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Dear Parents,

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Health and Safety Parking Following parental concern over needing to walk on the road due to cars blocking the pavement near school, I offer another plea to motorists to be considerate when parking. Parental complaints to the Police are likely to attract more parking patrols.

First Week of the Summer Term Our first week at PG has gone really well. I'm really pleased with the way the children have returned to school after the Easter holiday and how they have settled back into their learning so quickly. Big thanks to our teachers and teaching teams for preparing lessons so well and to all our teachers with leadership roles too as they help everyone improve their teaching practice to ensure our children get the best possible deal at Padiham Green. Thanks in advance to everyone for the summer term ahead.

Staffing News We offered a fond farewell to Mrs. De'Ath today who came to us in 2002 so she's been working here at PG for over 20 years (!!) which is longer than anyone else at PG! Even Mrs. Gardiner who has been here for one term longer than me! We say a huge thank you to Mrs. De'Ath for all the care and support she has offered our children and families and we send our best wishes to her family too for the future.

Teddy Bear Appeal We want to create a bible scene with teddy bears as a Padiham Green exhibit for the Teddy Bear Bible Exhibition at St. Leonard's on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th May 2023. This coincides with the Padiham Painting event so there should be lots going on during that weekend in Padiham. We want to re-create The Sermon on the Mount when Jesus spoke to a crowd ... and your children's teddy bears will become the crowd so we need LOADS of teddies to join in and make an impressive exhibit. Please just send a teddy bear to school and we'll store them in our classrooms until the event and we'll have a team to assemble 'the crowd' in advance of the day. So please bring your teddies in and of course they will come home! I wonder which class will provide the most teddy bears.

Attendance I recognise this is a regular appeal but I'd really love to see us reach our attendance target of 96% or above in the coming weeks. I don't apologise for banging on about it because it is so important. Every single lesson counts and every lesson missed creates a big disadvantage for your child. Oh and please don't be that parent that starts getting serious about attendance in Year 6! It's never too late to get serious about attendance but please get serious about it now. Your child needs you to say, 'You are going to school!' That's good parenting and please just trust us if you are at all in doubt. Most often children are fine in school so please let us help you get them here.

PG Parent Hub Thanks to everyone who came to this week's session which was ran by the school nursing team and focused on how to effectively treat head lice. If you were unable to attend this session, all the information is available to view on our website.

Mr. O'Brien's Sports Coach Report This week children from Year 5&6 took part in a football match and they won their first game of the season. I'm so proud of the determination and resilience shown throughout the year from the team and it was a well-earned win.

Football Captain's Report: Yesterday after school, PG's football team played against Holy Trinity, Bentley (Y6) scored a whopping hat-trick and Lawson (Y5) scored an absolute banger, bringing the final score 4-0 to PG. Great defending skills were shown by Oakley and Carson (Y6) and Dylan (Y6) kept a clean sheet, even saving a penalty. Great assists were made by Tom and Corey (Y6) and Clayton (Y5). Well done PG from your Captain, Bentley.

This week's attendance figures

Whole School Weekly Attendance Figure = 94.4% (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>
97.3%	94%	97.7%	90.3%	95.8%	94.8%	91.4%

Well done to **Class 2** for scoring the highest level in all our classes this week. That's great news but we still haven't met the LA target of 96%!! Let's make attendance every day a real priority next term to reach and bust the LA target!!

And finally... don't forget about the government's emergency alert test this Sunday at 3pm: <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>

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