



**Edition 18: Friday 28th 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 Sun 13 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...

- ✓ **Year Group Spring Term newsletters** were emailed out on Monday to children in Years 1 to 6 and the Foundation Stage learning update was emailed out today. I hope you found them useful.
- ✓ **Attendance** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 93.95% this week and for Key Stage 2 it was 93.26%.
- ✓ We have started planning our **Year 6 Rhos y Gwaliau** trip for September 2022. We've had an information evening via zoom and the PowerPoint is now uploaded onto the website for your reference <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/year-6> We're just finalising the next stage and a letter should be coming home next week.
- ✓ On Friday 4th February we're taking part in the NSPCC **Number Day**. Children can come to school dressed in maths related non-school uniform. It could be a t-shirt with a number, pattern, stripes, spots etc. We've set up a Just Giving page as there is no need to bring a donation on the day. Simply click on the link below <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/parsonsdowndpartnership>
- ✓ Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our **fundraiser for Mrs Marsh and her family**. You helped us raise a staggering £420 for The Royal Berkshire Hospital bereavement team and Buscot NICU. Wow! Thank you so much.
- ✓ We're looking forward to our next set of sporting fixtures next week. A team of children from Year 3 and 4 will be representing the school at a football tournament on Monday at Park House and then on Tuesday a team of Year 5 and 6 children will be back at Park House for the alternative Olympics. Good luck everyone!
- ✓ **The building project** is drawing to a close and the builders will finally leave site in the next week or so. I'm sure you'll agree that the new facilities look amazing and I know the children can't wait to use the new all weather pitch. Thank you for your patience and understanding as it has been a long process but the light is at the end of the tunnel.

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



This week we have been exploring perseverance and coping with distractions. This is represented by our Sapphire gem. In this week's headteacher assembly we explored what perseverance means and the importance of not giving up even when we find things tricky. The sapphire gem also celebrates being absorbed in learning and giving 100%. Below are some photos of year 1 and 2 pupils engrossed in their outdoor learning and Year 3 enjoying Free Write Friday.

