



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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COVID Restriction Changes

Whilst the national guidance for restrictions in schools changed this week, there are certain practices that we are keeping at Padiham Green. For example, the improved focus on personal hygiene will still be a priority because better cleanliness has to be a good thing in general surely; and we'll be making sure our rooms are well-ventilated... *but not freezing!* We will also continue to monitor COVID symptoms with everyone so please work with us on all this as we go forward into our educational world that will begin to see more and more colour and light and joy and excitement! We can't wait for more straight-forward times in education... for all of us!

Our PG Website Development We have tried *Twitter* and we are considering other social media platforms but we are more and more turning to our school website as the place to post '*all things PG*'. Accessible via your mobile phone, this excellent vehicle for communication (and celebration) is improving all the time and we are going to use it more and more. Here are some recent website developments for your information:

New Online Safety Page - Found under the 'Parents' tab on the website. This is full of useful tools and links which you can use to help keep your children safe on the internet. Each week you will find a new 'Online Safety' poster on the back of the newsletter.

Calendar - School events and important dates will now appear on the website and on the app.

Newsletters - Are uploaded weekly and accessible online.

Absence reporting - This can now be done through the School Spider app.

School Advisor Visit

We welcomed Mrs. Gemma Whaling this week (Our school adviser) supporting our Curriculum Development work. So I offer my thanks to Mr. Tranmer, Mrs. Mac, Mrs. Gardiner and all our teachers for the work ahead as we further develop our PG school curriculum for all our children.

PGFC We had our first, first team football game (FOR AGES!!) this week so many thanks to Miss T and Mr. G for organising this for us. We played Ightenhill and even though we lost the game, I'm delighted to report that we can rely on our Year 6 players to lead an amazingly sporting example. It is also brilliant that we were actually able to compete with other real people! That's amazing so well done to our team!

PG's 'Second Foodbank Friday of the Month' Support (Next date: 11th February 2022)

Our 'Second Foodbank Friday' of the month is a week on Friday: the last Friday of this $\frac{1}{2}$ term.

BSSP Virtual Live School Assembly with Athlete Mentor: Rachel McKenzie (Monday 07-02-22)

Mr. P has organised a brilliant opportunity for our whole school to experience issues to do with emotional wellbeing, resilience, aspiration, life-skills and leadership alongside increasing physical activity. Rachel is a former professional boxer (ABA England Silver Medalist) and Thai boxer (World Champion!) and she aims to motivate us all towards positive change. I can't wait!!

Mr. Tranmer's Update

Well, what a half term it has been so far! There have been so many exciting things going on throughout school and I know that our amazing team are planning many more to come! Music Praise is back and I know that everyone has loved the sound of the children's voices filling the school corridors (thank you to Mrs Gardiner for that!). Sports after-school clubs and competitions are back up and running and I know that Mr Greenwood and Miss Taylor are excited about this. Well done to the children who represented us in our first football match in a long, long time and a big shout out to India in Year six, who captained the team superbly well! Finally, I would like to ask all parents to keep an eye out for our upcoming internet safety and children's mental health talk. This will be taking place on the week beginning 7th February and I really hope to see you there. Further details will be sent out to you early next week.

And finally... Woody Woodpecker (...a great spotted woodpecker) visited the feeders provided by Y4's Forest School work this morning. How brilliant that our children's work in Forest School actually makes a difference to our natural world! What a great environment our school is in!

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