



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the rest of the country and the wider world, we were very saddened to hear the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

We have spoken to the children today in an assembly to try to explain the news in a gentle manner. We reminded them of our celebration of the Jubilee just a few months ago.

We have explained that we will now have a king, King Charles III.



We warmly welcome our new parents and carers and welcome back to our regulars! I hope you had a lovely summer. We were so lucky with the weather, weren't we?

Meet Your Child's Teacher

Now that the threat of COVID-19 has diminished, we would like to start the year developing our communication and close working with you. To that end, we are inviting all parents to come into school at 3.30 on **Wednesday 21st September** to **meet your child's new teacher**. This will be a time for your child's teacher to give you information about what to expect in their particular year group and for you to ask questions.

Parent Forum Sessions

We are also introducing regular **Parent Forum Sessions** about Teaching and Learning in our school this year. These will take place each half term. We really value your opinions and input into our school. **We would like to see as many of you as possible at these meetings.**

The first Parent Forum Meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th September** at 2pm in the hall. As you know, September saw the introduction of a new curriculum in Wales. Each school has developed their own curriculum, During this first session we will look at the **New Curriculum Summary** for our school that we have developed using your input and the input of our Governors and staff. This summary will then be shared on the school website.

The next Parent Forum will be Relationships and Sex Education. There have been some misconceptions outlined in the media and social media. I think it would be useful to meet up to talk to you about this as soon as possible. This will be held in the hall on **Tuesday 15th November at 5pm**. *I would ask you to leave children at home for this meeting due to the subject matter.*

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Reminders

Just a couple of reminders for new and old parents and carers:

Please could you label you child's clothes and belongings. You don't need fancy labels just use a pen on the label. We have spent quite an amount of time this week already looking for lost jumpers!

Could I ask all long hair to be tied back using a *sensible 'school' bobble or hairband*. Hair can be distracting for children when it is falling across their face when they are trying to complete their work. It can also be quite dangerous when playing in the yard. Tying hair up also helps to prevent the spread of head lice.



Also, could I thank you for parking safely in the car park. Please make sure that you do not park in the bus bay. Please use a designated car park space and do not double park, ***in any circumstances***. This is not only very dangerous for children trying to cross the road but is also annoying if you have blocked a driver who has parked in a parking bay.

It is pleasing to see more children cycling and scooting to school. Please make sure that children are wearing safety helmets.

Attendance and Absence

Over the past couple of years the local authority, the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and school have been more relaxed with absence and holidays in school time. This was to accommodate those families who had holidays postponed and re-booked and also to support families to visit other family members. This year, we will be putting our attendance support measures back in place. Some of you may receive automatic letters from time to time, if your child's attendance is below 95%. Parents and carers who have a child who has less than 85% attendance may be invited in to meet with Mrs Balkwill, our Attendance Leader. Please be assured that these are meant to be informative and supportive measures and not to admonish parents and carers. Improving attendance is one of the Welsh Government's targets and we work closely with our EWO, with you and your child to improve any attendance that is low. The local authority and the EWO checks what measures we, as a school, put in place to improve our whole school attendance. If you are concerned about your child's attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with Mrs Balkwill. If your child's attendance is less than 95%, I will not be able to authorise further absence unless there are exceptional circumstances as per policy.

Parent Concerns

From time to time you may have concerns about events in school or your child's progress. Your first port of call should always be your child's class teacher. If you are still concerned then you can make an appointment through the office to see me. It may not always be possible to see me straight away.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to be able to start up extra-curricular clubs once again. We have a wide range of activities that your child could take part in, including: Football, Art, Drama, Chess, Board Games, Multi Sports, Eco (Outdoor Learning), Choir, Coding, Lego, and Coding. Most of these clubs will take place during the school day. We will notify you of any that your child may want to attend after school.

Some of the clubs are invitation only or are age specific.

After School Child Care

A reminder that we also run an After School Club until 5.15pm. This year we are pleased that the club will be run by school staff, rather than an outside agency. Mrs Jenkins will be in each day and Miss Cleaton will be here on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday when numbers tend to be higher. We have discussed including a wider range of activities this year including sports, arts and craft and cooking. Activities will depend on numbers and the weather. If you would like to book your child in, you need to do so through the Parent Pay APP.

At the moment we are keeping the cost at £6 a session. With costs increasing, it may be to ensure that this facility continues we may need to increase the prices but I will only do this if I really have no choice. We need to see how many children are attending. Obviously, if we have more children this becomes more economical for the school.



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As you know, Wales now has a new curriculum.

You'll find more information on the school website. [CURRICULUM for WALES | Lpps](http://llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk)
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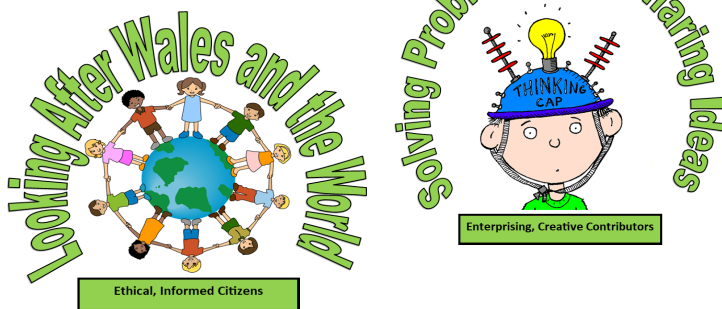
As with all schools in Wales, we have Four Purposes that underpin everything in our school. As a staff, we made these 4 purposes more child friendly. Your child may use these phrases and you may see these posters around the school:



Dates for Your Diary



- 19th September: Wear Jeans for Genes Day
- 19th September: Story Teller visit Yr 1/2
- 20th September: Parent Forum
- 21st September: Get to Know Your Teacher
- 22nd September: PTFA AGM
- 22nd September: Peter Fox MS visit KS2
- 27th September: Story Teller visit KS2
- 29th September: Author visit whole school
- 4th October: Harvest Service in St. Teilo's
- 14th October: Individual photographs
- 17th October: Paul Sturgess visit FP/KS2
- 18th-19th October: Parent Consultations (in school)
- 28th October: INSET Training Day
- 31st October—4th November: Half Term
- 18th December: Carol Service St. Teilo's
- 23rd December: INSET Training Day
- 23rd December: End of Term
- 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
- 29th May– 2nd June: Half Term
- 30th June: INSET Training Day
- 21st July: End of Summer Term



Our current 10-week Topic Theme is **Who Do You Think You Are?**

I am looking forward to another successful year at Llantilio Pertholey CiW Primary School. Our school goes from strength to strength.

I have been asked by the local authority to work as a support for a headteacher in a school in a different local authority this year. This role is called a School Improvement Partner. I am thrilled to be asked and looking forward to supporting another school and sharing our good practice.

God Bless

(Helen King Headteacher)

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