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**Edition 8: Friday 3rd November
2023**


Dates for your Diary

Tues 31 st Oct to Mon 6 th Nov	Bags to School
Mon 6 th to Thurs 9 th Nov	Level 2 Bikeability for Y6
Mon 6 th to Fri 10 th Nov	School Council selling poppies for annual Poppy Appeal
Mon 13 th Nov	Launch of the Swift Courier Toy Appeal
Friday 17 th Nov	'Wear It Gold Day'
Friday 17 th Nov	PDSA School Disco
Mon 20 th Nov	Mosaic workshops start.
Tues 21 st Nov	Current EYFS open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thurs 30 th Nov	EYFS Sept 24 school tours 10am and 6pm
Fri 1 st Dec	Openbox Theatre for EYFS to Y4
Tues 5 th Dec	10am EYFS Nativity
Thurs 7 th Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Fri 8 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day

**More information coming*

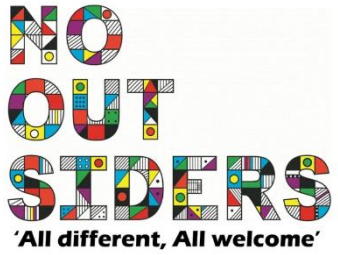
This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It was lovely to welcome children back after the half term break. It's been a bit of a wet and windy week but we've still managed to get out and about as much as possible. It has also been really lovely seeing so many pupils enjoying the extra-curricular clubs that have started this week.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 93.3% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.4%
- ✓ Tuesday's assembly had a Safety theme and Miss Shepherd spoke to the children about the **Firework Code**.
- ✓ We have launched our new PSHE topic of **Valuing Difference with all pupils**. This unit of work sits beautifully alongside our No Outsiders work. If you want to know more about what your child will be learning in their weekly sessions head to our website <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/curriculum-documents>
- ✓ Year 5 pupils completed their level 1 **Bikeability** sessions this week. Year 6 will take to the roads next week.
- ✓ On Wednesday, **Year 2** pupils enjoyed a walk to Bull's Lock as part of their history topic.
- ✓ Next week we will be selling poppies to raise money for **The Royal British Legion**. The Year 6 school councillors will be selling these at 3pm in the school hall from Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November, and children will have the opportunity to go to the hall to buy them. In addition to the poppies, there will be a limited number of other items for sale for the suggested donations: Zip pulls and reflective tags - 50p, Silicon wristbands - £1 and Slap bands - £1.50 Please ask your child to give their money to their class teacher so it can be kept safe until 3pm each day.
- ✓ The **PDSA** have a meeting on Tuesday 7th November at school. We have really exciting plans for fundraising events but desperately need volunteers please do come along and find out more.
- ✓ As part of our work to improve the **school grounds**, we have commissioned a company to create a **mosaic** with the pupils. Thank you so much to everyone who voted. We had over 200 votes and the winning design is in our Week in Pictures section.
- ✓ This year, as part of their charity work, the school council have chosen to support the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group. On **Friday 17th November**, we will be having a Wear It Gold Day and invite all children 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/>
- ✓ Many thanks to everybody who has already brought in **Bags to School**. Monday 6th November is the final day bags can be dropped off in reception. Also, don't forget Christmas cards need to be returned by Weds 8th November.

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

The Week in Pictures

Our No Outsiders photo of the week, Year 2 trip to Bull's lock, the winning mosaic design and Poppy merchandise



Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p

Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p

Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00

Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50

Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The image shows a variety of Poppy Appeal merchandise. At the top left, there are several zip pulls in different colors (blue, red, green, yellow) with the text 'THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL' printed on them. Next to them are diagrams of zip pulls and a warning label. To the right is a red poppy-shaped reflector with a silver metal ring. Below these are two wristbands: a blue one with white dots and a green one with white dots, both with the text 'THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL'. To the right of these are several snap bands in different colors (pink, yellow, blue, green) with white dots and the text 'THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL'. At the bottom, there are several small illustrations of red poppies with stick figures, some holding a magnifying glass, some on a bicycle, and some with a speech bubble. The text 'Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal' is written across the bottom.

FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

If you must have fireworks at home, please follow this safety advice.

DOs



- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts



- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm

