



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are passing so quickly and it'll be Christmas before we know it! We have had such a busy term so far.

Newsletter
11th
November



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The new KS2 Canopy has been installed on the yard. It has been enjoyed in lessons and during playtime. The children have a reading shed with a large range of books for a more relaxing breaktime.



Mrs Whiteman was nominated by a parent for the 'Teacher Assistant of the Year'. We are so proud of her!



Some of our KS2 children took part in a cluster Cross Country competition. Their sportsmanship and perseverance did us proud!

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Children are becoming more and more independent using the maths resources during their learning.



The Salvation Army came in to do a special assembly.



Gwent Music came to play brass instruments to motivate the children to want to learn an instrument.



Father Julian has come into school regularly to do whole school and Foundation Phase class assemblies. We enjoyed visiting St. Teilo's Church for the Harvest Festival.

Thank you once again for your donations to the Abergavenny Food Bank.



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Year 5 & 6 have been enjoying musical composition sessions with Ragsy. They are writing their own music and lyrics.



The pupils in KS2 had a Q and A session with Peter Fox MS and asked some very interesting and challenging questions.



The author, Claire Fayers, shared some of the tales from her books. The children were very excited to be able to buy a book from a 'real-life' author and to have it signed.



Laura Anne Jones MS ✓ · 9h ...
Fantastic visit to
[@LPCommunity](#) Llantilio
Pertholey CofW Primary School
this morning.

A warm and wonderful school,
with very impressive outdoor
spaces, that they are
continually adapting. A great
place to learn and grow.

Great to meet with Head re:
New Curriculum, ALN & FSM



Children in Foundation Phase participated in the 'All about Me' show by Techniquet as part of their topic 'Who Do You Think You Are?'

Year 2-4 had an exciting visit from robots!!



Alison Newsam, a fabulous storyteller, came and enthralled the whole school with her wonderful stories.

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The new Outdoor Learning Area for Year 3/4 is developing. It has been a lot of hard work! The children have been very excited and have been producing fabulous independent work.



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Parent Forum: Relationships and Sex Education Policy

A reminder that the next Parents Forum will be on Tuesday 15th November at 9.00 in the hall. There will be refreshments available. Please come along: we had only a few last time so I have changed the time to first thing in the morning. It is a very informal chat with me to discuss school issues important to you. Next week we will be discussing the new Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum. This is an area that many people have strong views about. Hopefully, I will be able to answer your questions and we can discuss how we will be going forward with this important area of learning.

Our Health and Wellbeing Lead will work with our Schools Police Officer (SPO) to plan a programme of **age-appropriate** sessions around issues such as awareness of substance misuse, safeguarding, social behaviour and community issues. Each lesson may focus on legal and social aspects of a topic gives pupils opportunities to discuss the issues and give information to enable children to make positive choices. More information is available on the SchoolBeat.cymru website [SchoolBeat: Parents](#)

Sessions through the year:

Y1-2 Safety/ Domestic Abuse Safe Haven
Rec-2 Safety People Who Help Us
Y1 Safety Playing Safe
Y2 Drugs Who? What? Where?
Y2 Behaviour Right and Wrong
Y3 Internet Safety Stay SMART
Y3 Bullying Sticks and Stones
Y4 Drugs Sinister Substances
Y4 Safety/Abuse Friend or Foe
Y5-6 Drugs It's Your Choice
Y5 Internet Safety/ Cyberbullying Be Cyber Safe
Y5 Anti-Social Behaviour The Park
Y5-6 Anti-Social Behaviour I Didn't Think
Y5-6 Mobile Phones Picture This!
Y6 CSA/E Griff's Story
Y6 Drugs/ Alcohol and Solvents So, What's the Problem?
Y6 Safer Relationships The Right to Be Safe

New 3-19 School in Abergavenny

As you know, children at the end of Year 6 will soon be going to a new secondary school. Mr Tim Bird, the Sustainable Schools Education Advisor for Monmouthshire County Council will be coming to work with our Year 5&6 children on Wednesday 16th November. The children will be exploring sustainable design and the new 3-19 school. There will be a drop-in session after school in the hall to give parents the opportunity to have a look at the design of the new school.

