



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy half term has flown by. I cannot believe that we only have 7 weeks left until the end of this academic year!

It has been a very successful year so far for our wonderful school. I am thrilled that we have been accepted by the University of South Wales to be a Partner School. Having students into our school means that we will be supporting and nurturing our teachers of the future. We are excited to be able to share our good practice.

Parent Noticeboards

In the Parent and Carer survey some of you said that you were missing information. I am sure that you have noticed the new noticeboards on both yards. If there is any information that you feel should be included on these boards please let me know.

Hay Festival

A big thank you to the Arts Council of Wales who gave our school a grant towards the cost of the coach to The Hay Festival ensuring that the trip was reasonably priced.

A huge thank you to the parents who came to help: your help was invaluable. The children had a wonderful day.. We will definitely be going next year!



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Governing Body

I am pleased to confirm that Monmouthshire Council has appointed one of our parents, Sarah Lewis, as the Local Authority (LA) Appointed Governor for our school. We thank Sarah for her continued support.

The Community Cabin

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who have donated clothes to The Community Cabin. It has been wonderful to see so many grown ups and children using The Cabin. We are thrilled. I would be very grateful if you could pop used coat hangers into the crate. Also, if you do have 5 minutes at the beginning of the end of the day, it would be fabulous if you could pop in and help us to hang new donations on the rails and to keep it tidy. You don't need to ask if it is okay for you to help...the answer is yes!

I'm not sure if you saw the piece in the South Wales Argus. Have a look:

[Abergavenny school's Community Cabin tackling cost-of-living | South Wales Argus](#)

A parent had a great idea of using The Cabin as a food swap this summer. If you have a glut of vegetables in your garden, we would be very grateful if you could donate some for The Cabin. We look forward to see your produce.

If you would rather buy a new uniform, a gentle reminder that Reflex is able to deliver new uniform to school every Friday. Order it direct with Reflex and we'll let you know when it has arrived at school. Order forms are available from the office or in The Cabin.



Uniform

Over the last couple of years following the pandemic, we have been fairly relaxed with school uniform. Now we have The Cabin to support parents with uniform, we can start to be more firm. Children should have a cardigan or a sweatshirt to wear with their normal uniform. Hoodies should *only* be worn for PE days. I would be very grateful if you could support is with this. If you have only bought hoodies for next year, we will be understanding. However, if you are getting new uniform, I would be grateful if you could abide by our guidance.

Our PE uniform is black shorts or joggers and a white t-shirt or a t-shirt in your child's house colour. Some of our pupils are starting to wear clothes that are not uniform on PE days. Please use The Cabin if you need extra clothing.

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Attendance – Late arrivals

We have a number of children regularly arriving late to school. We open our gates at 8.50am so that children are in school to start at 9 o'clock. The gates close at 9 o'clock so anyone arriving after this time has to enter through the main door.

Children who are late receive a late mark (L) in the register and these are monitored by Mrs Balkwill, our attendance lead and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO). We are concerned that children who are late are missing valuable opportunities for spelling practise and their reading session.

Following the guidance of our EWO, parents will need to sign their children in if coming through the main door.

Any children arriving after 9.30 will receive a U code in the register which shows they are present but the code can be used if the EWO wishes to move forward with legal proceedings.

Outdoor Learning

We have had to change the dates for our outdoor learning. We will be having whole learning days on the school field with our tents (fingers crossed this lovely weather continues). Children will be immersed into outdoor activities on our fields at the back of the school, including making their own food and keeping 'camp' tidy.

We will give you further information with individual class letters. However, just to keep you informed, we are planning:

Year 3 Outdoor Learning: Monday 19th June during normal school time

Year 4 Outdoor Learning: Monday 26th June—Tuesday 27th June normal school time

Year 5 Outdoor Learning: Wednesday 28th June— Thursday 29th June (we are planning a sleep over in the tents on 28th June. Friday 30th June is an INSET day)

Year 6 Outdoor learning: Children will only come to school: Thursday 22nd June 10am-9pm Friday 23rd June: 11am-3.20pm



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PTFA

I would like to thank our amazing PTFA. We have a small core of volunteers who are very supportive of our school. They help us with things like making teas and coffees for occasions as well as running fundraisers.

The children loved their bookmarks for The Coronation of King Charles. What a lovely keepsake.

The PTFA are also funding an Animal Workshop for the children in a couple of weeks.

We also had a surprise when the PTFA brought some refreshment gifts to the staffroom along with a hand written card for every member of staff. It was such a thoughtful thing to do. I have been in schools for over 30 years and I have never had a PTFA thank the staff in this way.

Have you taken a look at the new PTFA noticeboard? It is on the wall at the front of the school building. Make sure you keep yourself up-to-date with events.

We will be having our Summer Fete on 29th June. There will be a b-b-q and bar available.

The PTFA are also running a disco near the end of term, keep a look out for more details.



Sports' Day

Sports' Day will be on Friday 7th July, weather permitting. The back up date is Friday 14th July. We are inviting you to stay on the school field with a picnic after school. We will have some music and hopefully it will be a lovely chilled event.

St Fagan's

Thank you to those parents who helped us with the trip to St Fagan's. I heard the Victorian School Mistress was fierce! The weather was beautiful and the children were a credit to us: so much so the shopkeeper commented on their behaviour, respect and manners. By all accounts, other schools visiting that day hadn't been quite as well-behaved as our children.



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After School Club

I am afraid that we will be having to raise the price of our After School Club to £7.50 from September 2023. We have resisted putting the prices up until now but our costs are rising too. This will continue to be run by our staff Mrs Jenkins and Miss Cleaton. Please make sure that you book in advance as numbers are limited and the club is proving to be more and more popular.



I hope you all have a wonderful half term. I think the sun will be shining for us!

Remember, our door is always open, if you need us, come and talk to us.

Cofion gorau,

(Headteacher)

29th May– 2nd June: Half Term

9th June: Year 4 to St. Woolos Cathedral

19th June: Year 3 Outdoor Learning

22nd June-23rd June: Year 6 Outdoor learning

26th June-27th June: Year 4 Outdoor Learning

28th June-29th June: Year 5 Outdoor Learning

27th June: Reception and Year 1 to Cardiff Museum

29th June: Summer Fayre

30th June: INSET Training Day

3rd July-5th July: Year 6 Gilwern Residential Trip

6th July: School reports sent home

6th July: Drama and Choir Concert

7th July: Sports Day

7th July: After school picnic (weather permitting)

10th July: Animal Workshop (whole school)

10 July: St Woolos Year 6 Leavers Service

13th July: Reception, Year 1, Year 2 disco

13th July: Year 3-Year 6 disco

21st July: End of Summer Term

4th September: First Day of term for Reception and Year 6 pupils

5th September: First Day of term for rest of the school

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