




*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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### Happy New Year Everyone!

It was great to welcome everyone back this week and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces! Our children are brilliant but I did set out our behaviour expectations as clearly as I could on Wednesday morning. We understand some children might find the need to share spaces and resources more difficult as we go forward, simply because we haven't been doing it for so long due to 'bubbles' and the COVID restrictions placed upon us. However, as we try to open up and develop our new arrangements in school, those behaviour expectations will remain very clear and I know you'll support us. Mr. Tranmer is working on these new plans as we speak with all our staff; and kindness and consideration for other people will be things we'll all be looking for in everybody here.

### Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Brown into Year 5 and Year 4 respectively even though our Year 4 class is still waiting to greet Mrs. Brown due to self-isolation but we look forward to having our whole new teaching team together at Padiham Green as soon as possible.

In Mrs. Tyrer's absence, these next two terms will also see Mr. Tranmer as our Acting Deputy Headteacher and he is also taking on the SENDCo role at Padiham Green. Mrs. Mac has also stepped up to Acting Assistant Headteacher with Mrs. Gardiner completing our School Leadership Team.

### Ventilation

I was chatting with a parent (and a nanna) and Mrs. Mac this week about the need for us to ventilate our classrooms as part of the COVID situation. Unfortunately, even though we have the heating blaring away, it is still cold inside obviously especially as the temperature drops outside... and when it's windy! Mrs. Mac suggested encouraging our children to wear more layers than usual which we all thought was a great idea but if children are still cold, I can't see any reason why they can't wear their coats inside... as long as they don't mess about with them! What a state of affairs...!

### Our New Reception Canopy

Our Reception people are now free to access YR via the normal route from Monday. We have an amazing structure now that will allow access to outdoor learning all year round. Mrs. Mac is delighted but I add my thanks to her and to Mrs. Barber especially for all their hard work and planning (*which has sometimes been frustrating!*) that has led to this exciting development at Padiham Green. It is brilliant though ... and now Mrs. Morton wants one! I'm sure the Governors will be delighted too as they have supported this development for our youngest learners from the start.

### Padiham Green's 'Second Friday of the Month' Food Bank Support

We would love to receive regular food donations for the Padiham Parish Food Bank every second Friday of the month at PG - 'Foodbank Friday'. There is no pressure to do this but if you can and you would like to support this initiative, we will collect appropriate food items here that are listed on the reverse of this newsletter. The Food Bank at the back of St. Leonard's Church continues on Thursdays at 5pm and there is no need to book. If you would like further information about this, please contact Rev. Kit on 07944 258477. The second Friday of this month is next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

### COVID update

Following new guidance for schools, Mr. Tranmer has led a PG COVID response meeting today and a separate letter will follow with all the associated information about what we're doing COVID-wise here at PG.

And finally... I'm getting a bit sick of all this COVID stuff but I remain positive and considerate for others.

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