



**Edition 17: Friday 21st January
2022**

Dates for your Diary

**More information coming*

Mon 31 st Jan 4-5.30pm	Y3/4 Football Tournament at Park House
Tues 1 st Feb	Y5/6 Alternative Olympics Comp *
Fri 4 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day*
Mon 7 th to Sun13 th Feb	Children's Mental Health week*
Tues 8 th Feb	Safer Internet Day*
Thurs 10 th Feb	Y5/6 Catchball Tournament *
Thurs 17 th Feb	Y5/6 Archery Tournament *
Mon 21 st to Fri 25 th Feb	Feb half term
Thurs 3 rd March	World Book Day*
Tues 8 th March	Simon Murray, author, visit for Years 2,3 and 4*
Tues 15 th March	Yr1 Road Safety Visit*
Weds 16 th March	Yr3 Road Safety Visit*
Thurs 17 th March	Yr6 Road Safety Visit*
Fri 18 th March	Comic Relief*
Mon 21 st to Sun 27 th March	Neurodiversity Celebration week*
Fri 8 th April to Fri 22 nd April	Easter holidays

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It's been a chilly week at Parsons Down. Brrr. However, it's not stopped us getting on with our learning and the children are working really hard.
- ✓ **Attendance** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.5% this week and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.4%.
- ✓ Our new **House Captains** have been hard at work. This afternoon our Year 6 House Captains shared their research about the meaning behind the names of our Four houses: Beacon, Coombe, Ridegeway and Watership and handed out the house badges to the children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2.
- ✓ We are part of the **Primary Sports Network** and we are taking part in a number of sporting events over the term. Teams will be picked and more information will be coming shortly, but we are so happy that we are finally able to get involved with events and I know the children are so proud to be able to represent the school.
- ✓ **Year Group Spring Term newsletters** are in the process of being finalised and should be emailed out on Monday. They will give you more information about what your child will be learning this term and information such as PE days etc.
- ✓ We have started planning our **Year 6 Rhos y Gwaliau** trip for September 2022. We had an information evening on Tuesday and the PowerPoint is now uploaded onto the website for your reference <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/year-6>
- ✓ Finally, a polite reminder that parents should not be **parking** on school grounds without prior arrangement with the school.

Finally, be kind, be safe, be respectful, Mrs Bull



This week we have been thinking about how we share ideas and value the ideas of others. Sharing ideas is represented by our Topaz gem. This afternoon our Year 6 House Captains shared their research about the meaning behind the names of our Four houses: Beacon, Coombe, Ridgeway and Watership and handed out the house badges to the children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2.



😊 Beacon 😊

THE HOUSE BEACON IS NAMED AFTER A GIANT HILL JUST 2 MILES OFF THE M4
 BEACON WAS BUILT AROUND 1000BC AND AROUND 2-3000 PEOPLE CALLED THE BEACON CAMP HOME!!!



😊 COOMBE 😊

Coombe Gibbet is a place where people have been taken in the past to be hung on a cross. Thankfully this does not happen any more. It is now a popular place for picnics and walks



Ridgeway

The Ridgeway passes through two distinctive landscapes; the open downland of the west within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the more gentle and wooded countryside of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the east.



😊 Watership 😊

Watership Down is in Hampshire and is a hill or down.

