

Padiham Green CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th September



A note from Mrs Tyrer



Happy New School Year to you all and welcome back after what I hope has been a lovely, restful summer break. It has been brilliant to welcome everyone back this week. A big welcome to our new Reception children too who have made a brilliant start to their time at Padiham Green.

I feel extremely lucky to have been chosen to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the superb leadership of Mr Dixon. As you know, Padiham Green is a very special place. Your children are cared for and taught by an amazing team of hardworking and dedicated staff. Our staff are brilliant at recognising talents and achievements and making sure that every child is given the opportunity to shine.

I believe that school should be a happy, caring place filled with respectful and hardworking children. My vision for the school is to make sure that we meet the needs of our children in all areas of school life and that we give the children a wealth of experience and opportunities whilst they are with us. This in turn, will guarantee they leave Padiham Green at the end of Year 6 feeling confident, responsible and valued members of society ready for their secondary school journey.

You can rest assured that as headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your children whilst they are members of our school family.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions worries or concerns. To make an appointment, please speak to the school office.

God Bless, Mrs Tyrer

New look Newsletter

Welcome to our new look newsletter, going forward the newsletter will be sent on the first Friday of each month via School Spider. A few paper copies will be available next to the office hatch. Hopefully the new format will be easier to read online and will allow us to include lots more information for you. I would be grateful for any feedback and any ideas for things you would like to see included going forwards.

Parent Hub

Parent hub will start again Thursday 21st September.

Everyone welcome!



McMillan Coffee Morning

Save the Date—We will be holding a coffee morning to raise money for McMillan on Friday 29th September.

More information to follow



OFSTED update

Many of you will be aware that we were inspected by OFSTED in June. Some of the questions raised during the inspection meant that we were unable to share the report with you at the time. The outcome of the inspection was that our school has been downgraded from good to requires improvement. As you can imagine we are incredibly disappointed with this but we are all determined to keep working hard and address the areas for improvement which they suggested and make sure when they return for the next inspection we are graded as good.

The final report will be published on Monday but will be sent out today for you to read.

Online Safety Message

Online safety for children and awareness for parents is more important than ever. At Padiham Green we are committed to this. The Online safety section of our website has a wealth of information and links for parents to use. This can be found here <https://www.padihamgreen.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/118039>.

We will also be delivering a talk for parents at our parent hub on Thursday 19th October at 9am and again at 6pm –7pm on the same day. More information about this will be sent out to you nearer the time, but please save the date.

Our computing curriculum teaches online safety discretely through each unit and a stand-alone online safety unit will be delivered in each year group in the Spring term.

Friends of Padiham Green

Friends of Padiham Green would like to thank you for all your support last year.



We enjoyed hosting coffee mornings, school discos, chocolate bingo and the Summer Fair.

All these things have happened with the support of our volunteers. We would love to host more events this year, with the help of even more volunteers.

If you would like to know more about volunteering, please speak to the school office for more information. All the money raised at these events goes back to the children and help fund trips, visitors and treats.

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance is essential in order for children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. Along with the Local Authority, we set each child a minimum attendance target of 96%, which we believe is achievable. At Padiham Green, we expect every child to attend school every day, on time, where possible. The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. If a child arrives after 8.55am, they will be marked as late. **The attendance winners this week are Class R. Well done Class R, what a fantastic start! And well done to everyone else - we ended up above target!**

Class R– 100%

Class 4– 98.3%

Class 1- 99.3%

Class 5– 95%

Class 2– 97.9%

Class 6-95.7%

Class 3- 99%

Total—97.8%

Parentpay and School Fees

Our new starters will receive their 'Activation Letters' this week. These letters contain a generated username and password. If you already have a pupil at our school please use the 'Add a child' function in your existing account, for all other parents please follow the new account process. You can access Parentpay via google (they do not have an app and it is separate to School Spider).

All out of school club, school meal (not Year R to 2) and trip fees are paid through here.

To all of our existing parents please may we ask that you check your accounts on a regular basis and ensure your accounts are kept-up-to-date. We do routinely send out letters from the school office for any accounts over a certain debt limit, there are automatically generated.

School Spider

Just a reminder for our new and existing parents that this is an app which should be downloaded by all parents/carers please. This is our main form of communication for letters, surveys, newsletters and Parents' Evening bookings.

We don't want any of our parents to miss out on important information, so please do log in and contact the School Office if you are struggling to get on.

One login per household is setup using the email address of the first/main contact for each child. You can share this login with any adult in your home. If there is another parent/carer who has parental responsibility, but does not live at the same address as their child, a second login can be created with their email address.

Parking

Just a polite reminder that parents should not be driving into the school car park at the beginning and end of the school day please. This is to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff.

