



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 to Everyone!

Happy 2020 to everyone in our Padiham Green school family! I can't believe we're in 2020! Who can remember waiting for 2000? And here we are in 2020! Anyway, I hope this year brings everything you hope for and we all wish everyone a very Happy New Year! And on behalf of all our staff, many thanks for all your cards, gifts, thanks and appreciation over Christmas! Every last thought is always gratefully received - many thanks. We don't do this job for feedback but it's lovely when it comes. Many sincere thanks from us all!

A Great Start! Many thanks to all our teachers and TAs for helping make a great start to our new term. As you walk around, the learning atmosphere in school is excellent and our children's behaviour in school is equally excellent. I show new parents round all the time and I see it through their impressed eyes. Our classrooms are busy and purposeful places and we all play a part in making that happen so big thanks for this great team effort. I'm really glad that I work here. I'm proud to work here.

Miss T's Maternity Leave Great big Padiham Green love goes to Miss T and her family as she starts her maternity leave today. She goes with all our love and best wishes (especially from Year 6!) ...to get some rest and relaxation before baby T comes along. Very best wishes from all of us here!

## Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Training: Monday(s) 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 3.45-5.15pm

We have organised more opportunities to train our teachers and TAs in understanding autism. We've done this before but it's important to refresh. This time, we'd like to invite any interested parents to come along. If your child has traits of autism or if you think he or she might have, you are all welcome to come along and listen. All our teachers will be attending so you can sit with your child's teacher if you wish or you can bring a friend and sit with them. We're going to do this in the school hall too so we're not worried about how many people come along. Have a think and come along: you'll be welcome.

## New Greenway Path Entrance

We have now received confirmation that phase 1 of the Station Road development should be completed on Monday and, therefore, it is with great pleasure that I announce that the new entrance will be open from Monday afternoon! This entrance, like Green Lane, will be open before and after school (from early until just after 9am and 3.20-3.40pm). Please take care as the path may be slippery leading through our Forest School area. I want to add how fantastic Calico have been as they have done this for us FOC - so a huge thank you to them!

## Y4 Forest School

Y4 start Forest School this morning with Mrs. Mills (and Mrs. Gardiner and Ms. Quinn of course) and 100% of them are joining me as co-researchers. I'm delighted with this response because I'm really interested in what they think about children's leadership and followership. Thank you!

Dogs Please don't bring dogs onto our school site ...even the cute ones! Sorry but for reasons of consistency, safety and allergies, they need to stay outside the school gates. Many thanks.

PTFA The PTFA has been relaunched by a small group of parents and staff and they would like to invite all of our parents and friends of Padiham Green to their first 'new look' meeting at **Sycamore Farm** on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm. Please feel free to come along.

Attendance We award a class certificate for the highest weekly attendance during our merit assembly. Well done to **Y1** for being this week's winners and securing 99.4%. Every day matters folks!

| This Weeks Attendance Figures -92 % |      |    |      |    |       |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|----|------|----|-------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|
| YR                                  | 99.1 | Y1 | 99.4 | Y2 | 95.26 | Y3 | 99.1 | Y4 | 98.2 | Y5 | 94.1 | Y6 | 98.2 |

And finally... So here's our 'Brain Food' film YouTube link. This is the collaboration with Dr. Fleming, Edible Explorers and St. Leonard's. Please watch it as we're hoping for 1,000,000 views! We understand Jamie Oliver has seen it and I'm going to try to send it to Blue Peter! I want a badge!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5elvvnJpRk&t=0s> Mrs. Barber is going to email the link too. It's brilliant! We're hoping for one million views so please watch it and share it ...as widely as you can! Thank you!

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