



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the last half term of the year! What a busy half term it has been. Please make sure that you look at Twitter for photographs of each class. (We do not follow anyone on our TWITTER feed so you'll only see photos of Llantilio Pertholey children.)

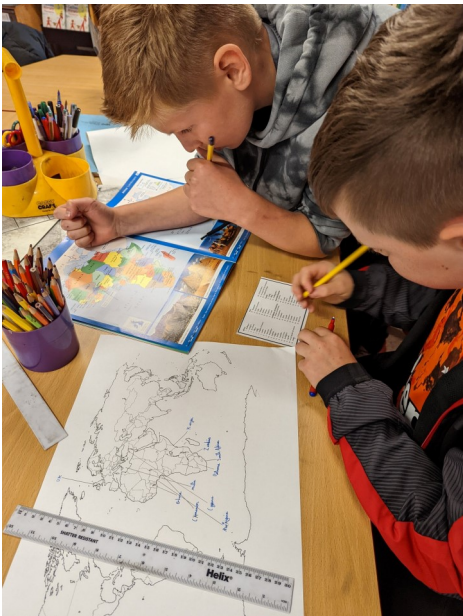
We have many exciting activities planned for the last weeks of the year as we continue our whole school topic of **VIPs**.

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KS2 has a new quiet reading area on the yard. We have a gravelled area to the front with benches and plenty of books to choose from. We are looking forward to a new canopy to finish it off in the Autumn term.



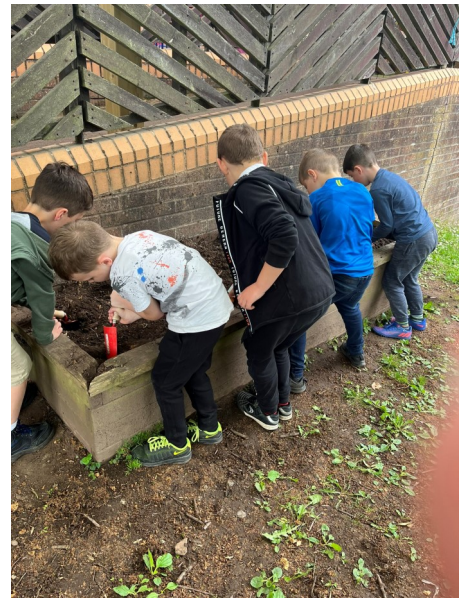
On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes and messages of support regarding my husband. It has been a tough few months. My husband has had chemotherapy and a bone marrow stem cell transplant. However, all the signs show that his ongoing treatment is working and we hope it'll be successful in the long term. I do have to wear a mask everywhere I go for a long while yet. We even have to wear one at home with our children! That is why you may not be seeing me much outside at the moment. I also cannot be with the children in classrooms or taking assembly at the moment. I cannot wait to be able to interact with your children more in the coming weeks and months.

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### Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May

As part of their learning the children found out about the valuable work of Christian Aid. We will be discussing charitable work and how fundraising supports this. As you know, each class gave up their time to work on and improve an area of the school to represent 'doing things for others.' The children did a sterling job. If you need your homes or gardens spruced up next week just put them to work!!



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**"See How They Learn" in Reception Class**

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"See How They Learn" is a free 8 week course that will help parents/carers to support your child's learning at home.

Where: Llantilio Pertholey School  
When: Tuesday afternoons  
Who: Parents/carers of Reception Class children.

The course will cover practical skills to help support literacy and numeracy development and learning.

Please let reception staff know if you are interested in attending.

### See How They Learn—Reception

A number of our parents and carers in our our Reception class have been taking part in a series of family learning sessions.

These sessions include speaking and listening, reading, writing and number. Learning has changed so much in the past few years!

### Curriculum for Wales

As I'm sure you are all aware all schools in Wales are working towards beginning to implement the new curriculum for September 2022. Please use the link below for the parent information leaflet produced by Welsh Government.



