



**Edition 21: Friday 18th February
2022**

Dates for your Diary

**More information coming*

Thurs 17 th Feb	Y5/6 Archery Tournament *
Mon 21 st to Fri 25 th Feb	Feb half term
Weds 2 nd & Thurs 3 rd March	Parents Evening
Thurs 3 rd March	World Book Day*
Tues 8 th March	Simon Murray, author, visit for Years 2,3 and 4*
Thurs 10 th March	Y3/4 Tag Rugby at Newbury RFC
Tues 15 th March	Yr1 Road Safety Visit*
Weds 16 th March	Yr3 Road Safety Visit*
Thurs 17 th March	Yr6 Road Safety Visit*
Thurs 17 th March	Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Newbury RFC
Fri 18 th March	Comic Relief*
Mon 21 st to Sun 27 th March	Neurodiversity Celebration week*
Mon 21 st March	Y1/2 Multi skills football at Park House
Tues 22 nd March	Y3-6 Cross Country Event*
Thurs 24 th March	Y1/2 Cricket at Park House
Fri 8 th April to Fri 22 nd April	Easter holidays

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ We've been thinking about our **Ruby Gem and encouraging children to be kind to each other** this week. In particular, we have talked about the impact of our actions on others.
- ✓ After **Safer Internet Day**, four of our Year 3 girls shared their concerns about some of the games children were playing and worried about children being safe online so we decided to have a **poster competition** to spread the message. Children can choose their own theme eg Don't share personal information, play age appropriate games. **Closing date is Monday 28th February**. Entries need to be handed to class teachers. Posters will be displayed in the ICT suite and the winning design will receive a £5 Amazon voucher. Good luck!
- ✓ On Monday, our **Y3/4 football** team returned to Park House for the finals. Once again a magnificent effort and my favourite quote was from one of the children who said, "We win as a team and lose as a team". A fantastic attitude. Last night, a team of **Year 5 and 6** pupils attended an **archery** tournament at Park House and embraced this exciting new opportunity. Well done to everyone!
- ✓ **Parents' evening** is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd March. Appointments are a choice of an email update or an opportunity for a Zoom meeting. Zoom appointment letters were due to go out today but will now come home with your child on Monday 28th February.
- ✓ We have been busy finalising plans for **World Book Day** on Thursday 3rd March. Look out for a letter that will be emailed out shortly with more details. We'll also update our Blog and Facebook page. We're looking forward to sharing a love of books and reading.
- ✓ It was with a heavy heart that we made the decision to **close the schools today**. We'd already cancelled our Cross Country event and the Year 4 trip to the lakes but it became very clear early this morning that our risk assessment meant it was not safe to open. We hope to reschedule all of the events that were cancelled today.

It's been a long half term. We hope that you all have a very happy and healthy half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children on Monday 28th February for another action packed term.

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

