PADIHAM GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

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COVID Concerns

We are still being unashamedly careful at Padiham Green. National and local reports of escalating cases in schools do lead to continuing concern here for our children and staff so please support us in our COVID test and selfisolation requests and expectations that allow us to keep everyone here as safe as possible. Ultimately, the decisions about what we expect to happen come from me but are more often delivered to you and discussed with you by our office staff. Please be polite and courteous with them as they will be with you... but please let me know if they aren't! Throughout the lockdowns, you will remember we continually encouraged kindness and consideration for others... and I ask for that again today.

The Importance of Punctuality II

Another nudge towards the crucially important routine of getting to school on time. The school gates open at 8.45am and our children can go straight into their classes at that point and that's going well. Those early 8.45am arrivers give themselves an educational advantage. The 8.55am bell also sounds to start the school day. Please don't miss that bell and please support us in helping our children realise the importance of punctuality in their lives and regular attendance at school. Thank you.

<u>Canon Jones</u>

We celebrated Canon Jones' 20-year anniversary at St. Leonard's today in school with a special zoom assembly and the presentation of a Mrs. Mellor show-stopper! She had actually made a St. Leonard's Church with Canon Jones in the doorway, the stained glass window and the clock set at 20.00 hours representing his 20 years in this place. Congratulations and many thanks go to him.

Behaviour Expectations

How can we look after each other at school? I am still talking about the fruits of the spirit. They include:

LOVE, PEACE, JOY, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF-CONTROL.

I asked all our classes to consider one of these values this week. We encourage our children to witness these qualities amongst each other every day. This is one way to ensure that kindness and consideration for others, 'lives and breathes' in our school.

COVID Tree Planting on the Greenway

Mrs. Tyrer, Mr. Tranmer and I took our Head Boy and Head Girl to join children from the other primary schools in Padiham to plant this special tree. This tree is one of many cherry trees planted in all the wards around Burnley and this is Padiham's tree to remember all the people lost to COVID during this pandemic. A special time indeed. <u>Forest School Damage:</u> Nothing further to report.

Packed Lunches

Just a reminder that we encourage all of our children who bring a packed lunch in from home, to aim for a healthy lunch please. Thank you.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to benefits-related free school meals, you help both yourselves and school. You can apply for this at https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/

COVID19 Symptoms

A high temperature (this does not need to be a measured temperature: it is whether you feel hot to the touch on your chest or back); a new continuous cough or a loss or change in your sense of smell or taste. please email all results to: <u>parents@padihamgreen.lancs.sch.uk</u>

<u>And finally...</u> The half term holiday starts after school today and we return on Monday 1st November 2021. Have a great rest or break from school. Don't be bored! Learn your times-tables and do some reading!!! Whatever you do, be impressive. Wow your teachers with what you've done when you return after half term! And stay safe! God Bless, Mark Dixon, Headteacher, 马克·迪克森 校长 (王大龙)