



Jesus said, "Come, follow me." Mtt. 4:19.

PADIHAM GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

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Welcome back! Happy New Year!

Hoping for a more straight-forward experience this term! Fingers crossed everyone! Whilst hopeful for an increasingly **post**-COVID world, we are still hoping that infections don't rise and we can keep our bubbles open and we keep EVERYONE safe. As stated at the end of last term, we are keeping business as usual for these next two weeks (everything the same as last term) and we'll review our practice after that initial period. We'll keep you posted.

I'll talk about our staff in a minute but the way our children have started has been brilliant. I've been really impressed. Thanks for sending them to school looking so smart! Smart in appearance equals smart in attitude I think, so long may that continue which is great news for our children's learning. I'm trying my best too with a couple of new suits over the summer! I had to fish for some compliments in my assembly tbh but it was nice when one of the children said, 'Nice suit Mr. Dixon! Looking good!' I did love that Amelia - thank you!

Our staff have been busy through the summer too getting ready in all sorts of ways: both physically in school and preparing work for the children as well as developing subject leadership across our curriculum. As a consequence, school looks great but the most sparkling addition has to be our new Trim Trail. It's amazing! Huge thanks to Mrs. Mac, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Tyrer and Mr. Cannon for all their work over the summer on this. This brilliant piece of kit is for everyone but it needs to be supervised (so it is not a playtime thing I'm afraid). Mr. Cannon has also been busy building seating for our Forest School area (...well, Mrs. Mac has been keeping Mr. Cannon busy!!) and Mrs. Mellor has prepared our library for use post-Covid as well as making the most amazing 'timeline'. Watch this space for THAT reveal!

Most importantly, our children have returned to school really well and they are very well-disciplined in school with the way they manage themselves safely. So I pay tribute to them today too and say thank you to them for helping to keep everyone safe. Thank you children: you are amazing! *Hands-Face-Space!*

Face Coverings

You'll also see many staff wearing face coverings still and we welcome you to continue to wear them too on our school grounds. I recognise things have changed but we are keen to keep some of the more positive developments in good hygiene that came with the pandemic, so please support us where you can.

Please may we remind all parents/carers that it is still very important to access a **full PCR test** if your child has any of the COVID19 symptoms; however mild (please see our website). Please do not send them to school until you have received their test result.
Please email their test result to: parents@padihamgreen.lancs.sch.uk. If your child tests positive they must complete a full 10 days self-isolation.

P.E. Days

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Year 1 & Year 2</u>	<u>Year 1, 2 & 3</u>	<u>Year R, 3, 4 & 6</u>	<u>Year 5 & Year 6</u>	<u>Year R, 4 & 5</u>

Children should arrive to school in their P.E. kit please. No coloured T-shirts, shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings please. Only plain white or school P.E. T-shirts and school jumpers (no other jumpers or jackets please).

And finally... I'm still on my doctoral journey having worked hard over the summer, but I'm back in school from my study leave now. Many thanks to the Governors; Mrs. Tyrer for stepping into my shoes; and to Mr. Tranmer and the SLT (and Mrs. Barber) for all their support. I'm still on it, giving my message to the children that learning is hard and it needs real perseverance. I'm experiencing that now.

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