



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the Bingo Night. It was lovely to see so many people in a social setting. I had fun and I hope you enjoyed yourselves! We'll certainly be doing more things like that in the future. Thanks to the PTFA for organising.



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A reminder of the timings of our school day. There have been quite a few changes over the past years because of the pandemic. Firstly, I realised this week that staff were opening the KS2 Yard gate too early. I changed that and I am sorry if it has caused any confusion.

We have childcare from 8am in the hall and that costs £1 a day, payable via ParentPay. We then have a Breakfast Club from 8.30-8.40am. Please arrive in plenty of time for this. I have asked staff to close the doors at 8.40am as we were having many children arrive past this time and expecting breakfast. This doesn't give staff enough time to prepare breakfast and clean up in time for school.

School starts at 9.00am. We open the gates ten minutes early at 8.50am. This gives all children and parents/carers a 10-minute slot in which to arrive. This hopefully, spreads out the traffic and congestion. If you are walking children into school from a car, you must use a car park space please, to ensure that children are kept safe. Thanks, for your understanding.

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### NEU Strikes

You may have heard that the NEU has rejected the offer made by the Government. This means that we now have further strikes planned for :

**Thursday 2nd March**

**Wednesday 15th March**

**Thursday 16th March**

**Please be prepared the school may be closed to pupils on these days.**

Our Eisteddfod is still planned for Wednesday March 1st. Children may wear red to school, dress up in traditional clothes or Welsh rugby kit or just wear a daffodil or a leek.

We are moving out World Book Day celebrations to Friday 3rd March, as school will be probably closed on the Thursday. We will be having a book swap: look for more details on a separate letter from Miss Rolph, our Literacy Leader.

Children may also dress up. However, we would rather children make a headband, make a costume from things you have at home or bring a prop of something from a book.

Please *do not* buy anything new for these occasions. It really isn't necessary.

You are invited to chat to the teachers and have a look through your child's books. These will start at 2pm. Note the change for Year 6

- Year 5: Friday 3rd March
- Year 4: Monday 6th March
- Year 3: Tuesday 7th March
- Year 2: Wednesday 8th March
- Year 1: Thursday 9th March
- REC: Friday 10th March
- Year 6: Monday 13th March



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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I am sure that you have noticed the work going on in the car park. This has stemmed from an idea from the pupils last year.

The site will have a wooden shack on it. The shack will house second-hand uniform, clothes, shoes, coats and so on. The theme is to reuse good quality clothes instead of using vital resources always buying new and to save clothes from going to landfill.

The children discovered that:

***we buy more clothes per person in the UK than any country in Europe.***

***around 300,000 tonnes of used clothes are burned or buried in landfill each year.***

***loads of incinerated clothing has never even been sold or worn. It's retailers or manufacturers disposing of unsold stock in the most 'cost-effective' way possible.***

***Polyester clothing is pumped out, sold and quickly binned, much like single-use plastics. It takes 200 years to decompose.***

***It's thought that if nothing changes, by 2050 fashion will take up a quarter of the world's carbon budget.***

The children wanted to do something about it and we came up with the uniform swap. You will be able to get second-hand, good quality clothes for a tiny fraction of the price! The children are creating posters for the shack and we are very excited. Some of the children came out to see the concrete base being poured today.



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A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 17th February, school will be closed to pupils. School will not reopen for pupils until Tuesday 28th February.



I hope you all have a lovely half term and the sun is shining!

Cofion gorau,

(Headteacher)

We say goodbye to Mrs Haidee Clarke in the school office today. Some of you may still see her, in her new role at KHS. We will miss her loads and wish her all the best in her new school.

#### Dates for Your Diary

17th February: INSET Training Day

20th February-24th February: Half Term

27th February: INSET Training Day

31st March: End of Spring Term

17th April: Start of Summer Term

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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