



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a strange week it was last week! Could I say a big thank you for your support with the school closure last week. It isn't an easy decision to make. Thank you for your patience. If you would like information on how we make the decision please see the website

[SNOW | Lpps \(llantiliopertholeycv.monmouthshire.sch.uk\)](http://SNOW | Lpps (llantiliopertholeycv.monmouthshire.sch.uk))

Our Eisteddfod on Wednesday March 1st was very successful. We have such talented children at Llantilio. Winners' work is displayed in the corridor in the entrance to the school.

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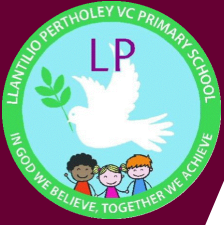


We are inviting parents, carers and grandparents in at the end of next half term for a showcase session. These will be at 2pm:

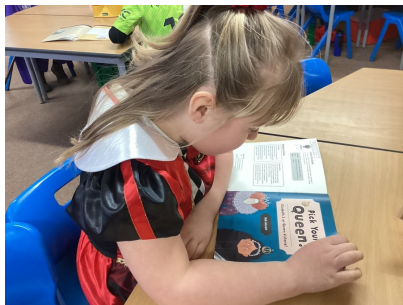
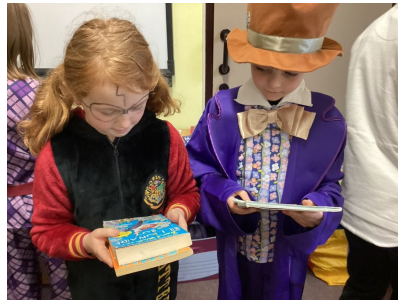
Rec/Y1/Y2: Tuesday 28th March

Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6: Thursday 30th March

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Our World Book Day celebrations were such fun. Thank you for your imaginative costumes and props. The children had a great day. The amount of books that we had in for the book swap was amazing. Thank you. We hope they enjoyed their books. We will certainly be doing that again in the future.



### **Wooden Building**

Pupils are working on the name of our pre-loved uniform building. Most of the works have been completed. Thank you for your patience in the car park.

If you have any clean, good quality, children's clothes, shoes, coats or school uniform we would love your donations please from Monday 20th March. The door will be left open in the building for you to leave any donations. The building will be open for use after Easter to give us time to organise everything inside.

We will be having the Grand Opening with the children on Friday 31st March.



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### Safer Routes to School

The safer routes to school programme promotes safer, more environmentally sustainable and healthier ways of getting to and from school, with particular emphasis on walking and cycling. To achieve this, we need to improve conditions (both in safety and the environment) on the main walking and cycling routes to school.

I have had meetings with various MCC staff regarding our school car park and access in to school site on numerous occasions over the past couple of years.

I am glad that the pathway coming from the new estate has been improved. However, I feel that further improvements outside school could/should be made to make the route into school safer, especially for pedestrians. I know that many parents and carers have the same concerns, as I have had conversations with a number of you. Firstly, I am concerned that the new path from the new houses leads directly into the road. I am concerned that there is no path onto the school site at the car exit end. I also have concerns that pupils coming into the Foundation Phase side of the school coming from the new estate have to walk on the road or take chances walking across a muddy path often littered with dog excrement.

I also understand that the school does not have enough car park spaces but that car parking spaces outside the school site are also limited because we are located on a cul-de-sac road.

One suggested option has been to close the road to school traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. I have voiced concerns that cars may then turn in the road as the exit road is not convenient. This would be dangerous for pedestrians.

We would encourage children to walk or cycle to school. However, road safety is a concern: cars, safe ways to cross roads and a lack of adequate paths and cycle paths.

If we want to make a difference, we really need as many parents and carers to give their point of view as possible. Monmouthshire County Council have given me a survey to share with our parents and carers. The more people who voice their concerns the more chance we have of improvements being made. Please add as much detail in your comments as possible. Please feel free to share the link with neighbours who also have concerns about the routes to school.

**Please click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/8aVJneRHvZ>**



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## Trees

You couldn't help but notice that a large branch off one of the trees came down during the windy weather on Monday night. We asked our gardeners to trim the branches that had broken off. Unfortunately, when they arrived at the school, the tree was deemed to be diseased and dying, along with one in front of it. To make the path safe, the trees were removed. It is always a shame when trees have to be cut down but safety has to be our number one priority.

Look out, next week, for letters coming home regarding Parents' Evenings. These will be held early in the summer term as this half term was so short and we couldn't fit everything in!



We are having exciting work completed in the school building over the next few weeks. Work has already started to install a new sound system and stage lighting in our school hall. We are also very excited to let you know that a new canopy will be installed on the Foundation Phase Yard. And then, in the summer term, we will be having an amphitheatre installed on the bank in the Key Stage 2 yard.

All very exciting projects and making the learning environments even better for the children at Llantilio.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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(Headteacher)

## Dates for Your Diary

- 17th March Mothers' Day Gifts
- 17th March Red Nose Day (wear silly hair)
- 20th March Y2 trip to Welsh Water
- 21st March Y3 trip to Welsh Water
- 21st March World Down Syndrome Day (wear silly socks)
- 22nd March Y4 trip to Welsh Water
- 23rd March Y2 Parents invited to see children's books
- 27th March Foundation Phase Film Night
- 28th March 2pm Foundation Phase Showcase
- 29th March Easter Service for children at St. Teilo's
- 30th March 2pm Key Stage 2 Showcase
- Friday 31st March Earth Hour Day
- 31st March: End of Spring Term
- 17th April: Start of Summer Term
- 26th April: Parent Consultations
- 27th April Parent Consultations
- 1st May: Early Bank Holiday
- 8th May: Coronation Bank Holiday
- 29th May– 2nd June: Half Term
- 30th June: INSET Training Day
- 21st July: End of Summer Term
- 4th September: First Day of term for pupils

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