



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

**Edition 11: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
2023**

**Dates for your Diary**

Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Sept 24 school tours 10am and 6pm
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Openbox Theatre for EYFS to Y4
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas jumper and second hand uniform sale. 3.15pm school playground.
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Postbox arrives
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am EYFS Nativity
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PDSA Christmas Cake and Gift Sale 3.15pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch and class parties
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Carol concert at St Mary's Church
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring term

*\*More information coming*

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

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 96.3% and for Key Stage 2 it was 93%
- ✓ Thank you to everyone who helped us support our **'Wear it Gold Day'** last Friday. We raised a magnificent £238.80. Thank you!
- ✓ Last Friday's **D.I.S.C.O** raised a fantastic £748.26! Thanks to all the children for having a blast and to all the people who helped and contributed in any way. We can't run these events without you so thank you all very much. Full steam ahead for the Christmas event now...
- ✓ The children have been taking part in our **mosaic** project. Each class has had the opportunity to go down to the studio and place some of the tiles on the design. It's looking great and will be installed outside our main reception after school today.
- ✓ As part of our work with **Eco-Schools**, we would like to challenge all of our families to take part in the Cut Your Carbon campaign. All you have to do is print out the carbon-cutting checklist and complete the challenges before Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Completed checklists will be rewarded with ruby gems. Please see our school blog post for further information: <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/.../cut-your-carbon-challenge> We hope you enjoy taking part in this challenge!
- ✓ We're planning this year's **Christmas Lunch**. It will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, and it is available to order on School Grid. The deadline for orders is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, so please ensure you have done it before that date.
- ✓ Payments for the Year 4 trip to **Minstead** and the Year 6 trip to **Rhos** are nearly upon us. The final payment for Minstead is due by 19<sup>th</sup> January and the deposit for Rhos by 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- ✓ Don't forget to pay your voluntary donation for the **Openbox** theatre for pupils in EYFS to Year 4.
- ✓ Thank you to all of the parents/carers of children in Years 5 and 6 who responded to our **swimming** survey. We have prioritised all of the children who can't yet swim 25m and any remaining places were given on a first come basis. We do have a reserve list. Letters will be coming home on Monday and lessons will start in January.
- ✓ The weather is getting colder and we have quite a collection of unnamed **coats** in reception
- ✓ We are missing quite a lot of our **sports kit** and we have a number of fixtures coming up. If you have any of our kit at home please can it be washed over the weekend and returned on Monday
- ✓ I'm sorry to moan, but I just wanted to remind everyone that no-one should be on the **adventure playground** before or after school.

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

## The Week in Pictures

Our No Outsiders photo of the week and the mosaic taking shape.

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



PARSONS DOWN  
*Christmas  
Jumper and  
Uniform Sale!*

Friday 1st December, 3:15pm  
Parsons Down School playground

CAN YOU DONATE A PRELOVED  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER? IF SO, PLEASE  
LEAVE IT AT RECEPTION BY 9AM  
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER.

•£1 Christmas Jumpers  
•School Jumpers various  
prices or donation