



**Edition 7: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 2022**

**Dates for you Diary**

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Start of term
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 heights and weights with school nursing team
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day*
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> and Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tim Furr art workshops for Year 2-6 *
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Launch Swift Couriers Toy Appeal *
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need*
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	EYFS open morning 8.50-9.30am
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual photos*

\*More information coming soon

**This week at Parsons Down.....**

- ✓ **Attendance.** Infant school attendance was 94% this week. Junior school attendance was 94%
- ✓ Our **Harvest Festival** collection for the **Foodbank** in September weighed in at 244kgs, which equates to 512 meals that our school has provided for people in our local community who are desperately in need. A huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously.
- ✓ Back in September, our eco-committee entered the council's "**Name a Food Waste Truck**" **competition**. This was to promote the new food waste recycling scheme in West Berkshire. Iris and Amelia were both winners and not only will they receive a £20 book token and a family swim voucher each, they have also had their suggested names printed on the food waste trucks. Make sure you keep a look out for Betty Banana (who visited us in school on Wednesday) and Eva Eggshell. They will be collecting food waste around West Berkshire from Monday 31st October.
- ✓ On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, our Year 2 football team took part in the **Thatcham Tornadoes Football Festival**. They showed good teamwork and smiles all the way through! Victoria, Leon and Amelia managed to score multiple goals for us as well and they all looked very smart in their new kit.
- ✓ **U11s Girls football.** Our Year 5/6 Girls Football team will be representing Parsons Down in the Newbury & District County Cup this afternoon. We are so proud of you all for being brilliant ambassadors for our school!
- ✓ Today we held our **opening ceremony** to celebrate the partnership all being under one roof and say thank you to all the important people that made the building work possible. Children in years 1-6 were part of a special assembly and the school council and eco committee had refreshments with the local dignitaries before children in Foundation Stage watched the official cutting of the ribbon. This was all followed by a celebratory Partnership Play.
- ✓ Since September, I have been working with the school council, staff and parents to develop a new **school vision**, to celebrate the strengthening of our partnership and express what we want for all children who attend Parsons Down and the staff who work here. This was shared in our opening ceremony today. **Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.**
- ✓ **Parents' evening** appointment letter will be sent home today.
- ✓ **Toys.** We have had an increase in children bringing toys into school and would like to remind parents that toys from home are not allowed in school. Thank you for your support.

Finally, be kind, be safe, be respectful, Miss Shepherd ☺



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