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**Edition 17: Friday 19th January
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Tues 23 rd Jan 6pm	PDSA meeting in Twilight
Fri 26 th Jan	Appointment letters for parents' evening distributed
Fri 2 nd Feb	NSPCC Number Day
Weds 7 th and Thurs 8 th Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 9 th Feb	End of spring term 1
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th Feb	Half term holiday
Mon 19 th Feb	Start of spring term 2
Weds 21 st Feb 9.10-10.30am	MHST Parent Workshps
Mon 26 th to Weds 28 th Feb	Year 4 Minstead Residential
Weds 27 th March to 12 th April	Easter Holidays

This week at Parsons Down...

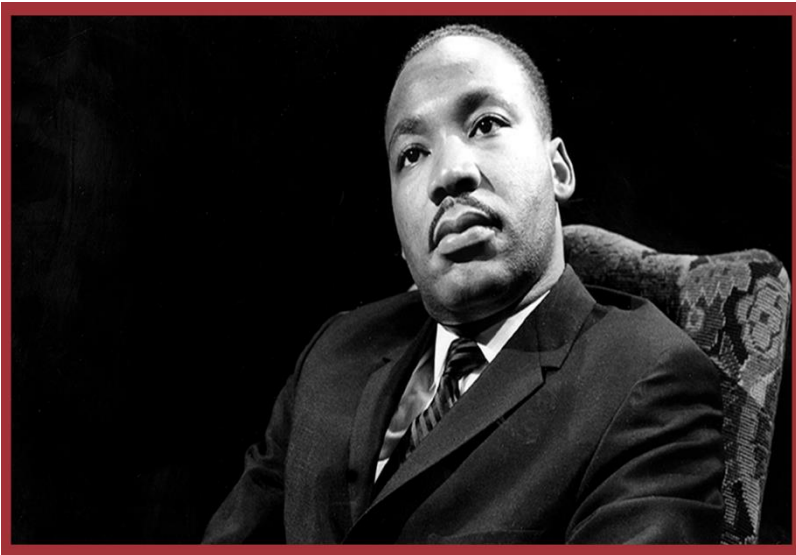
- ✓ Brrr.. It has been a very **chilly week**. Many thanks for sending in the children so well wrapped up for the cold weather. It looks like it's warming up next week which is likely to bring the return of rain.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 96.3% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.8%.
- ✓ Huge well done to our **U9 boys football team** who secured silver medals at Monday's West Berkshire Sports Network tournament, beaten only on goal difference! In extremely chilly conditions, the team played some confident football, passing and moving really well with some astute finishes in front of goal and some smart saves in between!!
- ✓ Many thanks to everyone who has already sent their slip back in for our forthcoming **parents' evening**. Appointment letters will be sent home on Friday 26th January.
- ✓ Our new **Year 6 House Captains and monitors** have taken up their new positions and are proving to be incredibly dedicated and efficient team.
- ✓ **NSPCC Number Day will soon be upon us**. It's on Friday 2nd February and children are encouraged to come to school in maths related non-school uniform. We've encouraged them to look in the cupboards for an item of clothing that may have a number on it (like a football top), a pattern such stripes or spots or quite simply shapes. There is no need to go and buy something new. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 with all proceeds going to the NSPCC. Money can be brought in on the day and handed to their class teacher. We would like to once again invite parents, carers or grandparents to come into class between 2pm and 3pm on Friday 2nd February to work alongside their child or group of children and teach them a game. There are so many games that have a link to maths. We do have some games but if you would be able to bring in a game with you that would be fabulous.
- ✓ We have started our new PSHE topic, **'Keeping myself safe'**. Children will receive weekly lessons and more information about their content can be found on our website https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/files/ugd/7b63b6_6e981ad66b47449ea99aae2b05a6cb31.pdf
- ✓ Amy, our Family Support Worker, has organised a **parent/carer workshop**, **"The voice of the child: what children and young people want their parents/carers to know about mental health"**. It is a Parent Workshop Session Organised by The Mental Health Support Team at Parsons Down Partnership of Schools – 21st February 9.10am – 10/10.30am. The MHST will be sharing their findings after speaking to children and young people about what they think their parents/carers need to know about Mental Health. This session will be an informal, relaxed chance to hear about ways to support your child's mental health and also ask any questions you might have. For any questions and to book a space please email Amy Bannister at: abannister@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk
- ✓ We sent you a letter about our next **PDSA** meeting which will be held at school on Tuesday 23rd January. Please do come along and support us and find out more about how you can get involved.

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

The Week in Pictures

Our no outsiders photo of Martin Luther King, Our U9 football team braving the cold and NSPCC Number Day.

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



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