



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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Online Safety Sheets: Watch out for the online safety information poster on the reverse of the newsletter again today. Ironically, (*is this ironic?*) after all the online safety messages we send; and after all the warnings we give; and after all the time we spend dealing with the upsetting aftermath of young people being on the receiving end of some unkind words shared on various social media platforms; our children (*under 13!*) are still drawn to inappropriately use their electronic devices. Should the increasing evidence of mental health issues amongst 'children', that the negative side of this activity causes, not shift the Government to move the under 13 'Guidance' to 'Law'? I think it should. It would certainly save us a lot of time at school and it would negate the need for parents to make their reasonable complaints for us to deal with because their children are upset and someone else's child has caused it. Even the tech companies, making a fortune out of your children\*, say it '*should be*' under 13. That's *Guidance* folks!

\*And btw for people in Y5 and Y6: Look at this part of the sentence above: '*...making a fortune out of your children*'. This is parenthesis because it is extra information and the sentence makes sense without it.

'Tokyo Inspired' Dance Competition: Huge thanks to Mrs. Forrest and Mrs. Morton for 'painting' our dance team in preparation for the competition this week (and to Miss B of course ...and Miss T!) because our dancers did amazingly well! We came second overall ...a measly three points behind the worthy winners! *How close was that?* Miss Whittle said they performed beyond themselves which is a brilliant thing! And finally, we've been lucky to have Jolie Forrest, Year 7 at Shuttleworth College as our inspirational dance leader. She volunteered every week to lead this group and what a great job she did. Well done Jolie and many thanks for all your efforts on our behalf (...still PG at heart!) leading to this great success! Thank you!

School Disco: The PTFA have arranged for the school disco to take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February with the infants' session from 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm and the junior session from 5.40 pm - 7.00 pm. If anybody is free to volunteer, please let Mrs. Barber or Mrs. A know. Tickets will be on sale outside of school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets cost £1.50 which includes a hot dog and drinks.

Infant Yard Drop-off: Infant children should not be unsupervised in the yard before school starts please. There must be an adult with any infant child until the bell rings at 8.55 am and a member of staff opens the doors for them to enter school. Thanks.

SWAT Worship Day at BFC: We had our SWAT Ambassadors working with children from other SWAT church schools this week looking at their spiritual development. A great day was had by all and thanks to staff at Cliviger for organising it and to Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Mellor from PG for running parts of it too.

Girls' Hartley Cup: Come on girls!! It's the Hartley Cup! We played this week on a HORRIBLE, cold and very wet night against St. John's, Burnley and we won 9-0. Yes 9! Well done girls - an amazing performance! Well done to all the parents for braving the cold too! Heroic! ...*I was watching from my office!*

'Brain Food' Please share our 'Brain Food' film YouTube link...  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5elvnJpRk&t=0s>

...because do you remember we're hoping for 1,000,000 views? So far we've got 200! *Quite a way to go!!*

Attendance We award a class certificate for the highest weekly attendance during our merit assembly. Well done to **YR** for being this week's winners and securing **99.7%**. Every day matters folks!

This Weeks Attendance Figures -97.1 %													
YR	99.7	Y1	95.2	Y2	98.6	Y3	97.2	Y4	97.2	Y5	95.7	Y6	95.9

Well done to our Merit People! Congratulations to all these brilliant children!

**YR:** Scarlett Wilson **Y1:** Stephanie McLean **Y2:** Amelia Sedgewick **Y3:** Ebony Riley

**Y4:** Travis Tudor **Y5:** Darren Jackson **Y6:** Taylor Worth

And finally... I came to school on my bike this week and I have realised two things: 1) how fit I used to be; and 2) how old I am! *I also rode home on the Hartley Cup night so I was with you in spirit from my office!*

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