



**Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.**

**Edition 23: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Dates for your Diary**

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| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March       | Year 6 Mock SATs                                       |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March                            | World Book Day   |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March                              | PDSA World Book Day Bakeoff                            |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March                            | Ocean Protectors Day                                   |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March                            | Year 3-6 Cross Country Event                           |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March                           | EYFS Vision Screening                                  |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March                             | Comic Relief   |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March                            | 10am Year 3 Production-Bee Musical                     |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> to Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March   | 3.15-3.30pm Travelling Book Fair in hall               |
| Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> March                            | 2pm Year 3 Production-Bee Musical                      |
| Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> March                            | Infant Spring Fling                                    |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March to 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Holidays  |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April                             | Start of summer term                                   |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April                             | New date for EYFS Height, weight and hearing screening |

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

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94.9% and for Key Stage 2 it was 93.9%.
- ✓ We celebrated **World Book Day** and our love of books and reading. Mrs Hayward led a special reading assembly, announced the winners of the Newspaper competition and introduced some new library books. It was lovely to see the children enthusiastically sharing books and making new friends. Then of course today brought the World Book Day Bakeoff. Some amazing looking (and tasting) entries. Winners will be announced on Monday.
- ✓ Next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> March) is our **Ocean Protectors Day**, which is part of the work we are doing on the eco-schools Marine topic. Children can wear blue clothes to school. On the day, the children will be exploring the dangers that single use plastics pose to marine life. We would like to encourage as many families as possible to take part in The Big Plastic Count from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March. Full details can be found by clicking on the link below. <https://thebigplasticcount.com/how-it-works>
- ✓ On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the school council are raising money for **Comic Relief** by holding a fun run. All children will take part in the fun run and can bring a costume or red clothes to change into after lunch. They should come to school wearing their uniform as normal. We are asking for a £1 donation from every child for the charity, which can be handed to class teachers in the morning.
- ✓ Huge congratulations to our **U11 Girls football team** that won their league at the West Berks Sports network tournament.
- ✓ Well done to our **Y5/6 boys football team** that narrowly missed out on a semi-final place in the Newbury & District 6-a-side tournament at Trinity. So close but finally beaten on penalties.
- ✓ **Year 6** children have been sitting Mock SATs tests this week and I have been so impressed by their attitude. They have been so focussed. Well done.
- ✓ Our annual **Infant School Spring Fling** is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, for children in EYFS, Y1 & Y2. The children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it into school on the day. We can't wait to see their creations!

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



## The Week in Pictures

This week's No Outsider's photo, Sports photos and a snapshot of our World Book Day celebrations.

**NO  
OUT  
SIDERS**  
'All different, All welcome'



**SPORTS KIT  
AMNESTY!!!**

**HELP. WE URGENTLY NEED YOU TO RETURN  
ALL SPORTS KIT THAT MAY BE LURKING AT  
THE BOTTOM OF WASHING BASKETS, IN PE BAGS,  
BEHIND SOFAS, IN DOG BASKETS OR UNDER YOUR 4,362  
REUSABLE CARRIER BAGS IN THE BOOT OF YOUR CAR.**

**WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WE WILL STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE  
KIT FOR OUR CROSS COUNTRY TEAM NEXT WEEK!!**

**NO NAMES. NO FINGER POINTING. THERE WILL  
BE A BOX FOR ANONYMOUS DROP OFFS IN  
RECEPTION OR YOU CAN GIVE IT TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER.**

**THANK YOU.**



