



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have enjoyed my first week looking after the school in Mrs King's absence. Thank you to all the pupils, staff,

Governors and parents for being so supportive, especially in light of the increase in COVID 19 cases. I have loved taking the opportunity to see how hard the children are working and see such an exciting variety of learning experiences. Please use our TWITTER feed so you can see what the children have been learning.

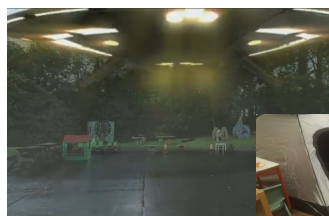
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## Out of this World

Our topic in Year 1 to Year 6 is 'Out of this World'. This week Year 1 and 2 have found camera footage of a spaceship landing on the Foundation Phase Yard and have designed their own space rockets, Year 3 and 4 have been finding out about what its like to be an astronaut. This week it's been all about food. In Year 4 they have measured the weights of dried and rehydrated food and even had a taste to give opinions. Year 3 are looking forward to food tasting next week. Year 5 and 6 have been investigating the scale of the solar system and have recreated a model on the school field.



We were lucky to have Helen Rogers in school on Thursday. She worked with all of the children to share her expertise about Space. The children responded by researching the planets and creating fact files. Helen shared with me that the children are a credit to us and so well behaved.



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## Reception Class

Our Reception children have been really busy this week. They have made repeating patterns using vegetables. They have explored lists and have been writing their own too. They were excellent at following instructions to make their own feelings jars using the colours from 'The Colour Monster' story. I have been really impressed with how they are using the 'Busy Bee Learning' board to access all of the exciting learning areas.



## Canopies

Next week we are very excited that our canopies are being installed to provide all weather cover for our Reception and Year 1 outdoor areas. This will help us to access the outside throughout the year despite the weather, it will also help to protect all of our lovely resources. It does mean that for next week only we will be unable to use the ramp onto the Foundation Phase playground. In order to manage this the Foundation Phase staff will be on the playground at from 8.50am. Please leave the children at the gate and the staff will take them into school at 9.00am. At the end of the day please go to the marked zone for your class. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

## Parents Evening

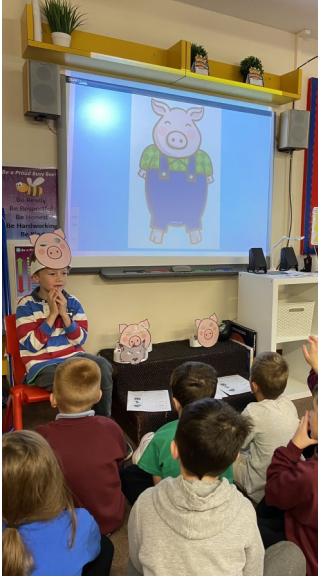
We are sure that you are all keen to find out how your children have settled in to their new classes so we will be having parent / teacher meetings on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October. In order to keep everyone safe we will have to hold these meetings online again this time. The appointment times will be released on Monday so please look out for the message and the guidance to help with accessing the system.

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## COVID 19

As I am sure many of you are aware we have had an increase in positive COVID cases in school and we are working hard to ensure we communicate with the relevant classes as soon as we possibly can. We receive advice and support from Monmouthshire's Environmental Health and Track, Trace and Report Team who lead us on responding to situations that arise. We understand that it can be frustrating when you feel that we are not responding quickly enough but please rest assured that we are chasing for information in order to communicate with you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your support in this process, for following the guidance and advice, and for keeping us informed. Our priority is to work with you to keep all of our school community as safe as possible.



### Shwmae Day

On Monday 18th October we will be celebrating the national Shwmae Day in school. Please could your child come into school wearing 'something red' i.e. a t-shirt, a headband or even red socks!



### Dates for Your Diary

25th October—29th October: Half Term

17th December: End of Term

4th January: Teacher Training

5th January: Start of Spring Term for children

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

6<sup>th</sup> June: Teacher Training

27th June: Extra holiday for Jubilee

1<sup>st</sup> July: Teacher Training

20th July: End of Summer Term

Thank for your continued support.

God bless.

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