We would also ask that you do not block in any of our neighbours when dropping-off or picking-up your child please. Please do not stop anywhere on the driveway next to the Green Lane gate, this includes pulling in at the bottom.

Water Bottles

Please can all children ensure they have their water bottle in school, as we do not hold spares. Proper water bottles please, no reused pop, prime or single use water bottles. These are incredibly difficult to refill and get mixed up in class.

School Uniform

A big thank you for all your support this week with school uniform. The children have come back into school looking incredibly smart and ready to learn. Just a reminder that they need to come to school in full uniform everyday. This includes black shoes (not trainers) and any shorts should be school shorts and not sports shorts.

We ask that long hair is tied back and all hair accessories are school colours. If you need anymore information about school uniform, please see our school website or speak to the school office.



Class News



Class Reception

Class R have made a wonderful start to school life at PG. They have settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed meeting new friends. Class R have enjoyed getting to know each other and have started their first topic 'All About Me'. They have also taken part in their first P.E. session with Mr. O'Brien who was very impressed with them all. Well done Class R!



Class 1

Class 1 have enjoyed a wonderful first week, exploring their new learning environment and making an excellent start in their key stage one lessons. We have taken part in daily phonics and guided reading, and have enjoyed starting our Science learning about the human body. We are looking forward to the rest of the half term!



Class 2

Class 2 have had an excellent start to the year. We have had lots of fun competing in our own Padiham Green Commonwealth Games. We have looked at how to focus on our own race, make jumps in our learning and have set ourselves targets for the year. Miss Mitchell, Mrs Simpson, Miss Whitehead and Miss Ali are very impressed. Keep it up Class 2.



Class 3

What a great week. The children have been amazing this week and are showing everyone how they are so ready to be in the juniors. Every single child has shone, been kind, respectful and they have all displayed such a positive learning attitude, so much so they have brought a smile to every adult that has taught them this week. Well done Class 3 - keep up the great work.



Class 4

The children have made a great start to their learning in this first week back after the holidays. We have begun to look at the earliest ancient civilisations and how they developed their writing systems. The children have found this really interesting, and we've had a go at creating our own symbols to write in code.



Class 5

We have had a wonderful first week in Class 5. All of the children have settled in really well and impressed the adults with their enthusiasm and effort. We are really enjoying our first book in English: *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* and we have already produced some great writing. Mrs Horne and Mrs Thompson are really looking forward to this year after such fantastic start, well done Class 5!

Class 6

Year 6 have settled in very well and have made a great impression on their teachers. The class have big plans for their learning this half term and have already persuaded Mrs. Tyrer (through a number of letters written to her) to let them organise some exciting events to help a charity they found out about during guided reading. Year 6 also look forward to their two night residential in two weeks. Exciting times ahead.



Sports News and Events

A huge welcome back to everyone and a warm welcome to all of our new starters. We had a great year last year in regard to PE and Sport and we are aiming for even better this year. We have lots of exciting opportunities already planned for the year ahead so keep an eye out for them!

After school clubs are beginning next week, with Year 5&6 football on Mondays, KS2 Girls Football on Tuesdays (starting 19th September) and EYFS & KS1 Dodgeball on Wednesdays. All after school clubs finish at 4.30pm and children can be collected outside the main entrance.

We have our own PE and School Sport Twitter page @PadihamGreenPE so make sure to give us a follow to keep up to date with all the fun stuff we get up to.

We look forward to another great and active year!

Mr O'Brien



School Games Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Gold Mark Award for our dedication to many aspects of school sport. Thank you to Mr O'Brien for his hard work and determination to win this award. And to everyone that helped out getting our children to the many different events.





Sunday Service

Sunday 10th September

9.30am

St Leonard's Church

A special service for all Children, Parents, Staff and members of the Congregation as we begin the New School Year.



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Dates for the Diary

Sunday 10th September—Education Sunday

(9.30 at St Leonards Church, everyone welcome)

Wednesday 20th September—Y6 Borwick Hall visit

Wednesday 20th September—Y2 Library visit

Friday 28th September—McMillan Coffee morning

Tuesday 17th October—YR parent lunch

Wednesday 18th October— 6pm Internet Safety Evening

Friday 20th October—School closes for half term

Monday 13th November—Parents' Evening

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th December—KS1 Nativity

Thursday 21st December—School closes for Christmas

Flu Vaccinations

The whole school flu vaccinations (nasal spray) will take place during the afternoon of 17th November 2023.

On Monday your child will be sent home with a n information letter. This letter has a green and red section for consent or non-consent.

Please do complete at least one section and return it to us by Friday 20th October 2023.

Applying for a school place

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.

Secondary school admissions: If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023. Please see our website for further details.

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