



*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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### We're still being careful COVID-wise

Another thank you to everyone; again especially to our children for still being AMAZING with our COVID-19 planning at Padiham Green. We are extending our cautious approach for one more week due to an increase in positive cases of COVID-19 amongst some of our families. It didn't feel right to relax the restrictions the day after we had to advise Year 1 and Year 6 seek PCR tests. Safety always has been, is and will be our first priority and that will endure, but that does not mean we do not want to get back to our new normal arrangements. Our leadership team had a series of meetings earlier this week to prepare for the changes in school after the first two weeks of term as promised due to the uncertainty last term. That work is ready and we are all ready and organised to change but we felt if a number of PCR tests returned as positive, we didn't want to change then immediately have to change back. We felt a cautious approach was sensible so that's what we did. These are difficult times with difficult decisions to make but we always keep everyone's safety, especially the children's at the centre of what we do.

### Forest School Destruction ...again! Police investigating.

I'm sad to report that someone has entered our school grounds and cut down branches and trees without permission, devastating part of our Forest School curriculum area... again. This has meant that our children cannot access the areas they usually do until the Police can see what's happened. All three bug hotels have been damaged and will need rebuilding and Year 1's Forest School mini-beast project work that was displayed in that area has been damaged beyond repair. I have complained to the Police and asked them to investigate. We are all really upset at school and I can't tell you what Mrs. Mac thinks! Anyone remember the Blue Peter garden vandalism? It feels like that. Anyway, it is now a Police matter.

### School Lunch Deliveries

Hopefully you will have seen our School Spider notice regarding county wide issues with food deliveries in schools next week. Our catering providers are unfortunately unable, due to the national shortage in HGV drivers, to guarantee the contents of our food deliveries. This means we may have to make last minute changes to our menu each day until further notice. There will still be two choices and we will update you as soon as we can.

### 'Beat The Street'

After school today your child will bring home their very own 'Beat The Street' fob and registration pack. All the details you will need to register and start collecting points are contained within. This is not just for children, but for you parents too. It's a whole lot of fun with prizes to be won!

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 following symptoms, available here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

*A high temperature (this does not need to be a measured temperature: it is whether you feel hot to the touch on your chest or back); a new continuous cough; a loss or change in your sense of smell or taste.*

*If your child has a positive test result, please email: [bursar@padihamgreen.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@padihamgreen.lancs.sch.uk)*

*However, if your child develops COVID19 symptoms, please ensure that you book a full PCR test for them and they remain at home until they are in receipt of a negative test result. Please only use a rapid LFT test if you are **asymptomatic**. If you or child are **symptomatic**, you must access a full PCR test using the link above.*

### MacMillan Cake Takeaway Cake Sale

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September we are having a cake takeaway to raise funds for MacMillan. In exchange for 50p children can take a cake home with them. To make sure there is enough cakes for everyone, we will only be able to provide one cake per child so please only send your child in with 50p. Thank you.

And finally... COVID continues to give doesn't it but we're still smiling at PG! The atmosphere in school is great and I'm really proud of the way our staff have led our children; and I'm proud of the way they have followed their brilliant lead too. Loving the twitter tweets too - thanks everyone!

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