



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many faces, old and new, at our Meet the Teacher meetings last week. It is so important to us to have parents in school. The school belongs to the whole community and we want you to be a part of it!

## School Vision

At the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting I reminded you of our school vision:

***Llantilio Pertholey Primary School will provide an inclusive, supportive and nurturing learning environment to meet the needs of all of our children in a changing world.***

I will include this at the end of every newsletter so it is always in the forefront of our minds. I hope you agree that we do meet this criteria. If not, come and talk about it!

## School Photographs

A reminder that on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October we will be having individual photographs taken at school. I'm afraid that the photographer has told us that he will not be doing photos of children not in our school i.e. younger/older siblings this year. Many thanks.

## Coffee Mornings

I would like to invite you all in for a coffee morning on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. If you want to socialise, get a free coffee or just have a chat about school come and join me!

## **PTFA**

The PTFA would like to invite you to a coffee morning to raise funds for DSUK on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 9-11. There will be delicious cake!

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**September**



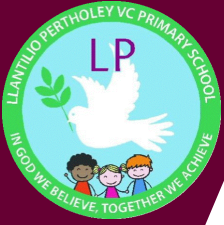
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## Safety with Technology at home

Keeping our children safe is always our number one priority. The local authority and the government shares this view and we have been asked to pass the link to e-safety guides to our parents and carers. We do teach e-safety in school. However, in this fast changing hi-tech world it is so important that you play your part. Sadly, we had a number of incidents outside school last year that were very worrying. Please don't think that this is something to worry about when your child is older! We want to help you make sure that your child is safe at home when using technology. Please adhere to guidelines. The age ratings in particular, have been added for a reason. We had incidents of our children accessing chatrooms with strangers last year, at home. Please know what your child is doing with their tech! The guides include a detailed overview of different apps, outlining the age rating and key terminology. They also highlight the risks each app poses to young people and give detailed instructions on how to enable parental controls and safety settings. These are available on the e-safety page on the school website.

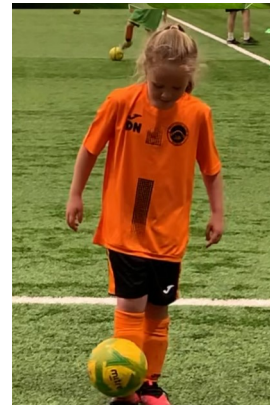
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[In the know - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)

## Be The Best You Can Be!

One of our youngsters has been selected for the FAW ACADEMY u8 squad @ Pontypridd United academy, she is the only girl in the u8 squad. (There are only 3 girls in the whole academy in all the age groups from u7-u19!)

Aston Villa Women's Academy u9 have asked her to attend the next stage in trials process and attend monthly training sessions! A future star in the making? We all wish you the best.



## Young Carers

**What is a Young Carer ???**

Pupils under 18 who help look after someone in their household who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol

The Care Collective Young Carers

If you believe that your child is a young carer (registered or not) please let Nic Balkwill, our Young Carer Lead, know about it. This will be handled in the strictest of confidence. There is support for youngsters who do more than just a few chores around the house. We want to make sure that all children meet their potential and are successful. There is more information on the school website:

[YOUNG CARERS | Lpps](#)  
<http://llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk>

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## Healthy School

In my previous letter, and during the 'Meet the Teacher' session I mentioned healthy snacks and water. This is nothing new to our school. We have just decided to have an extra focus on it this term.

Our school prospectus reads:

*Pupils may bring fruit/dried fruit/vegetable sticks into school to eat at break time.*

*Drinking water is available freely throughout the day and we encourage all children to bring a water bottle into school with a sport's cap which can be kept in the classroom: water is important to keep your child alert.*

We have noticed a number of children taking out chocolate bars and yogurts from their lunch boxes. Please could you help us by making sure that your child is very clear what is for break and what is for lunch!

To encourage children to bring a healthy snack our pupil voice group 'Fruitastic' will be giving children stickers if they show their fruit or vegetables on:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**To further encourage the children to eat fruit 'Fruitastic' will start a daily fruit tuck shop on Monday. If you would like your child to buy a piece of fruit from the tuck shop please could they bring 20p in an envelope with their name on (no loose money please!) We will begin with a limited choice of fruits, developing it as we get a good sense of numbers of children who want to buy fruit.**

Children will also be having a sticker for healthy lunches on:

**Thursday 19th October**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wednesday 1st November**

All children who eat something healthy for lunch will have a sticker: school dinners or packed lunches.

