

# Padnell Post



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## **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Spring Term No 1**

Happy New Year! This feels a little late, as so much seems to have happened already and any festivities seem an age away. However, it is important to look forward with hope and positivity and we wish all of our Padnell families a happy and healthy 2021.



### **Thank you**



A message from John, the Lollipop man: "Dear Parents, Children and Teachers, I would like to thank you all for all my gifts at Christmas."

You may also like to know that John is back in his rightful place every day having been the first in our community to have the vaccine. There is light at the end of the tunnel!

Thank you too from all the Padnell team for our gifts too, your compassion and generosity is so very much appreciated.



### **What is happening in school?**

To keep you all in the loop I share that we are currently providing in school education for approximately 130 children (49%) over the week. With the support of keyworker parents only sending in their child when they absolutely need to and following the Government advice of keeping children at home if they can, we are running at approximately 100 children a day (37%) The bubble sizes range from 10- 17 children in each.

To try and protect the Padnell community further and reduce the impact of positive cases we have also changed the year group bubbles to class ones. This means the children can now only play with those in their actual class not across the year group and in an allocated space on the playground.

Work in school follows exactly what we provide for children at home to offer as much equality as we can. Children in school are taught by the teacher in the mornings and supervised by support staff in the afternoons, so teachers can then respond to the children at home, reach out to them on Zoom and make videos etc for teaching later in the week.

Children with special educational needs are also receiving Zoom lessons at home to help with their learning and progress.

School dinners, following the usual menu, are continuing and Crafty Club remains in place for those who need it for their critical roles.



### **Home/Remote learning**

Firstly a huge well done to all of you who are supporting your children at home. We are very aware of the challenges you face in trying to meet the expectations placed upon you by the Government. Our school stance, as shared in recent communication, is still do your best and look after yourself. Please keep all your log in details safe, as we have learnt that you need them each time you use a different device

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## **Devices**

If you are struggling at home with several children trying to learn from home let us know. We have not been provided with any laptops by the Government but we may have an old school device you could borrow to make things easier.

short notice so keep in touch with those emails please.

If in doubt, please let us know so that we can take steps to keep everyone as safe as possible.



## **Wellbeing**

Please see attached a letter from Mrs Giles giving you support with learning at home.

A new Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide for Adults is now live. It provides information and links to help those aged 18+ in Hampshire find the right support and advice if you are struggling right now.

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/adultservices/HCC-Wellbeing-Guide-Adults.pdf>

The following site may also have some resources to help support your child's emotional wellbeing:

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/>

## **COVID TESTS and SYMPTOMS**



Thank you to those of you who have kept us informed of any developing symptoms and tests taken within your family. Although we know there have been positive tests, so far we have been able to continue here in school without losing bubbles. Some staff have also been tested but received negative results. If, however a member of our school community is tested positive, please be aware that you may be contacted over the weekend or at



## **Financial Hardship**

There is a lot of support around for families entitled to benefits and free school meals at the current time. However, there is also some help available for those of you who may have found yourselves in a difficult circumstance because of the current situation. We may be able to help. For a confidential conversation about this please give Mrs Grayson a call.



## **Whole School Story time**

Mrs Grayson will be "zooming" at 2.30pm on Fridays from next week (22<sup>nd</sup> January), to say hello and read a story. If you would like to join in please find below the Zoom information.

**Meeting ID: 863 0583 8302**

**Password: 4m2e8a**

## **PIPSA**



**Introducing the PIPSA  
Friday Night Dinner Raffle**

PIPSA will be running a weekly raffle for your chance to win a takeaway to be purchased over the weekend.

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The prize will be £35 worth of food from a different local restaurant each week and the draw will take place on a Thursday evening.

First up, for the weekend of 22nd January is Kassia Kitchen. They have a wide range of Indian food including vegan options. Their menu can be checked out at:  
<https://www.kassiakitchen.co.uk/>

Delivery is available to PO7, PO8 or PO9 and collection is also available.

For your chance to win please send £1.00 per entry via PayPal to [pipsapadnell@gmail.com](mailto:pipsapadnell@gmail.com). You can enter as many times as you like.

The £35.00 credit will already be with the restaurant when you make your order. If your order goes over this amount you will need to pay the difference.

The winner will be drawn by a random number generator on a Thursday evening. It will be recorded and uploaded to the PIPSA Facebook page and the winner will be notified by email to the email address associated with their PayPal account



## **School Email**

Thank you for your patience when our phone lines were out of order this week.

Please remember to use [admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk) when contacting us. Please do not reply to, or use, the Scopay email address you may have stored – we do not receive these emails.

## **Admissions for Year R & Year 3 Places**

### **APPLICATION**

Thank you to all our Year 2 parents who have made their year 3 applications. If you have a child who is 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 the deadline is today. Please visit:  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/en/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearrandyear3> to make your application.



### **Inset day**

A reminder that School will be closed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Grayson  
Headteacher

### **Please check our website for the list of dates for the whole year.**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Who</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Term		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed	Half Term	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Return to school		

## **GROW**



**G**iving Citizen  
**R**esilient Learner

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Original thinker

Wise Worker