



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for continuing to support us to ensure our school site is safe. As you know, Wales completed the move to Alert Level Zero with regards to COVID-19 on 28 January.

WG Guidance asks that all schools should continue to ensure core interventions remain in place. 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

Guidance prevents us from continuing the staggered start and end of the day. Therefore, after half term, **school will return to normal hours**. The gates will be opened at 8.40am. School doors are open at 8.50am, ready for a 9am start, and finishes at 3.20pm. We will go back to zoning the yard once again, until it is time to go in. The zones will also be used at the end of the day; teachers will guide children to the correct zone to be collected by their grown-ups.

If you have any questions about regulations to do with COVID-19 and our procedures, please do not hesitate to ask.

If you need to speak to the main school office, I would encourage you to telephone. Please be reassured that messages are picked up regularly as they are directed to the schools' email account. If you do wish to come to the office, please use the door buzzer and step back. Please be patient. The office staff may be in another part of the building or on the telephone. Someone will get to you as soon as possible.

I have asked other staff not to let people in unless *they are able to deal with your query*. Thank you for understanding that this may not always be possible. Please be assured that staff are not being rude if they don't let you in; it is important that we do not have people in the building unattended. There are all sorts of reasons including safeguarding and confidentiality such as if staff are using the office telephone.



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**18th**  
**February**



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## Community Clothes and Shoes Recycling Project

In the last meeting, I asked for your opinions on a project we were researching. Sadly, the replies I received from parents were very limited. I want to work with you in the development of our school and really value your opinions. Please take a minute or two to give your opinion. We are considering developing a recycling project on our school site. People in the local community would donate children's clothes and shoes that are still good quality but their children no longer wear them. Others can then reuse the clothes and shoes for free or for a small donation towards the project. We would have an outbuilding on the school site that would be open during school hours for people to donate or collect the clothes and shoes.

I do need and value your opinion.

***Please complete this questionnaire regarding the project. I need as many people in the community to complete this as possible in order to apply for funding for the project. Please help us...***



<https://forms.office.com/r/V6Q2LnVf33>

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In September 2021, a new ALN Bill was published for children in Wales on a phased basis. We are working closely with our local authority ALN Team to be ready for the changes.

These changes may affect your child now or in the future. It is important that you are clear about the new bill. Mrs Davis has created an information leaflet and a short presentation to explain the changes.

[Click here for the presentation](#)

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

We will invite parents in next term for a general meeting and presentation to explain the new system in more detail later next half term. We will then invite individual parents to discuss particular children and support in the Autumn Term.

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Some parents have been asking us about the dates for the Personalised Assessments. In Wales, it is a requirement that children in Year 2-Year 9 take these online assessments at least once a year. In our school, these will be held mainly in the week's beginning 9th and 16th May. These are nothing to be concerned about and have changed over the years. This year, the Personalised Assessments will be online. Any child missing from school will be able to be assessed when they return. 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.

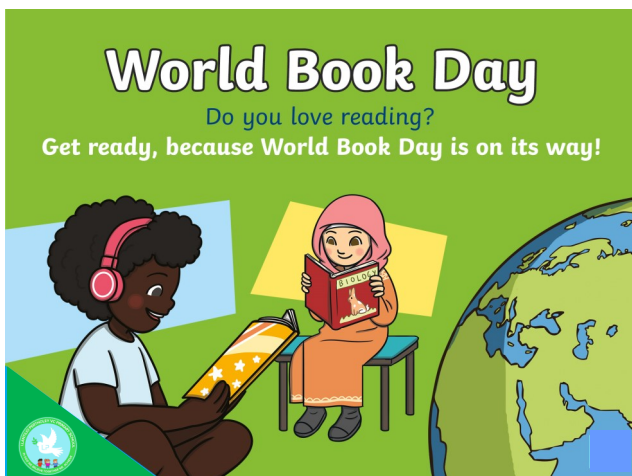


If you want more information please visit:

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

### St. David's Day – Tuesday 1st March

Please can children come to school wearing Welsh themed clothing or something red, white or green to celebrate St. David's Day. We will be celebrating St. David's Day in school by having a class Eisteddfod which the children are already busy preparing for.



### World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

To highlight the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Book Day we will continue to promote children's love of reading by celebrating it in each class. We will have lots of fun activities and the children are welcome to bring along their favourite book and/or dress as their favourite character.



We still have parents who have not signed up to receive information from school. We have a variety of ways that we get information to you:

- 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)



Could I highlight that on Monday 28th February school will be closed for Teacher Training. Children will return to school on Tuesday 1st March. This is our Eisteddfod Celebration Day.

Our school has been recognised for the rapid improvements we have made over the past few years in terms of teaching and learning, wellbeing of pupils and our amazing outdoor learning areas and enhanced independent learning in Foundation Phase. The Education Achievement Service (EAS), the school improvement service for the five local authorities (LAs) in South East Wales (Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen) have asked me to write a case study about our journey. This will be shared with colleagues across the South East Wales area. We are absolutely thrilled to have been asked to undertake this work.

As always thank you for your continuing support.

God Bless



(Headteacher)

<u>Dates for Your Diary</u>
21st February-25th February: Half Term
28th February: Teacher Training
1st March: Eisteddfod
3rd March: World Book Day
8th April: End of Term
25th April: Start of Summer Term
Monday 3rd May: May Day
Monday 9th May: Personalised Assessments
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
20th July: End of Summer Term
2nd September: Training Day
5th September: Start of Autumn Term for children

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