

# Padnell Post



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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Summer Term No 1

Welcome back. I hope that you had a lovely Easter break, we all certainly did and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.



## Covid update

Covid is still around but for us here in school we have managed a whole week with all staff in. Hooray! What a difference it makes. If your child tests positive you are asked to keep them at home for 3 days and then they can return to school. For adults, you are asked to stay at home and avoid mixing with people for 5 days. However, you still need to get your child to school so we can arrange for you to drop off your children in the car park, at set times, if this is needed for your family when a parent is positive.



## Safeguarding - Pedestrian Gate

We are having a problem currently with our main gate and ask that if you enter or exit outside the main times you ensure it is closed behind you. The problem has been reported and highlighted as urgent. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

ABSENCE



## Holidays

Requests for absence from school for the purpose of a holiday are coming in thick and fast. I fully understand the reasons for this but for 99.9% of cases I have to unauthorise

the request following HCC policy. This doesn't mean we will expect your child in school on the days you have request.

All I urge is that you are honest and open with both us and the children, as it is unfair for any of us to be in the awkward position of suspecting or knowing that these situations are being lied about.

School has a duty to follow up absences where appropriate reasons have not been provided and all communication is kept on file.

Regarding penalty notices, which again we have very little choice as to whether we issue them or not, please get them paid as soon as possible and build them into the cost of your holiday because a failure to pay results in possible prosecution. These start at £60 per child, per parent, per absence.



## Curriculum Newsletters

Attached you will find your child's year group Curriculum Newsletter for the next half term.



## Governor visits

Mr Osborne and Mrs Tyler visited for a morning this week to learn more about our curriculum and find out if the children are all learning more and remembering more. We thank them for their time and support of our school.

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## Sports Day Letter

Great news...normal services are being resumed and we will be holding our 1<sup>st</sup> joint Sports Day in three years. Please see the attached letter with details of Sports Day.



## Summer Fayre

Also attached is a copy of a letter being sent home today in your child's book bag.

As you will see, the first of our Non-Uniform Days is on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. This is in exchange for a donation of an unopened, in-date, bottle of something.

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## wh y au Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our Phonics Meeting on Wednesday. Helping your child a little every day will really make a difference to their progress.



## Back to Basics – Connect

Here is this weeks Back to Basics video to prompt thinking on how you as a family really connect and support your wellbeing.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CP\\_B1FEhwUw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CP_B1FEhwUw)



## After School Clubs

There are still spaces in Music Club (Tuesdays) if your child would like to join. There is also one space remaining in Friday's Zumba club. Please contact Jenna directly to find out (details on our website).



## Class Photographs

Tempest will be in school next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May to take class photographs so keep a clean jumper ready for that day and get those haircuts booked in!



## Family Fun Fridays

This is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends across the Padnell Community to come together for fun and laughter on the Junior School field on a Friday lunchtime.

We are delighted to have put this regular event back into our weekly calendar. The atmosphere today was electric and it was wonderful to see so many happy and smiling children and to have a chance to say hello to the Junior children.

Our thanks to Mrs Luker for sharing with us.



## Bank Holiday

School will be closed on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May as it's a Bank Holiday. We hope you enjoy the extra-long weekend.

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Kind Regards,

Mrs Grayson  
Headteacher

## GROW



**G**iving Citizen  
**R**esilient Learner  
**O**riginal thinker  
**W**ise Worker

### Diary Dates 2022

|  |                                   |                 |                                     |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday 5th May*                                      | Non Uniform Day (Bottle Donation) | All Children    | Bottle Donation for Summer Fayre    |
| Friday 6th May   | Class Photographs                 | All Children    |                                     |
| Friday 13th May 9.30 – 11.30am                         | Sports Day                        | Whole School    | Joint with Padnell Junior School    |
| w/c Monday 16th May                                    | KS1 Assessments (SATS)            | Year 2 Children |                                     |
| w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May                               | Walk to School Week               | Whole School    |                                     |
| Friday 20th May  | Non Uniform Day (Choc Donation)   | All Children    | Chocolate Donation for Summer Fayre |
| Friday 20th May  | Reserve Sports Day                | Whole School    | Joint with Padnell Junior School    |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Year R Visits to Morrison's       | Year R          | Details TBC                         |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2pm                      | Year R Street Party               | Year R Parents  | Details TBC                         |
| Friday 27th May  | Sponsored Bounce                  | Whole School    | PIPSA Event                         |

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| Friday 27th May                    | Last Day of Term                                 |                                       |                                |
| Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June | Half Term  |                                       | School Closed                  |
| Monday 6th June                    | Return to School                                 |                                       |                                |
| Friday 10th June                   | Cake Donation for Summer Fayre - NOT non Uniform | Uniform as usual                      | Cake Donation for Summer fayre |
| Saturday 11th June 11am – 2pm      | Summer Fayre                                     | Whole School                          |                                |
| Friday 8th July                    | INSET Day  | Whole School                          | School closed to Children      |
| Monday 18th July                   | PIPSA Event for Years R & 1                      | Years R & 1                           | To be confirmed                |
| Monday 18th July                   | PIPSA Leavers Event for Year 2                   | Year 2                                | To be confirmed                |
| Tuesday 19th July 2pm              | Year 2 Leavers Performance                       | Year 2 Parents & Carers               | School Hall                    |
| Wednesday 20th July 9.15am         | Year 2 Leavers Performance                       | Year 2 Parents & Carers               | School Hall                    |
| Wednesday 20th July 4 - 5pm        | Leavers Picnic                                   | Year 2 Parents, Carers & School Staff | Joey's Field                   |
| Thursday 21st July 1.30pm          | Award Assembly                                   | Children only                         | Children only                  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July     | Last Day of Term                                 |                                       |                                |

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