




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 New Teaching Team at PG!

It was so lovely to welcome Mrs. Brown this week to complete our new look teaching team at PG. Our year 4 children have been very welcoming too and they can now relax as THEIR teacher is here! We also had our first staff meeting this week and it was great to have such a positive atmosphere with Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Brown getting used to new ways for them. There are also new curriculum developments for us all here led by our SLT as we all strive for continual improvement. We also had our very first whole school assembly in the hall! I can't tell you how much I loved it! It was so special to be back together! Our children's behaviour was impeccable, led by Year 5 and Year 6 of course ...but everyone was brill! But check this out: with up to three years of COVID disruption, Year 6's last normal school year was in Year 3 ...and all the infants have never had a normal school year! Maybe that explains some of my excitement at the steps we have taken this week at PG. I know we still have to be careful ... and we are being careful ... but it is great to take these steps. Thanks to Mr. Tranmer for leading this drive; to our SLT, teachers, TAs and other staff; to Mrs. Barber and Natalie for their COVID guidance and expertise; and to you parents for supporting us along the way. And we're getting there.

A thank you!

I want to add a thank you to all our staff for 'mucking in'. Whilst we are taking steps forward out of the COVID gloom, we are still in it. Like the rest of the country, we are still affected by positive cases amongst children and staff. When staff are affected, we are concerned of course, but school life has to go on and it goes on with the people here. The people here... 'muck in' so I say thank you.

Attendance!!

After being so positive... I'm afraid I have to report that we are struggling with many children's attendance. I know we're still 'in it' ... but we've got to try to get back into good attendance habits i.e. being in school every day (when possible of course)... on time; not missing even one lesson; and letting the office know when we're not in school. These good attendance habits will help our children's learning!

Head lice

Some things don't change though! Please have a check in all your children's hair... in fact everyone in the family if you find them. The latest head lice guidance is displayed on the reverse of this newsletter.

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

Thank you for the food donations today. This is our *first* Second 'Foodbank Friday' of the month at PG. No pressure of course but if you can and you would like to support this initiative, we are collecting appropriate food items here. The Food Bank at the back of St. Leonard's Church continues on Thursdays at 5pm. Further information available from Rev. Kit: 07944 258477.

Testing

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

And finally...

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