



# PADIHAM GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

**We are Advent People** Advent is the beginning of the spiritual year for many churches and it is observed over the four Sundays before Christmas Day. The First Sunday of Advent was last week with the first traditional advent theme being the hope of God's people as a light shining in a dark place; the other Sundays' themes feature The Old Testament prophets with a candle of peace; St. John the Baptist with a candle of love; and Mary, the mother of Jesus with a candle of joy. I'm sure you'd be welcome at St. Leonard's church to celebrate these special days.

### Our PG Events Diary for these next two Christmas weeks

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30pm - KS1 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' (Ticket Only Event)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - KS1 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' (Ticket Only Event)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school flu immunisations

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school Christingle service

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas party

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas pantomime

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - break up for the Christmas holidays and return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

### Mr. O'Brien's Sports Coach Report:

This week some of our Year 4 children completed their level one Bikeability course and our Year 2 children completed their 'skills to play' sessions and both classes really enjoyed it. On Wednesday, 5 children in Year 2 and 5 children in Year 3 achieved their 25m in swimming which is an amazing achievement at such a young age! On Thursday, children in Years 5&6 represented school in a football competition and showed amazing teamwork and resilience and represented the school brilliantly.

### Thanks to our PG staff

When I look at our school diary and I review how many meetings go on here with so many different teachers and agencies that keep all your children at the centre of what we do, I realise how hard everyone works. So on behalf of all our parents who obviously care so much about their own children, I say thank you to all our PG people for doing what they do ... as well as teaching every day. Amazing.

### This week's attendance figures

Whole School Weekly Attendance Figure = <b>92.2%</b> (Below Local Authority Target 96%)						
<u>Class R</u>	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
<u>95.3%</u>	<u>91.4%</u>	<u>93.5%</u>	<b><u>95.9%</u></b>	<u>90.8%</u>	<u>88.3%</u>	<u>90.3%</u>

Well done to **Class 3** for scoring the highest attendance level in all our classes this week. That's great stuff but we were still below the LA target of 96%. Let's try to beat that target together!

**And finally...** I cannot believe we are in December and we only have two more weeks left of term! Like many of us, I feel like I've limped through this half term due to feeling less than 100%. So thanks to everyone for battling through and special thanks to the *healthier-everyone-else* for stepping into other people's responsibilities at school to make sure everything works. Thanks to Mrs. Tyrer in my sickness absence and Mr. Tranmer for being around to make sure everyone is ok too and everything is covered at PG. Great team work and great leadership! Thank you.

God Bless, Mark Dixon, Headteacher, 马克·迪克森 校长 (王大龙)