



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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Our Half Term Return I was really impressed with the way our children returned to school after the half term holiday. Their behaviour during our first assembly set the standard for what they've been doing all week. Their understanding of our expectations too are worthy of mention. They know what's going on ...and they like to set an example! Y6 and Y2 set the standards in each department and so far, I've been impressed!

World Book Day Preparations

Next week, I will be dressing up as a dragon! Not just any dragon though... the dragon from Julia Donaldson's 'Room on the Broom'. In fact, everyone in our school office is dressing up as one of the characters from that book. Which character have you planned to dress up as? I've also taken my extreme reading photograph too! *Winner! Winner! Chicken Dinner!*

Padiham's Friendship Bench on the Greenway All the primary school children from all of Padiham's primary schools had the chance to offer design ideas that went towards the final design of the Friendship Bench on the Greenway. Mr. P led PG's pebble painting charge with some of our children and they are prominently featured too! This is a great addition to the greenway's many attractions and one that will hopefully not only provide the opportunity to help people with their mental health but also become a symbol of friendship and kindness for the good folk of Padiham. Many thanks to Viv Storey for the idea too!

Another exciting sporting occasion! Our Athletics team performed at *Spirit of Sport* this week in the next stage of the Athletics Tournament after winning the last round! We came 4th just out of the medals with an extremely sporting display so well done to our team and thanks to Miss T and Mr. G! Great stuff!

Walking Home Thanks for returning the permission slips for Y4+ junior children to walk home as it worked really well. Thanks also to Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Brown for sorting it out (and Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Mellor!).

Speech Therapy Top Tips These apply to all children and parents and here's Tip No. 2 today.

(Louise's) Top Tips for supporting your child's language development: Understanding words ... not.

Our children often find it difficult to understand all the words in a sentence.

Sometimes children can find it difficult to understand the negative e.g. don't or not.

This means if you say: "Don't stand on the chair"... some children hear: 'Stand on the chair'.

It is best to say what you want your child to do, rather than what you don't want them to do.

So saying, "Stand on the floor" is easier to understand and it's more positive too.

Donations for Easter Raffle We are asking for any donations for Easter eggs and chocolate for our Easter raffle please if you can spare anything towards it, we would be most grateful. You can either drop them into the school office or send them in with your child please.

Raffle tickets per class Children can purchase raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle in class for 50p a strip and the raffle will be drawn the week before we break up for the Easter holidays.

Name the Bunny Year 6 are running a 'Name the Bunny' competition and for £1 children can pick a name and potentially win our giant Easter Bunny.

Website Updates Did you know most platforms i.e. Microsoft, Apple and Google, have built-in parental controls you can use to limit your child's access to the internet? If you haven't already seen our 'Online Safety' page we have a useful parental controls booklet you can use.

Sports Clubs Afterschool Next Wednesday our Year 1 & Year 2 Multi-Skills after-school club will start and next Thursday our Year 3 & Year 4 Football club will begin. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the survey on School Spider by the end of Monday 28th February. There are only limited places, so it will be a first come first served basis.

Mr. Tranmer's Update

'World Book Day' is fast approaching (Thursday 3rd March) and you still have time to submit your 'Extreme Reading' photograph to Mrs. Horne at L.horne@padihamgreen.lancs.sch.uk. So far Mr. Dixon is winning! So come on let's see if we can beat him with some of your amazing reading adventures. We are still collecting donations for our 'World Book Day' costume swap shop too.

Book Swap

As part of 'World Book Day' we will be having our usual book swap, more information to follow.

And finally... I know the half term weather was miserable. I also know the evidence of spring is wonderfully showing itself in the bulbs and the lighter mornings and nights but it's also important to save a thought and a prayer for the people of Ukraine. Let's hope for peace and stability in the whole region as soon as possible.

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