Children will only be allowed water in their water bottles after the half term break. If staff notice that squash is in a water bottle then your child will not be allowed to have it and will be offered an alternative.

If you would like more information about the guidance, it is on our school website or click below:

[healthy-eating-in-maintained-schools-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities-and-governing-bodies.pdf](#)

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### **Dwarfism Awareness**

October is Dwarfism Awareness month. To mark this, we will be having a Wear Something Green Day on Friday 13th October. Please do not go out to buy anything for your child to wear. You don't need to be head to toe in green. Your child could wear green socks, a green headband or a green scarf, for example. We will have a special assembly to raise awareness. If you would like more information please go to [Little People UK](http://Little People UK)

### **Show Racism the Red Card**

On Friday 20th October we will be having a Wear Something Red Day. Again, we will be talking to the children in a special assembly. More information can be found at [Home - Show Racism the Red Card](#)

Both of these days are to support our children's understanding about our differences and similarities. They are about kindness and love. This is fundamental to our Christian school. Our school motto starts with 'Be kind.' This is central to everything that we do at Llantilio. Everyday, we are teaching the children to be kind to themselves and to be kind to others.

### **Funding**

Everyone is fully aware that money is tight across the country and so it is in schools and the wider public sector. It is important that our funding is spent wisely.

Schools in Wales are given funding on a 'per pupil' basis specifically to support and ensure comparable progress for all pupils in receipt of Free School Meals. Schools have to draw up detailed plans on how they will spend this money and then they have to show the progress that each pupil has made against the spending. This is called the Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) funding. This funding provides vital money to support all of our learners to reach their full potential. It is so important to us that you register if you think you may be eligible, even though all children now receives a free lunch. I understand that this may be a hassle and that it doesn't really make sense but there may be other benefits for you to help with school uniform for example. There are details of PDG Funding and how to apply for free school meals on the school website:

[SCHOOL MEALS AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS \(llantiliopertholeycv.monmouthshire.sch.uk\)](http://llantiliopertholeycv.monmouthshire.sch.uk)

[PUPIL DEPRIVATION GRANT | Lpps \(llantiliopertholeycv.monmouthshire.sch.uk\)](http://llantiliopertholeycv.monmouthshire.sch.uk)

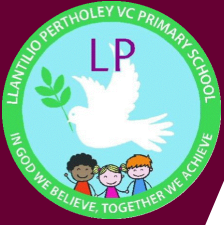
There are also details of how the staff and governors are planning to move the school forward in our School Development Grant (SDP). This is also on the school website for you to view:

[SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN | Lpps \(llantiliopertholeycv.monmouthshire.sch.uk\)](http://llantiliopertholeycv.monmouthshire.sch.uk)

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Last Day of Term

We always have a rush of parents collecting their children early on the last day of term. This can be quite problematic and chaotic!

So, we are going to trial finishing at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd December.

I understand that some parents may be working. Children may stay in school as normal if you need them to. However, we appreciate that you often want to get away early on that last day.

God Bless

Helen King (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

October

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>:  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

November

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

December

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>  
  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
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Healthy Snack stickers  
 Rec-Y2 Story Teller  
 Coffee Morning 9am  
 Individual photographs  
 Healthy Snack stickers  
 Wear Something Green Day  
 (Dwarfism Awareness)  
 Healthy Snack stickers  
 Healthy Lunch stickers  
 PTFA Coffee Morning for DSUK 9am  
 Wear something Red Day  
 (Show Racism the Red Card)  
 Rugby Tots  
 Healthy Lunch stickers  
 Harvest Festival (for pupils only)  
 Last day of half term

Healthy Lunch stickers  
 First day of half term

INSET Training Day (school closed for pupils)  
 Christmas Fete  
 Rec-Year 2 Concert 6pm  
 Rec-Year 2 Concert 1.30pm  
 Year 3/4 Concert 6pm  
 Year 3/4 Concert 1.30pm  
 Year 5/6 Carol Concert 6pm  
 Year 5/6 Carol Concert 1.30pm  
 Carol Service St. Teilo's  
 (all welcome)  
 Magician (whole school)  
 Year 5/6 Christmas Party  
 Year 3/4 Christmas Party  
 Rec-Year 2 Christmas Party  
 Christingle Service ST Teilo's  
 (all welcome)

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