



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 Changing World!

Thanks so much for complying with our requests to maintain our year group bubbles and routes around the school. On the whole, maintaining our *year group bubbles system* is working but we know we don't have a completely happy camp so we are listening and trying to help. The issues seem to be mainly centred on the Green Lane entrance for Years 1 and 2 with the busy road and the dangerous corner. We did have to advise parents to find a safe place to cross the road away from the corner (because Year 1 and 2 children aren't coming to school unaccompanied!) but in a bid to **avoid** introducing staggered start times (which we're desperately trying to avoid for everyone's convenience), I am now suggesting parents who remain unhappy with the safety of the Green Lane entrance, to use the safest option available to us which is the *Greenway Gate*.

The *Greenway Gate* is situated at the bottom of the school site in our Forest School area near the *Greenway*. It is accessed through the new Station Road housing estate from the *Greenway*. Almost directly opposite Padiham Pool is a ramp (*turn right from Padiham Pool*) that leads to an entrance to the housing estate and there is a small, tarmac passageway almost directly ahead, leading to a green gate. This gate is opened at 8.45am and closed soon after 9am; and opened again at 3.20pm and closed soon after 3.30pm. I've included a revised Entrances and Exits sheet (Pt.2) on the reverse of the newsletter.

Reading Due to the government guidance we are unable to send children home with a reading or library book. However, we would still encourage you to read at home with your child please.

Back to School Sunday invitation from Canon Mark Jones

Due to restrictions on numbers, St Leonard's Church can't invite children, parents and staff to the special service this Sunday morning. But Padiham Green School is much in our prayers at Church and everyone is warmly invited to watch the livestream from Church at 9.30am on the Padiham Parish YouTube

Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq2L5P45rDU_djH5RQxITZQ

Thanks to Mrs. Tyrer for representing Padiham Green at the service.

Asking Questions Thanks for the safe way in which you are approaching us and asking questions. We know the answer sometimes takes a while but we eventually get there! This is *consideration in action*.

Birthday Treats: Unfortunately... again due to the guidance, we are unable to distribute birthday treats in school for the time being.

Year Group Letters Watch out for our teachers' letters explaining what's going on in their classes. Thanks very much to them for providing this information. This is another step in these strange COVID days, where we are trying our best to communicate with you when things are made much harder for us.

MD's EdD Thanks to our Y3 parents and children for returning the consent forms to become co-researchers at Forest School this $\frac{1}{2}$ term. Still not too late but it's totally up to you. Any questions, just ask. I'm currently writing my thesis but I'm continuing to observe what goes on at Forest School.

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

Y1: Kadie-Mae; **Y2:** Hollie; **Y3:** Toby; **Y4:** Absent; **Y5:** Alfie; **Y6:** Rose; **Mrs. Tyrer's choice:** Poppy (Y6).

Mrs. Tyrer and I celebrated these children in a socially distanced moment in class (as we can't gather in assembly), without parents of course unfortunately but these were lovely moments of celebration for these wonderful people.

And finally... I continue to be impressed with EVERYONE'S attitude in school. Thanks to everyone here, there is a very calm atmosphere where learning is taking place. I also think children are realising that they have some work to do to catch up; but their positive attitude and their compliance to our new rules is helping massively. So our children themselves are playing a really important part in Padiham Green **continuing** to provide education for our learners in these trying times. Thanks for your part too. Hopefully, we will stick at it **together** as further problems may well emerge with this pesky virus but we will firmly respond following my two priorities: safety and education. Please continue to join us.

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

Entrances and Exits for all our year groups (Pt.2)... *and please remember, it is COVID's fault!*

Year R

Front Infant Gate Entrance from 9-9.10am and 3.10pm

There will be a socially distanced 'turning circle' in the Reception Outdoor Classroom making as good a one way system as possible (but we only have one way in and out!) *so just follow Mrs. Mac's lead!*

Parents with older siblings will be specifically advised what to do.

Years 1 and 2

Green Lane Entrance from 8.45am and 3.20pm.

Up the Left Hand Side of the steps and down on the Left Hand Side too (so just KEEP LEFT!)

We know this is inconvenient for some because of the busy road so we have to recommend:

Either cross via our Lollypop Lady (Suzanne!) to the other side of the road from school (or stay on that side); walk on the pavement round the dangerous corner and cross the road at a safe place further away from the dangerous corner and walk up the other side of the road to the Green Lane Entrance.

The Greenway Entrance (opposite Padiham Pool), via the new Station Road housing estate, is actually the safest way to get to school.

Parents with Prams (from Year 1 and Year 2) can use the junior slope to the infant yard via the junior yard by arrangement.

Or everyone can use the much safer Greenway entrance... *and build up your steps!*

Year 3

Green Lane Entrance from 8.45am and 3.20pm.

Years 4 and 5

Front Junior Gate Entrance from 8.45am

After school at 3.20pm (to reduce the number of people gathering at the front of school), we are asking Year 4 and 5 parents to wait on the junior yard in the correct year group areas.

There are arrows showing a one-way system going down the stairs and back up the slope.

This route does not apply to the prams obviously who will go up and down the slope (*bit bumpy on the stairs for prams!!*) so please observe social distance where possible.

Year 6

Front Entrance from 8.45am and 3.20pm.

By arrangement, to meet younger siblings, Years 5 and 6 children can also leave from their fire doors to the infant yard; and Year 4 children can leave via the junior yard to the infant yard.

Early Arrival: Just a reminder that pupils and parents should **not** arrive at school before 8.45am please, unless you have booked in with our breakfast club.

Please still feedback and keep talking to us about how we can improve. We continue to recognise *inconvenience* unfortunately but please understand we are doing this to keep everyone safe and well *in their own bubbles* ...and learning.

Thanks very much for your help and understanding!