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**Edition 27: Friday 19th
April 2024**

Dates for your Diary

Tues 16 th April	Bags 2 School collection
Fri 26 th April	New date for EYFS Height, weight and hearing screening
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Weds 8 th May	Infant School trip to Rushall Farm *
Mon 13 th to Thurs 16 th May	Year 6 SATs
Thurs 16 th May	6pm EYFS Sept 2024 meeting
Friday 17 th May	PDSA disco
Tues 21 st May	Class Photos
Thurs 23 rd May	Outdoor Classroom Day *
Fri 24 th May	Year 6 trip to Winchester War Museum
Mon 27 th May to Fri 31 st May	May Half Term
Mon 3 rd June	Start of summer term 2
Weds 24 th July	End of term

**More information coming soon*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ **Welcome to the summer term!** The weather is beginning to warm up and the children are enjoying learning and playing outside. Outdoor learning and looking after the environment are two really important parts of our School Development Plan. Work on the sensory garden begins on Monday 29th April. Access to the school will be unaffected but the area will be fenced off and contractors will be on site. The outdoor classroom should be installed the following week and the boat and train on the infant fake grass on Tuesday 7th May.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 97.9% and for Key Stage 2 it was 94.9%. Thank you for taking note of my letter at the beginning of term regarding the importance of regular attendance and arriving at school on time.
- ✓ Year group **newsletters** have been emailed out today.
- ✓ Over the Easter holiday we received some fantastic news We have been notified that we have received an **Environmental Champion Award** from Thatcham Town Council. Councillor Lillycrop, the Mayor of Thatcham, will be in school next Tuesday to present the award to our Eco Council. Mrs Dillon's dedication to teaching has also been recognised with a **Lifetime Achievement Award**. We couldn't be prouder. Many congratulations to everyone
- ✓ As part of our Eco-Schools work, we are taking part in **No Mow May!** You will notice over the month that the grass on the roundabout and around the trees at the top of the field will be left to grow long. You can find out why No Mow May is important and how you can join in at home here <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>
- ✓ You may have noticed that **Topsy the Tortoise** acquired a new outdoor enclosure in the autumn term. This was built and gifted to the school by one of our year 5 parents, Mr Harkness. We are very grateful to him, as is Topsy, who has been enjoying the spring sunshine this week. We now need to add weeds and plants to her enclosure. If you work for a garden centre who would be happy to make a donation (or are happy to make your own donation) we would be grateful for anything on the poster below and bags of topsoil please.
- ✓ I appreciate the closure of part of Lower Way has really impacted many families. I had been 'turning a blind' eye to families that were **parking in the old infant school car park** but it is now becoming very busy and the bus that transports children from Newbury sometimes has nowhere to park and the I College spaces are being used. I'm really sorry but please don't park there unless you have one our parking permits or you are a member of staff.


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



The Week in Pictures

Year 2 taking their maths lesson outside, Year 1 getting to know Topsy and our outdoor projects
































































































Russian & Hermanns Food Guide

These small to medium tortoises are herbivores and feed on weeds and wildflowers. In captivity, they can also be fed a variety of seasonal greens.

The percentages are as follows: 50% weeds, 20% wild flowers, 20% greens and 10% grasses & succulents.



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Area 1 - Sensory Garden



3m Shade Sail Example -
Shown on 2D Plan but
Omitted from 3D Visual
for Pictorial Clarity

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Area 2 - Outdoor Classroom



PARSONS DOWN INFANT SCHOOL

PROPOSED PLAY AREA

