



# PADIHAM GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

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**More Wonderful Staffing News at Padiham Green** I am delighted to report that the Governors appointed Mrs. Mac as their new Assistant Headteacher today to replace Mr. Tranmer's vacant Assistant Headship post from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 to complete their trilogy of key appointments. What a leadership team there will be in September! Everyone is delighted here for this well-deserved appointment so many congratulations to Mrs. Mac. It is always a really tough time during the preparation required for these roles and the interview itself so I'm sure Mrs. Mac is looking forward to a lovely weekend of rest and celebration. This is great news for both you and Padiham Green Mrs. Mac! Very well done from us all!

## **Padiham on Parade is This Weekend: 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Many primary school children from Padiham are meeting at 9.45am at the Cenotaph on Sunday for the Military Parade starting at 10am. We have some PG children dressed up in WW1 uniforms! I'll be there too so we'll gather with all the children and staff and we'll parade together to the Town Hall. Parents are to collect the children from the Town Hall after the service there which will be approximately 11.15-11.30am. Thanks for coming too!

**Music Day** A wonderful celebration of Music was led brilliantly by Miss Mitchell this week in our Music Day assembly. We had lockdown videos, emotive videos and very talented live performances from Mia-Rose (keyboards), Cooper (guitar) and Katie (drums) ... who could probably make a band and everyone was dressed up in all sorts of costumes looking amazing. I want to particularly mention our team of sparkly Abba Girls! An example of our brilliant TAs getting characteristically stuck in whilst simultaneously looking amazing! Thanks to everyone - it makes such a difference to our children seeing you getting involved. Typically brilliant PG.

**Mr. Duncan** Our previous Chair/Vice-Chair of Governors, Andrew Duncan joined us with his wife for our Music Day assembly this week when we thanked him for all his many years of service to PG as a Governor. 28 years in fact... over two millennia! He gave a lovely speech reflecting on his time here and he said one of our children thanked him for all his years of service on his way out. How special and typical of a child he helped to build! He was really touched. He has also been a wonderful support to me during my PG headship and I have particularly appreciated that support. I want to thank Mrs. Barsby too for her vote of thanks to Andrew and for her support for me as Headteacher when she took over from him and for supporting Mrs. Tyrer as PG continues to grow.

**Friends of PG (FoPG) Meeting** Many thanks to the people who supported this meeting this week led by Mrs. Simpson. These brilliant people met to organise and support our Summer Fair and it was great to see so many people helping - thank you! We are reaching out for raffle prizes (or lovely condition teddy bears!) so if you have any contacts who might be able to support us, please ask them. We also have a series of Friday non-uniform days: **bottles** today (or Monday) and **toiletries** next Friday please. Many thanks for your support if you can.

**Education Funding** I am going to talk about the future of education funding in next week's newsletter and Ofsted and the potential for union action next year and the fact that if I were still here, whilst I have NEVER said this before, I would definitely strike. I asked the Governors this week and I will ask you as parents here to support Mrs. Tyrer and all our teachers in whatever they decide to do because they are doing it for your children's futures. What has been happening to school funding recently is utterly disgusting.

**Mr. O'Brien's Sports Coach Report** This week, children from Y4, Y5 and Y6 took part in cross country at Towneley, with everyone showing great determination and spirit. A special well done to Stephanie and Lexie for finishing 3rd in their races and Corey for finishing 2nd. Lexie and Poppy in Y5 will now go on to represent Team Burnley in the Lancashire Cross Country Finals. We also took part in a year 4&5 football friendly this week. The team played brilliantly but just came up short in a 2-0 defeat. A promising performance and excitement for next year.

Whole School Weekly Attendance Figure = 94.7% (Below Local Authority Target 96%)						
Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
93.3%	97.7%	94.1%	92.4%	90.8%	96.3%	97.3%

Well done to class 1 for winning this week's attendance with 97.7%! However, we still haven't made it back to the LA target of 96%. Let's try and reach that target next week!!

**And finally...** Our school family lost a lovely man this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very sad time.

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