



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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Great Staffing News for PG ... especially Year 2: The Governors appointed Mrs. Hughes today as our permanent Year 2 teacher. Mrs. Hughes has been covering the vacant Y2 post on a temporary basis until she impressed the interview panel so much today that on behalf of the Governors, Mrs. Mac offered her a permanent contract. We all offer our sincere congratulations and we look forward to welcoming her into our school family to continue to do a great job for us. I'm sure it'll be a great night tonight in the Hughes household. Great news for us too!

Mixing Households and Everyone's Safety!

Unfortunately, all people, all citizens (including children) from different households shouldn't be mixing indoors. The exact rule states:

'You must not meet socially with friends and family indoors in any setting unless you live with them or have formed a support bubble. This includes private homes and any other indoor venues such as pubs and restaurants.'

I'm sure this isn't what you want to hear: *I know I don't ...but it's what we all need to do if we are to keep each other safe. My two priorities are **everyone's safety** and **education**.*

If we enter the VERY HIGH ALERT (Tier 3) this household guidance extends to private gardens and most outside public spaces too! *I've had to draft this newsletter at lunchtime today!!*

Whatever happens, we are in a serious situation and we all have to look after each other.

Please make the right decisions from home.

We know it's inconvenient but your decisions have a very clear impact in school.

Please look after our school family and community.

At Padiham Green, we currently have over twelve children self-isolating because of a much smaller number of confirmed COVID-19 cases. None of our bubbles are closed which is great! I comment here with no blame or names but I am duty bound to highlight **everyone's** safety so that we can protect everyone's education at PG.

For this reason alone, I am unafraid of making this statement: we will act here to ensure my priorities are met; so please act with kindness in response (not selfishness) and support us through this difficult period of our local, national and global history. Thank you!

ANOTHER CHANGE: we're now asking everyone over the age of 11 to wear a face covering on our school grounds please. Let's look after each other! Many thanks again.

Holiday Request Forms: As per the guidance from the Local Authority we do not authorise term-time holiday leave for pupils unless it is deemed an exceptional circumstance... of which there are few! Whilst we would discourage parents from taking their child out of school for this purpose, if you still decide to do so, you must contact school in plenty of time beforehand and complete a 'Request for Term-Time Leave' form provided to us by the Local Authority please.

School Spider: Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded and logged into the School Spider app. I know we have had a few teething issues this week and I appreciate your support and patience. This issue came because the initial email is only valid for 60 minutes and the system requires a very secure password (this cannot contain a recognisable name).

If you have still not received an email from the system, please check with the School Office that we have your correct email address please.

House Teams' Weekly Winners:

This week's green nugget figures are:

BRUN – 127

HODDER – 148

RIBBLE *Winner* – 239

CALDER – 188

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

YR: Alfie **Y1:** Harbour & Bexley; **Y2:** Benjamin C; **Y3:** Alarna; **Y4:** Tia-Jade; **Y5:** Katie; **Y6:** Charlie H and **Mrs.Tyrer's choice:** .Lewis R (Year4)

And finally... We are actually doing really well at Padiham Green through this crisis. I'm painfully aware that the virus threatens both of my priorities but we will mitigate like mad to ensure we do everything we can on the ground here. I'm really sorry if you are inconvenienced as a result but please do the right thing and continue to work with us. Many thanks. God Bless, Mark Dixon, Headteacher, 马克·迪克森 校长 (王大龙)