



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Doesn't everything seem a little bit easier in the sunshine? We have had a few lovely days this week. It makes such a difference to outdoor learning. We have had such a busy few weeks. Make sure you check out our Twitter Feed for photographs of your children's learning activities.

As you know, we have had a number of positive COVID-19 cases in Llantilio Pertholey recently. This is the case with other local schools. Following a meeting with the Chief Officer for Monmouthshire we continue to keep our safety measures in place until after Easter. These include:

- reminding all staff and learners to follow self-isolation guidance
- reminding staff and learners to not attend school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms
- regular handwashing and respiratory etiquette to prevent spread and manage cases, incidents & outbreaks ensuring adequate ventilation
- asking all staff and visitors to wear masks on site as per the school's risk assessment (available on school website)

**Newsletter**  
**25th March**  
**2022**

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## St. David's Day –

### Tuesday 1st March

Our Eisteddfod was very successful once again. The children worked very hard across the categories including art, singing, recitation and handwriting.

A big thank you to Tesco, Morrisons and Waitrose for donating delicious Welsh cakes for all of the children.



We celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day in style on 3rd March. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite characters and brought along their favourite book. There were lots of fun activities and the teachers swapped classes in the afternoon to read extracts of their favourite book to the children.



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Could I thank you for your donations to our 'Sunflowers for Ukraine' campaign. The final total was a whopping £536.70 .

We also raised £144 for Red Nose Day with our Silly Socks Day.

Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times.



In the previous newsletter we gave you information about the new Additional Learning Needs Bill. We continue to closely work with our local authority ALN Team to be ready for the changes. These changes may affect your child now or in the future.

Miss Davis has created a short presentation to explain the changes: see below.

**We are inviting parents for a general meeting and presentation to explain the new system in more detail on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 2.45pm (This date is subject to change).**

We will then contact individual parents, as necessary, regarding particular children and supporting their learning in school.

[Click here for the presentation](#)

[Click here for the leaflet and additional information](#)

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Well done to the Eco Club Team who gave up their Saturday morning (including Mrs Pugh) to raise awareness of Fair Trade. The whole group made us proud. Well done!



### Physical punishment in any form is now illegal in Wales.

- Removed the defence of reasonable punishment. This means that no one can physically punish children in Wales, including in the home.
- Given children the same legal protection from assault as adults.
- Removed a legal loophole, meaning that the defence of reasonable punishment can no longer be used in unregulated settings. These unregulated settings include some places of learning, worship, play or leisure, or other locations which aren't regulated in the same way as schools or childcare settings for example.
- Brought clarity, making it easier for children, parents, professionals and the public to understand the law. This will improve the ability of professionals working with families to protect children by eliminating the current potential for confusion over what is an acceptable level of physical punishment. It will also enable professionals to provide clear, unambiguous advice to parents and carers that any level of physical punishment is illegal in Wales.
- Helped protect children's rights and sends a clear signal that physically punishing children is not tolerated in Wales



Click on the picture to find out more information from the government website. You will also find more information on the school website:

<https://www.llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk/managing-behaviour-at-home>

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## **The motto in our school is *Be Kind, Be The Best You Can Be.***

This is at the heart of everything we do and stand for. We pride ourselves on close relationships within our school: with each other, with our Governors, with the children and with our parents. By the very nature of schools, sometimes things may go wrong or incidents may happen that you may wish to discuss.

If you have an issue, please speak to the class teacher first. The class teacher is the person in the school who knows your child really well. They should be able to answer your query or concerns.

If you are not satisfied with the communication with the teacher, then your next port of call would be me. I will do my best to resolve any issue and to speak to the class teacher to understand what has happened and what has been put in place.

If you are not happy with the way I have dealt with an issue, then the issue would go to the Governing Body. The Governing Body would listen to your concerns and speak to school about how we have dealt with issues. I haven't had an issue get to this point for 2 years. I hope that we can always communicate and sort issues out. Working together is best for you, your child and for the school.

The Complaints Policy is on the school website for your information.

I am afraid that we have had a number of parents being rude and quite aggressive to staff in recent weeks. I understand that, at times, we might feel frustrated, upset or cross. However, I would expect my staff to be courteous, polite and well-mannered. I do expect the same from parents when speaking to staff. It is massively important that if we want our children to grow up in a world of tolerance and respect for one another that we model this for the children. If children see grown-ups losing their temper or being rude to each other, then it is only natural that they will model this behaviour with each other on the yard. Please remember that we are a close-knit school, we do care but sometimes we may get it wrong or we may miss something that has happened because we are human and we can't be everywhere at once. Also, sometimes children may have a different perception about what has happened. We will always work with children and parents to get to the bottom of any problems to ensure that all children are happy and want to come to school.

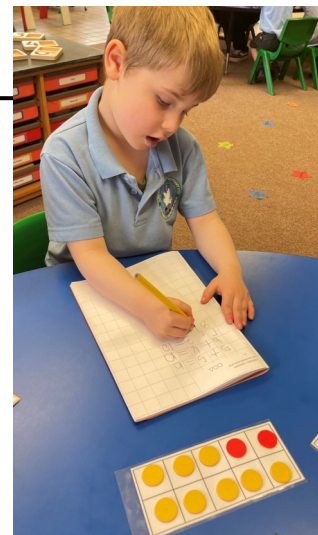
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We share information with parents, carers and the school community in a number of ways:

- SCHOOP (This is essential! Ask the office or go to the website for instructions of how to sign up)
- TWITTER (@LPCommunity\_)
- WEBSITE ([www.llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk](http://www.llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk))
- SEESAW

Please ask in the office for support to access any of these.



Please could I reassure parents once again that no child will miss out on Personalised Assessments. Any child missing from school will be able to be assessed when they return. The tests have changed over the years and are now solely online meaning that we are able to arrange on any day that suits school. The purpose of the tests is to provide feedback on learners' reading and numeracy skills so that learners, their teachers and their parents/carers can understand where they are in their learning journey. The information from the assessments helps teachers to plan next steps and to support learners to make progress. If you would like information please visit:

[Personalised assessments: information for parents and carers - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)

We have introduced House Points as a group incentive for hardwork and super effort. The winning house will have a treat at the end of each half term. I wonder who it will be next week? Ask your child about them.



As always thank you for your continuing support.

God Bless

(Headteacher)

### Dates for Your Diary

8th April: End of Term  
25th April: Start of Summer Term  
Monday 3rd May: May Day  
w/b Monday 9th May: Personalised Assessments  
w/b Monday 16th May: Personalised Assessments  
Friday 27th May: Jubilee Celebrations  
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  
22nd July: End of Summer Term  
2nd September: Training Day  
5th September: Start of Autumn Term for children

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