



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry that you did not receive a newsletter at the end of last term. I succumbed to the awful virus that was going around and so wasn't able to finish it.

Anyway, I hope you all had a good Christmas. And I wish you all a Happy New Year on behalf of the staff and I.

Newsletter 6
13th January

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Our Christian value this half term is:

Humility

Father Julian and Mrs Balkwill
lead our value assemblies.



Parent Share Event

Following the popular maths sharing this term we have decided to hold a literacy share for each class this term. It will take a similar format to the maths share. Have a look at the calendar for dates.

Please do not fret if you are not able to attend all of these meetings. We hold them to support you not to make stress! We ensure that children are not upset if an adult isn't there for them and are able to sit in a group with their friends. I try to attend as many as I can to support these children too.

Car Park

We have had a couple of incidents recently of parents not being very considerate when parking. One such incident involved an argument and bad language was used. Please could I remind everyone about our motto 'Be kind, be the best you can be'. This extends to everyone in our school community. Please remember that children are continually watching, listening and learning from you. Please be a good role model for the children in Llantilio Pertholey Primary.

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Term	Dates	Half	Term	
Autumn Term	02/09/24	28/10/24	01/11/24	20/12/24
Spring Term	06/01/25	24/02/25	28/02/25	11/04/25
Summer Term	28/04/25	26/05/25	30/05/25	21/07/25

INSET Training Days 2024/2025

School closed to pupils:

Monday 2nd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 4th November

Friday 7th March

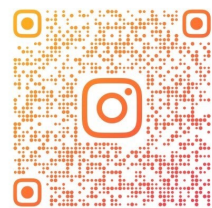
Friday 27th June

Monday 21st July

Instagram

Have you seen photos of your child on our new Instagram page?

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Dates for Your Diary

January

Friday 17th	Year 3
Friday 24th	KHS DHT transition visit
Monday 27th 2pm	Year 1 Class Literacy Share
Tuesday 28th 2pm	Year 2 Class Literacy Share
Tuesday 28th	Y6 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 29th	Y6 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 29th 2pm	Reception Class Literacy Share
Thursday 30th 2pm	Year 3 Class Literacy Share
Friday 31st 2pm	Year 4 Class Literacy Share

February

Tuesday 4th 2pm	Year 5 Class Literacy Share
Thursday 6th 2pm	Year 6 Class Literacy Share
Tuesday 11th	Year 4/5/6/ Diversity Workshops
Monday 17th	Film Night Parth Gwenyn
Tuesday 18th	Film Night Parth Blodau Haul
Wednesday 19th	Yr1 Community Dental Dept.

Friday 21st

Closed for Half Term

March

Monday 3rd	Open after Half Term
Tuesday 4th 2pm	Year 6 Class Literacy Share
Thursday 6th 2pm	Year 5 Class Literacy Share

Please note the dates for Year 5 and Year 6 Literacy Share have swapped over. Year 5 will now be working with staff from KHS on Tuesday 4th March.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank you all for your tremendous support last term! We're on track to reach our goal for covering all transport costs for the school trips. Please watch our socials as we will keep you up to date over the year on totals raised.

Things to look out for this term:

Penny Wars is starting imminently! Each class has their own jar. The aim is to raise the biggest amount of money, and this is done by adding 2ps and 1ps to your class jar (those will be added together to get the total).

Other classes can sabotage another class total by adding 5,10,20,50ps or £1 (these will subtract the total in the jar by the value of each coin). Don't let the other classes see you sabotaging, as they might come and sabotage your class!

The students LOVE this game, and it has been a huge hit in the past.

We will hold the Family quiz on Thursday 6th Feb

And there will be something for the kids on 17/18th Feb - we're not sure what yet, so again, keep up to date with our posts and socials to find out more.

We are looking for someone to help us build a base for our new shed that has been donated to us by Abergavenny Roundtable. We can cover the cost of materials, but will need man power / someone who knows what they're doing to build it. If this is you, or if you know someone who can help, then please get in contact with us

Our next meeting is Thursday 16th January, 3.30 at the school. If anyone would like to join us, please do (kids welcome).

The Community Cabin

A reminder that the cabin also has toiletries, sanitary products, hair accessories and tinned food. Please make use of the tinned food products as any donations we have enable us to buy more products for the cabin.



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Partnership

We work very hard at Llantilio Pertholey Primary to be open and honest with our parents and carers. We pride ourselves for having an open door policy and welcome parents and carers into our school.

Our school motto is **'Be Kind, Be the Best You Can Be!'** This is applicable to the whole school community: pupils, staff, Governors, anyone visiting the school and parents and carers. I expect all school staff to speak to you calmly and with respect. If this does not happen I would encourage you to make an appointment to speak to me as soon as you can. However, this goes both ways. Sadly, we had a number of incidents last term where staff felt uncomfortable or even threatened by the way they were spoken to by parents or carers. By the very nature of a school, sometimes things can go wrong and parents can become frustrated or upset by a situation. However, we should all follow acceptable behaviours, our school policy and Monmouthshire County Council's Policy. In November, the Governing Body agreed and updated our Parent and Staff Communication Policy to ensure that all members of our school community feel respected. Click here for the policy:



Inappropriate Use of Social Networking Sites by Parents

Although social networking sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest ways to express frustrations or concerns, it is rarely appropriate to do so. Other channels, such as private and confidential discussion are most appropriate, or the use of the School Complaints Policy. Last term we had a couple of inappropriate incidents of this nature. This is very unfair to the school as we are unable to give our side to any incidents or perspectives.

The School considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites:

- Making allegations about the School, which will harm its reputation
- Making allegations about pupils at the School/cyber bullying;
- Making complaints about the School/staff at the School;
- Posting negative/offensive comments about specific pupils/staff at the School;

The School will always try to deal with concerns raised by parents in a professional and appropriate manner and understands that parents may not always realise when they have used social networking sites inappropriately.

Therefore, as a first step, the School will usually discuss the matter with the parent to try and resolve the matter and to ask that the relevant information be removed from the social networking site in question. If the parent refuses to do this and continues to use social networking sites in a manner the School considers inappropriate the School may take further action in accordance with the provisions of the policy.



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Jewellery

Teaching staff are complaining that more and more children are wearing jewellery to school. There are many reasons why this is not a good idea. Firstly, jewellery may be lost or broken. More importantly, jewellery presents a risk of injury if worn on the yard or in PE.

Children are encouraged to wear a wristwatch (not a Smartwatch). Children can wear one small ring and stud earrings. Other jewellery should be left for at home or on weekends. Children will be asked to remove other jewellery.

Our school was chosen last term to design Bishop Cherry's Christmas card. This was sent to all church schools in Monmouthshire and to all of Bishop Cherry's colleagues across the diocese.

Well done to Louie Lewis in Year 6 for this winning design. We are very proud of you Louie.



God bless,

Helen King (Headteacher)

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.

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