Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

21st January: Teacher Training

21st February-25th February: Half Term

28th February: Teacher Training

8th April: End of Term

25th April: Start of Summer Term

Monday 3rd May: May Day

30th May-3rd June: Half Term

6th June: Teacher Training

27th June: Extra holiday for Jubilee

1st July: Teacher Training

20th July: End of Summer Term

2nd September: Training Day

5th September: Start of Autumn Term for children

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