



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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What a great week! And what a term! Unfortunately COVID hasn't left us but PG carries on safely and carefully. We think it will be business as usual straight after Christmas but we understand some information about schools will be delivered by the Prime Minister tomorrow (Saturday, after we break up). We obviously don't know what he will say but we do know we will review our procedures weekly after Christmas and we'll keep you posted as always. Thanks for your enduring support throughout these challenging times but our wonderful staff have still been able to provide a fantastic Christmas experience at PG - I'm really proud of everyone for that. I also pay tribute, therefore, to all our staff who do all sorts of amazing things for other people here at PG so thank you. Contrasting this with the sad news of young Arthur and now Star Hobson, I feel humbled that we are in a position to provide love, support and succour where we can. My own children are 23 and 21 years old and whether they wanted it or not, when I heard that news, I gave them a cuddle and told them how lucky they were to be loved. Christmas Events at School Our 'Wriggly Nativity' was wonderful! Well done to all the children and thanks to all our teachers for working so hard at such a busy and complicated time of year. We had our Christingle Service at St. Leonard's Church too and it was a beautiful, socially distanced spectacle - our junior singing was excellent! We had our Infant Christmas Parties too which were great fun and Father Christmas came AGAIN! We're so lucky at PG! We've had a Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day which was amazing so huge thanks to Miss Jackie and her kitchen team ...and the whole PG Team for characteristically mucking in once again! Many thanks also to Canon Jones and Revd. Kit for joining us. We ended our autumn term as usual with our Advent Readaround at the end of our last afternoon telling the Christmas story... on screen!

Staffing News Whilst we will certainly miss her, we wish Mrs. Tyrer every success in her two terms as acting Headteacher in Clitheroe. We thank her for doing an amazing job at PG (and especially in my recent absence) so I'm sure she'll be a great asset to her new school family... *for a while!* I also announce that we say farewell to Miss Whittle today and we offer her every best wish and success as she moves on her next career steps. The Governors have been busy with very tight timeframes but they are also delighted to welcome Mrs. Laura Horne as Miss Whittle's replacement in Year 5. Further change for us in Year 4, as we also say goodbye to Miss Homer too and her replacement after Christmas will be Mrs. Victoria Brown. We will welcome these two new teachers to what will be a new version of our new PG school family after Christmas. The Governors offer their thanks and best wishes to both Miss Whittle and Miss Homer for the future.



Christmas Thought Many thanks for all your cards and gifts for us all. Much appreciated!

Christmas Raffle Many thanks to Miss Jackie and Mrs. Simpson for leading the Christmas Raffle charge. We raised £398! £198 for school and £200 for a homeless charity. What a great charity to support at Christmas.

Mr. D's EdD Mrs. Tyrer, Mr. Tranmer and all our teachers and TAs have done a brilliant job in my absence... I so appreciate the support from the Governors too but the biggest joy upon my return involved many children telling me that they were 'working hard too'. I'm genuinely delighted because that is the primary reason I started this degree: to show our children that adults can be learners too and that learning is hard... but we don't give up.

Next: Amazing News! Miss Quinn's daughter, Faye, is the source of some brilliant inspiration today if any of our Padiham Green children need it. Faye graduated yesterday from UCLan with a Master's Degree in Forensic Science ...with distinction! She won't thank me for calling her an 'old girl' so as 'an alumni' of Padiham Green, we offer our sincere congratulations and thanks for showing our children what can be achieved with hard work! Well done Faye!

And finally... Our term ends today and we return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022 when we'll welcome everyone back '**smartly dressed in PG uniform!**' So on behalf of all our children (and parents), many thanks go to Mrs. Tyrer, Mr. Tranmer, Mrs. Mac, Mrs. Gardiner and all our wonderful teachers and TAs; Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Bailey; Mr. Ludlum; Miss Jackie and her team in the kitchen; Mr. Cannon; our Governors; and our helpers and supporters for EVERYTHING you do for us at Padiham Green! I hope your holidays are full of Christmas happiness and you all get some rest! Happy Christmas to everyone and Happy New Year when it comes! I hope 2022 is a wonderful year for everyone. PLEASE make sure you're on the 'good list' at home children! I hope very special and magical things happen on Christmas Day for you all! **Big, big, big Christmas love!**

Stay safe, God Bless and Happy Christmas! Mark Dixon, Headteacher 马克·迪克森 校长 (王大龙)