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School Trips

We have had a number of parents asking about school trips. We do have plans for school trips this academic year. However, we are very aware of some people in our community who are struggling financially in the current climate. The fact is that the price of trips and buses have risen sharply. We need to ensure that trips are worthwhile, affordable and educationally valuable. I hope you can see from our TWITTER feed and from the photographs in our newsletters that we work very hard to make the curriculum every day interactive and motivating. This includes asking a number of visitors to come to our school to engage and motivate the children. Please be assured that we are not taking the children on multiple trips because 'we just can't be bothered.' The teachers love trips as much as the children! (More probably, if truth be known)

Residential Trips

We are very lucky to have amazing facilities within our school grounds. Last year we invested in camping equipment to enable us to use our own grounds for exciting outdoor learning. Watch this space for more information later in the year.

As with everything, prices of residential trips have risen. We have spent time researching many centres and some places are asking for about £400-£500 for 4 days and a coach would be on top of that. We have decided to take the Year 6 pupils to Gilwern again this year. The children had an amazing time last year and they offer a discounted rate for our Free School Meal Families. Look out for more information coming soon.

Cost of Living

If you are struggling in this current climate there is help available. I do have a *small* budget set aside for families who are really struggling to supply their children with school equipment such as school uniform, coats or shoes and so on. Please come and speak to me if this is you.

You can find some more support here

[Get help with the cost of living | GOV.WALES](#)

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/>



**There's more
support out there
than you think...**



PTFA

Our PTFA are a small group of parents who offer a lot of support for the school. They would be grateful of any extra help you could offer. The PTFA have just given the school a cheque from Waitrose for our outdoor learning areas. We are thrilled.

Children in Need

Children in Need is next Friday 18th November. We are asking for children to wear spotty or bright coloured clothes. You may donate to the charity via Parent Pay using the following link: [BBC Children in Need 2022 \(parentpay.com\)](https://parentpay.com)

Christmas Jumper Swap & Uniform

The PTFA have organised a Christmas Jumper Swap & Uniform in the school hall from 2pm onwards. Please send in your donations to the school office.

Christmas Fayre

The PTFA are organising a Christmas Fayre at the school on 15th December. Look out for more details!

School Disco

Please save the date of 21st December. The PTFA are organising a free Christmas disco for the children. Again, look out for more details soon.

End of the School Day

There seems to be an increasing number of parents lingering on the yard (particularly on the Foundation Phase Yard) after school. Staff report that some children are playing with resources after school. Several times, children, including pre-school siblings, have been allowed to play inside the writing shed and with the mud kitchen. These areas are then being left in disarray ready for the children the next day. I have to ask you to please leave the grounds as soon as you have collected your children for many reasons including safeguarding children. Some of the equipment is dangerous for younger children and resources are expensive and need to be cared for. Thank you so much for your understanding.

We have an increasing number of parents arriving late to collect their children. Please note that children should be collected by 3.20pm. If you are going to be late please let the school know and you can always book your child into our After School Club. This is available even late in the day: we are nowhere near capacity as yet.

Christmas Events

Our Year 6 pupils and the school choir will be invited to participate in a traditional Carol Service at St. Teilo's Church on 18th December. This year we are planning a Foundation Phase Concert on Thursday 8th December and a Year 3/4 Concert on Tuesday 13th December. The children in Year 5/6 will be presenting a more light hearted Carol Service on Monday 12th December. The children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in an end of year concert in the summer.

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Dates for Your Diary

15th November: Parent Forum Meeting
16th November: Parent Drop-In for information about Abergavenny's new 3-19 school
18th November: Children in Need
8th December: Foundation Phase Concert
12th December: Y5/6 Carol Service
13th December: Y3/4 Concert
14th December: Christmas Dinner
15th December: Christmas Fayre
18th December: Carol Service St. Teilo's
19th December: Y5/6 Party
20th December: Y3/4 Party
21st December: Foundation Phase Party
21st December: School Disco
23rd December: INSET Training Day
23rd December: End of Term
9th January: Start of Spring Term
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

God Bless

(Headteacher)

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