<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-parents>

**We will be holding a meeting for all parents to share and explain what the new Curriculum for Wales means for our school and your child on *Wednesday 8th June at 2.45pm.* (Please note the date has changed)**

There will be time for you to ask any questions you may have. We would appreciate as many parents as possible attending this session. It is so important to communicate the changes in your child's education and how it will affect your child.



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## **A Bit of a Moan!**

**Sorry to end the half term like this but there are a few issues we need to raise.**

### **Parking and Gates**

We continue to have a minority of parents and carers arriving at school extremely early to collect children at the end of the day. Some parents have been in the car park up to 50 minutes before the end of school.

School finishes at 3.20pm. I have instructed staff not to open the gates before 3.10pm for Safeguarding reasons. Ten minutes should be plenty of time for you to walk from your car to the playground. Lessons and learning may still be taking place on the yard and outdoor learning spaces until 3.10pm. Opening the gates to early creates a safeguarding issue. Please do not arrive at school before this time.

It has been sometime since I have been able to be outside at the beginning and end of the day (as I need to reduce the risk of taking an illness back to my husband), However, we have noticed that parking is becoming an issue once again.

Please do NOT double park across parking bays. This is really dangerous for small children as they cannot see cars passing. It is also frustrating if you are blocked in by someone parking across a bay. I understand that the parking is limited in our grounds. Teachers do try to park in one area to free up plenty of spaces. However, I have seen people parking across empty bays!

Please consider parking on the road and walking a short way into school. Please be considerate and careful when parking. The car park is becoming dangerous and frustrating. It only adds a few minutes to park sensibly.

I totally understand that it can be frustrating or inconvenient to park a little way from the school. However, **I would rather you be inconvenienced than to have a child be run over.**

**Children's safety is, and has to be, paramount.**

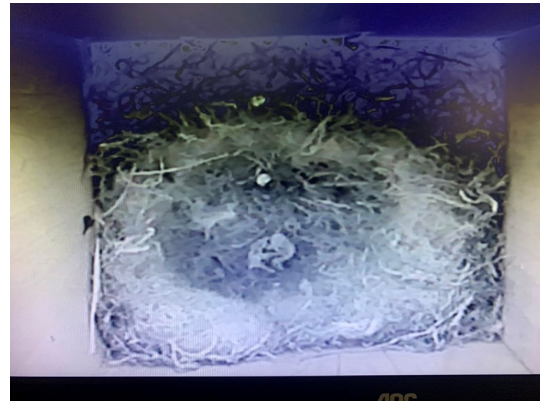
### **Dogs in School**

I have to remind parents that bringing your dog onto the school site is not allowed. There are many reasons for this including the danger that a dog may present for children and the dangers of excrement. I have been questioned about Milo. To have Milo in school as a wellbeing dog I have had to get the permission of governors and the LA Health and Safety. I have completed a risk assessment for Milo and he is always with an adult. I know which children in school are wary of dogs and which children do not want to come near him. We know that any 'business' is cleaned up. We have had incidents of excrement in the school grounds and getting onto children's shoes, clothes and even skin. This may of course be from cats or foxes but we must insist on banning all other dogs from our site. This is to make the site safe for all children. Thank you for your understanding.



Our Key Stage 2 pupils decorated crowns and wrote a personal message. These were taken by myself and a few Year 6 pupils to Monmouthshire Transport Depot. We saw how the meals are heated in ovens inside the vans!

The crowns will be given to local residents who receive 'Meals on Wheels' on Jubilee Day to wear whilst having their afternoon tea including cream scones!



### Bird Box

We are delighted that six out of seven eggs resulted in healthy chicks. All chicks fledged last weekend. It has been fascinating watching the inside of the bird box. We are now looking forward to a new nest next year!

As always thank you for your continuing support.

God Bless

Helen King (Headteacher)

### Dates for Your Diary

30th May-3rd June: Half Term

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

22nd June: Sports Day

27th June: Extra holiday for Jubilee

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

22nd July: End of Summer Term

2nd September: Training Day

5th September: Start of Autumn Term for children

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