



*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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Christmas has landed at PG this week, the children arrived at school on Wednesday to an array of Christmas trees, Christmas lights and lots of glitter. The Christmas elves had worked really hard to make sure that school looked brilliant.

With only two weeks left in school before we break up, we are trying really hard to make things as normal as possible despite the COVID restrictions which we still need to keep in place. We will still be holding our annual Christingle service, Christmas parties, Christmas dinner and the annual Christmas read around on the last day.

Christmas Raffle - Just a reminder that there is still time for you to enter the Christmas Raffle and win one of the many fantastic prizes. To take part please send back the stubs (books were sent home this week) with your name and telephone number on along with the money, we are selling them for £1 per book and we will enter you into the draw. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Winning numbers will be published on the newsletter.

Welfare Assistant Job - Just a reminder that the closing date for the lunchtime welfare vacancy is lunchtime on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, information and application packs can be downloaded from the website or collected from the school office.

Holiday Activity Fun - Any child who qualifies for free school meals can apply to take part in a great range of free winter fun activities supported by Burnley Borough Council this Christmas. Each activity is free to take part in and there are some great experiences that they can be part of over the holiday period. We have sent out a school spider message containing all of the information and how to book. If you would like a paper copy, this can be requested from the school office.

Padiham Parish Foodbank - The foodbank at the back of St. Leonard's Church will continue throughout Christmas on a Thursday at 5pm and there is no need to book.

Christmas Free School Meal Vouchers - This Christmas each child who is eligible for benefits related free school meals will receive a £30 voucher covering the holiday period. If you have changed your email address recently, please can we ask that you ensure we have this by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you would prefer a paper copy please do let the office know by the same date. Thank you!

Christmas Jumper Day - We are having our non-uniform Christmas Jumper day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December and children can wear non-uniform with a Christmas Jumper. Those children who normally have P.E. on a Friday will need to make sure they have trainers on please and the ability to remove their jumper if they get too hot.

## Name the Dog

To raise money for Padiham Green and the homeless, Year 6 are giving you the opportunity to win a dog teddy and chocolate orange by naming it. It costs 50p to enter. Bring your money into school and you will be given a slip of paper to put your guess on. This will be drawn on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Good luck.

## COVID update

We ask all parents to remain vigilant and access a PCR test for any child displaying COVID19 symptoms. The flowchart sent out previously is still in place and should be followed when deciding if your child should be in school or whether they should be in school.

### COVID19 Symptoms

*A high temperature (this does not need to be a measured temperature: it is whether you feel hot to the touch on your chest or back); a new continuous cough or a loss or change in your sense of smell or taste.*

*please email all results to: [parents@padihamgreen.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:parents@padihamgreen.lancs.sch.uk)*

**In addition to this we are asking that if your child is generally too unwell to come to school, especially if they have sickness and diarrhoea that you get them PCR tested please, even if they don't have specific COVID19 symptoms, before they return.**

## Dates for your diary

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Raffle draw

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Service

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - School closes for Christmas

## And finally...

I was talking to Father Christmas earlier in the week and checking that all of our children are on the good list. I will be reminding them in my assembly next week that they need to make sure they stay on the good list and Father Christmas is keeping an eye on them all. Whilst I was speaking to him, he told me about a letter he had received from one of our PG children who had asked that one of their presents be sent to a child who might not be as lucky as them. I thought that was amazing and summed up how brilliant our children are in school but also that they remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Take care, stay safe and God Bless, Lisa Tyrer, Acting Headteacher