




*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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### Another fractured COVID week!

The idea of 'mucking in' and just getting on with it continues here at Padiham Green. Like everywhere, we have staff absences due to COVID and we support our people (and society as a whole) as much as we can by helping them stay at home to self-isolate. That support from us will never waver. There is of course an impact on everyone else here but that's what I want to celebrate and appreciate in this message today. It isn't easy for our remaining team but they are doing a great job and their efforts are very much appreciated from us all so thank you! I know we are still affected by COVID and I know we'll have to learn to live with it, but I also know we all look forward to the time when we don't have to consider it. Mr. Tranmer and our wonderful office staff are managing the shifting sands of all the ins and outs of our staff and they are doing a great job so many thanks to them too.

### Curriculum Developments at PG

Amidst all the disruption, our determined teachers are finding ways to develop our curriculum offer at PG for our children in exciting ways. For example...

VR Day at PG Virtual Reality came to PG this week as all our classes enjoyed being thoroughly immersed in their learning with their headsets taking them to all sorts of places. Across the school, we 'experienced' space; animals; and even explored our bodies' respiratory system. What a great experience had by all. Thanks to Mr. Tranmer for organising this for everyone.

Y2 have been enjoying Dance with Sandersons; and YR and Y1 will enjoy Tots on Tyres next week.

Thanks to all our whole school assembly leaders too as they kick back into life here at PG. Canon Jones and Rev. Kit are back so many thanks to them too. It feels so good to return to a sense of normality.

Our Celebration Assemblies are back ... and they are an absolute joy! So lovely to hear teachers speaking so positively about what they are doing in class. It is also great for our younger children to see what older children are doing and for our older children to have an actual chance to set an example. Brilliant!

### Attendance!!

In an effort to get back into good attendance habits, I'm going to let you know how we are doing attendance-wise on a weekly basis for a few weeks. We know good attendance habits help our children's learning so last week our overall attendance figure was 86%. This week has improved to 90.5% however, this is still below where it should be!

### Self-Isolation Q&A

We just wanted to answer two of our most frequently asked COVID questions at the moment:

Q: Can my child still come to school if they have been a close contact or live with a positive case? A: Yes, as long as they do not have any COVID19 symptoms they do not need to self-isolate because they are under 18 years and 6 months. But we and the Government strongly advise that they take a daily Lateral Flow test for 7 days.

Q: When can my child come back to school after testing positive for COVID19? A: Either after 10 days or following two consecutive negative lateral flow tests, which have been taken 24 hours apart with the first one taken no sooner than 5 days into their self-isolation.

### Extra Jubilee Closing Day

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, schools have been given an extra school closure to use within this academic year. In order to get the maximum benefit for pupils and create the least amount of inconvenience to parents, we have agreed that this day will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Therefore, the summer half term will Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and school will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Our Spring Bulbs

Please encourage your toddlers to stick to the paths around school as our spring bulbs are trying to emerge. Nature is wonderful but fragile too especially when easily trampled shoots try to compete with heavy footfall. We are encouraging our children in school to be very aware of our environment so please join us in allowing our springtime display to show itself off at its best!

And finally... We know she can't be here at the moment but we send all our love and best wishes to Mrs. Morton and her family... especially from all the children in Year1!

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