



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Welcome back! What a fantastic start we've had to the new school year. The children have been wonderful. It's so lovely to see our new children in reception class. They all look so small!

Our school goes from strength to strength. We only have spaces in our Year 2 and Year 3 classes left: every other class is full. We are looking forward to another super year.

Helen King (Headteacher)

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PLEASE...

I have written to you many times regarding the school car park. I know it's busy and I know that we do not have enough spaces. However, we still have people double parking even when there are spaces available. There have been several incidents already this week with children nearly being hit by cars crossing the road. I really do not want anyone hurt in our school. It is important that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines in order for children to be seen clearly. Please ensure that you are supporting your children to cross safely.

Also, a small reminder that children with bikes and scooters should push them on the school site. Again, this is to keep everyone safe. We have had children scooting in between cars this week. It is really worrying. Please support me with this.

Invitation

We would like to welcome you into school to our 'Meet the Teacher' session. This will be held on Wednesday 20th September. We'd like everyone to meet in the hall at 3.30pm. We'll hold 2 sessions one straight after the other to accommodate families that have children in more than one class.

Playtime Snacks

I would like to remind parents and carers that we are a 'Healthy School'. In-line with government guidelines children should only fruit or vegetables for a breacktime snack. There are many reasons for this. Crisps, chocolate, sweets, cereal bars and so on are not allowed. It is not really fair when some families send in the correct snacks and other children are eating food not allowed. I have asked staff to be more vigilant this term. Children who bring snacks other than fruit and vegetables will be asked to put them in their bags to take back home. Please ensure that pots are clearly marked with your child's name and class. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Water bottles

All children should have a water bottle that comes to school, clearly marked with your child's name and class. This should be taken home each day to be cleaned and replenished. In-line with government guidelines children should only bring water to school in their water bottles. They should not have squash or fizzy pop. I know this can be difficult with some children and in this heat it is so important for children to re-hydrate. I do not want to upset or distress any children and understand that some children prefer not to drink water. If this is the case, I would ask you to give your child weaker and weaker flavoured water each week and to wean them to pure water by half term. From Monday, please do not send in 'coloured water' in water bottles as again other children are seeing this as not fair. Children who bring 'coloured' water will be offered water. I again thank you supporting us with this.

Schoop

It is important for all parents and carers to sign up to the SCHOOP APP. This is the way the school office sends messages out to parents. Please see the school website or speak to the office for details of how to subscribe.

Seesaw

Seesaw is a method of communication between parents and carers and the class teacher. It allows you to be part of your child's learning journey. It may be a quick way to communicate about wider issues with school. Teachers access this APP via their personal mobile phones. It is important that urgent messages such as a change in who a child is being collected by or absences go straight to the school office via email or the telephone and not via SeeSaw. Teachers do not monitor their SeeSaw messages throughout the day as they are in class. This caused a few issues last term. I would also ask you to be mindful of sending messages late at night or during the weekend. I have asked teachers not to access their SeeSaw messages outside the hours of 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.

They need a break too!



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Contacts

Please ensure that the school office has details of anyone collecting your child. We need full names and their telephone numbers in case we need to contact them. Many thanks.

Parent Pay

There has been a glitch in the Parent Pay system across Monmouthshire this week. Please bear with us until this is sorted out. We ask you to telephone or email the office to book your child into After School Club. As all primary pupils are now entitled to universal free school meals please do not pay anything into Parent Pay. If you have any money in the system for school lunches please call the office who will sort a refund.

Free School Meals

Because all primary children are now entitled to a free lunch, it may not seem necessary to apply for Free School Meals when you are a low income family. However, school receives substantial extra funding to support each child who is entitled to free school meals. This grant is called the Pupil Deprivation Grant. There are details of how we spend PDG funding on the school website. From April 2022 to March 2023 our school received an extra £42 550. This makes such a difference to what we can offer for our pupils. If you think you may be entitled please apply.

Click here: [School Meals - Monmouthshire](#)

PE Kit

I did send a reminder at the end of last term. However, just a further gentle reminder. PE kit should be:

Black shorts or joggers

House colour t-shirt or plain white t-shirt

School colour hoodie (burgundy)

We will be purchasing a small number of white t-shirts for pupils not wearing the correct uniform for PE to borrow. Remember, there may be pre-loved PE kit in The Cabin! (They can be bought very cheaply. For example, a child's t-shirt is only £2.48 on Amazon, a pack of 2 is £2.70 in Asda)



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Dates for Your Diary

Term Dates

**School term dates are set by the Welsh Government. Usually each year schools sets five INSET training days. However, WG are allowing six INSET training days until 2025.*

These are often, but not always, attached to the start or end of a half term. INSET dates will be notified near the start of each school year according to training needs.

INSET Dates

Friday 1st September

Monday 4th December

Monday 8th January

Monday 8th April

Friday 28th June



	Term Start	Half term start	Half term end	Term End
Autumn	01/09/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	22/12/2023
Spring	08/01/2024	12/02/2024	16/02/2024	22/03/2024
Summer	08/04/2024	27/05/2024	31/05/2024	19/07/2024

God Bless

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