



Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.

**Edition 10: Friday 17th November
2023**

Dates for your Diary

Tues 21 st Nov	Current EYFS open morning 8.45-9.30am
Weds 22 nd Nov	Mosiac workshops start.
Thurs 30 th Nov	EYFS Sept 24 school tours 10am and 6pm
Fri 1 st Dec	Openbox Theatre for EYFS to Y4
Mon 4 th Dec	Christmas Postbox arrives
Tues 5 th Dec	10am EYFS Nativity
Thurs 7 th Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Fri 8 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8 th Dec	PDSA Christmas Cake and Gift Sale 3.15pm
Tues 12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch and class parties
Mon 18 th Dec	School Carol concert at St Mary's Church
Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Weds 20 th Dec	End of term
Mon 8 th Jan	Start of Spring term

**More information coming*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ We began the week by wearing **odd socks** to celebrate how different we are and support Anti Bullying week. This year's theme is to make a noise about bullying and we have encouraged children to tell a trusted adult if something is worrying them. We have also discussed the difference between being unkind and bullying. Excitement is now building for this week's main event... The school **disco**. See you there!
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 93.2% and for Key Stage 2 it was 93.1%
- ✓ We attended the launch of the **Swift Courier Toy Appeal launch** with members of the School Council. The children were a credit to the school and met the mayor and other local dignitaries. The official appeal opens on 1st December and there is more information about how you can get involved on their website. <https://toyappeal.co.uk/>
- ✓ Has been a busy week for sports fixtures. Our **U11 football team** played in a tournament at Long Lane and a group of Year 6 pupils attended the '**Alternative Olympics**'. Both teams thoroughly enjoyed the events, gave 100% and we are really proud of them all. Well done!
- ✓ Today we had our **Wear It Gold Day**. Children and staff were invited to wear something gold, orange or yellow to school instead of school uniform, in return for a £1 donation to raise money for the charity who support children with cancer. You can find out more about the charity here <https://www.cclg.org.uk/> Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.
- ✓ We're planning this year's **Christmas Lunch**. It will be on Tuesday 12th December, and it is available to order on School Grid. The deadline for orders is Thursday 30th November, so please ensure you have done it before that date
- ✓ We've got some lovely **new reading books** in our library and the children are already enjoying exploring them.
- ✓ We still have tickets for this year's **EYFS Nativity**. Please can you get your ticket request to us as soon as possible as the deadline has now passed.
- ✓ Payments for the Year 4 trip to **Minstead** and the Year 6 trip to **Rhos** are nearly upon us. The final payment for Minstead is due by 19th January and the deposit for Rhos by 8th December.
- ✓ Don't forget to pay your voluntary donation for the **Openbox** theatre for pupils in EYFS to Year 4.
- ✓ We have a job opportunity. We're looking for an Educational Support Assistant <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/job-opportunities-and-volunteering>
- ✓ Next week all of the children will be taking part in workshops to help create our **mosaic**. The finished product will be installed next to the school office. We can't wait!

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



The Week in Pictures

Our No Outsiders photo of the week (top photo EYFS and Year 1), Toy Appeal launch, Year 6 Alternative Olympics, U11 Football Team, new library books, the wall awaiting a mosaic and wearing gold to support childhood cancer charities.

**NO
OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'



