



**Edition 8: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
2022**

**Dates for your Diary**

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| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov                            | Y6 heights and weights with school nursing team             |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov    | Selling poppies in aid of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov                            | Under 9 Girls County Cup Football Tournament                |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov                            | 7pm PDSA Meeting via Zoom (all welcome)                     |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov                           | Under 11 Boys County Cup Football Tournament                |
| Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov                         | Under 9 Boys County Cup Football Tournament                 |
| 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                           | Non uniform day for Children in Need                        |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov                          | 8.50-9.30am EYFS open morning                               |
| Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov                          | Individual photos*  |

\*More information coming soon

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

- ✓ It has been lovely to welcome the children back refreshed and ready for the second half of the autumn term. This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.81% and for Key Stage 2 it was 94.97%.
- ✓ We're in the **Newbury Weekly News** with a first school photo of our Foundation Stage Class and the news of our opening ceremony and recent OFSTED report. At the end of last term, we had our **official opening** of our refurbished building. We had a lovely celebration assembly with some VIP guests and we said thank you for our new facilities and this was followed by a very popular Partnership Play.
- ✓ It has been so lovely to open our doors and welcome families into school for this week's **parents' evenings**. Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to those of you who spoke to our school governors. I know they really valued your comments.
- ✓ We sent home letters to all children in Foundation Stage, Year 1, 2,3 and 4 about this year's **Open Box** Christmas performance in December. Please can donations be sent in by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We also sent home **Bikeability** letters to the children in Years 5 and 6 who expressed an interest in taking part in the Level 1 training in January. I understand there were some technical issues with opening the attachments so we've sent out a paper copy today. Consent forms need to be returned by 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- ✓ We'd like to say many congratulations to our **under 11 girls' football team** who represented the Partnership in the Under 11 County Cup Championship. They played a gruelling four matches and we are so proud of how well they played. Also well done to the **six year 1 children who represented the school at the Key Stage 1 multiskills event**. I understand they really enjoyed the opportunity and were presented with certificates in today's assembly. Next week, we have a busy sports week with 3 teams of children donning a Parsons Down kit to represent the Partnership at the under 9 and 11 county cup football tournaments. Good luck!
- ✓ The **School Council** met earlier this week and decided that they would like to organise a non-uniform day to raise money for this year's **Children in Need** appeal on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Children can come to school in their own clothes (spotty themed if you can) in exchange for a £1 donation to Children in Need. Five representatives from the School council will also be joining Mrs Bull at this year's annual launch of the Swift Couriers **Toy Appeal**.
- ✓ In today's celebration assembly we talked about the significance of **fireworks** at this time of year to celebrate Diwali and Bonfire Night. We also reminded the children about the firework code and how to stay safe.
- ✓ Next week we will be selling poppies and merchandise in aid of this year's **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** for a suggested donation of £1 for a slap band and 50p for the other items. Year 6 children will be selling these at the end of the day from Monday to Friday.

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





# THANK YOU!

This certificate of appreciation is presented to

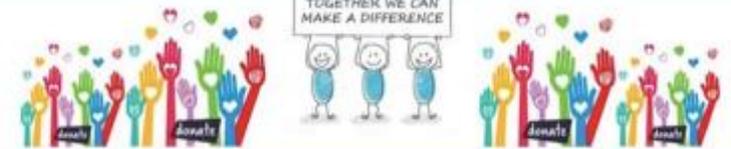
*Parson's Down Partnership*

in acknowledgment of your kind harvest donations to  
the West Berks Foodbank,  
a total of

**244 kg of food & essentials**

Your generosity has provided **512** meals,  
helping to feed **24** people with three meals a day for 7 days

West Berks Foodbank supports people in food crisis, additionally  
providing essential items such as toiletries, sanitary products, baby  
food and pet food, only possible because of the kindness of others.





### **PDSA Meeting**

Our next meeting is

going to be via Zoom

on Monday 7th November at 7pm

Zoom Code **840 0562 9157**

Password – **PDSA-PTA**

Everyone welcome!

**Parsons Down Schools Association (PDSA)** is run by a committee of volunteers. They work closely with the school to run events that enrich our children's school experience and raise vital funds for the schools. We now have a new committee who will continue to run the PDSA and are looking forward to arranging a calendar of events for this academic year.

**Please do come along to their first new committee meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm via Zoom**