

PADIHAM GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

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PG's Collaboration with Taywood Nursery

Please have a look at the letter on the reverse of the newsletter about this exciting initiative. We are pleased to be working with the wonderful staff at Taywood Nursery. Exciting times!

Step Outside 2022

Our amazing school grounds and facilities for learning outside have been recognised with an award and a new logo. Many congratulations to Mrs. Mac for leading this initiative. Our PG children are very lucky!

<u>Ice cream</u> All our children (and staff) enjoyed an end of term treat this week as the ice-cream van came to PG! It was so exciting! Thanks to everyone for sorting that out!

<u>Padiham Library</u> Our Library Officer, Alison James is running the SCART Planet Savers Reading Scheme throughout the summer from now until the end of September at Padiham Library. They are promoting reading and planet saving activities throughout the summer with a visit from 'Zoolab' to introduce minibeasts and animals; a theatre show of Old Macdonald Meets the Three Pigs; a butterfly and bees family walk; and a workshop with the Dog's Trust to design a dog friendly invention. Go along!

<u>Y6 Annual Awards Winners!</u> I'm delighted to report the Y6 Annual Award Winners: <u>Art</u>: Scarlett M; <u>Sport</u>: Amir L and Ruby G; <u>School Values</u>: Travis T; <u>Academic Achievement</u>: Darcey M; <u>Resilience and PG Mindset</u>: Lola T; and <u>Special Recognition</u>: Charley M.

<u>New Head Boy and Girl Team News</u> It is my pleasure to thank our out-going team: <u>Amir, Lexie-Grace, Travis and</u> <u>Ruby</u>: and I'm honoured to announce our new team for 2022/2023: Head Girl: Alivia S; Head Boy: Riley S; Deputy Head Girl: Gracie I; and Deputy Head Boy: Joshua B. Congratulations and good luck to these children! Mrs. Gardiner will announce other responsibilities early next term for the other important roles in Year 6 next year so well done to all those children too!

<u>And Year 6 2021/2022 MOVES ONI</u> Please thank your parents and teachers for helping you leave PG with so many blessings Y6! We offer our thanks to Canon Jones, Rev. Kit and our St. Leonard's parish family for their kind gift of a Bible for each of our leavers. This is a traditional PG offering that is always appreciated here. We also give a Mama Margaret's cross in PG colours for our leavers on their last day. So good luck in Y7 to you all: you have been a great Y6so <u>THANK YOU!</u> Please work hard all the way to your GCSEs and remember from your previous lockdown experience, education is a privilege: please value it. We had a wonderful Leavers' Service at school this week and the Y6 Leavers' Talent Show was great! Well done! We have also celebrated Y6 in a final assembly this afternoon. Remember: what happens to you, is up to you too. You decide! And you looked great in your leavers' hoodies! (Mtt.28:16-20).

<u>September School Times</u> Due to information released by the Government relating to the minimum opening hours of primary schools in the UK, we have had to make a slight change to our finish times in September. Please see the attached information sheet.

New PG Curriculum

When we return in September we will be starting our new curriculum. Big thanks to our SLT and all our staff and Governors for leading this development and to everyone for making many contributions.

<u>And finally...</u> So, school's out for the summer today! *Woop! Woop!* We re-open on Monday 5th September 2022. Please stay safe! Remember to be sensible and kind; eat well; keep your teeth clean; do '*loads*' of exercise; please go to the library and do the Planet Savers; write a diary and practise your times tables (!!!); and certainly don't be bored! There's lots to do but most importantly relax, take the time to watch a seagull in the sky and breathe deeply ... smiling! So big love from me and from everyone here to you <u>all</u> and have a wonderful summer! See you in September!







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Dear Parents,

At Padiham Green, we harbour a long term ambition to have our own nursery provision. The early years of education are crucially important and we believe our children would benefit from an effective nursery induction received at the beginning of their educational lives. With this in mind, from 1st September 2022, with the support from the Governing Boards of both schools, we are entering a collaboration with Taywood Nursery school in Burnley in preparation for that potential eventuality.

It has to be said that not much will change at Padiham Green but we will certainly benefit from the excellent expertise that exists amongst the staff at Taywood nursery school. We want to learn about effective nursery provision from them and Mrs. Tyrer and Mrs. Mac will be part of that process for us from here.

I will become the Executive Headteacher of both schools and some of our staff including Mrs. Tyrer, Mrs. Mac and Mrs. Barber will spend some time at Taywood every week. This is only possible due to the leadership capacity that exists within our school leadership team alongside the excellent expertise amongst our own staff as well as the excellent wider teamwork that creates the PG school family we all enjoy. The constant remaining at PG throughout will be Mr. Tranmer.

This is an exciting initiative that has felt like ages in the making, but due to confidentiality, we had to wait for confirmation from the local authority before we were able to make any announcement. Now everything is in place, we are finally free to let you know.

We confidentially informed all our PG staff this week as Taywood has also done, and they are simultaneously communicating this information to their parent body as we do today.

As stated, I'm not sure you'll notice much change here but we will certainly be learning lots at Taywood and preparing for the time when we have nursery provision of our own at Padiham Green.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Mark Dixon

Headteacher