



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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STAY AT HOME... PLEASE

We are still working as closely as we can here at school with this Government advice:

"Principle 1: If at all possible for your children to be at home, then they should be".

In addition, there is the phrase: "...and every child who can safely be cared for at home should be".

So I've filmed (*probably the wrong word*) my first video message. There's a bit in it that's a bit heavy too about this crisis so please have a look before showing it (all) to your children. That's your shout of course! There's also a bit where I say 'school isn't the same without the children and we miss them' so please show them that bit if you can! And that's true!

I'm going to keep writing my newsletters and posting them on our website...not that there is much to say tbh in terms of news (*...as though you haven't heard about coronavirus!*) but I think it's important to keep our link going with home and to say thank you of course to our amazing staff.

Another CLEAR message, I hope from my broadcast (*probably the wrong word too*) is to STAY AT HOME. Please stay at home. Parents: please keep your children at home - as hard as it is. We know it's hard but this is all our collective sacrifice... our collective burden! THIS ISN'T EASY!

Everyone is faced with very real burdens at home and all families are making sacrifices and we're definitely in this together so good on you all! We're doing it so we don't catch the infection and so a member of our family doesn't need hospital care. That's what we're trying to avoid in society (to support the work of the NHS) and everyone needs to do their bit. Please do yours.

Did you clap the NHS last night? How amazing was that? All my neighbours came out and I believe Padiham did us proud too! Well done Padiham! You are a great people! I know there are complaints about people on the streets but please don't let that selfish element dominate the kindness that clearly exists here. Please tell each other about the amazing things you are all doing for each other. Be really proud of that and make that your focus!

I did have a little chuckle to myself (*in my movie ... 'definitely' the wrong word*) as we know this isn't easy for you but please support your children's learning as well as you can and thank you for your efforts. Our Padiham Green team continues to support everyone here both at school and at home and on behalf of our Governors and our children, I say an enormous thank you to all our staff. So our teachers and TAs are both here and at home, doing their bit, supporting your child's learning and I offer my sincere thanks to our teachers especially for that important work once again.

I'm also doing the Joe Wicks morning workouts. Try it! It's hard but really good! It's a great way to start the day. However, be prepared for muscle stiffness for a couple of days! I wasn't.

And finally... I repeat, repeat, repeat my request to stay as safe as you can by staying at home. And avoid infection by following the Government's self-isolation advice as closely as you can so you don't add to the work of our amazing NHS. It's a really humbling and incredibly positive part of the very fabric of our society that we, the people, appreciate our doctors and nurses so much. Our response as a society, to do your bit, is crucial. Whilst this is a national challenge, it's also a personal challenge to keep the precious people in our own families safe. Please do your bit and be kind, not selfish. And thanks again to our brilliant staff at Padiham Green. I can't say that enough so thank you so much and please keep us all in your prayers. So keep smiling...and just calmly carry on!

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