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**Edition 9: Friday 10th November
2023**

Dates for your Diary

Mon 13 th Nov	Launch of the Swift Courier Toy Appeal
Mon 13 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Friday 17 th Nov	'Wear It Gold Day'
Friday 17 th Nov	PDSA School Disco
Mon 20 th Nov	Mosaic workshops start.
Tues 21 st Nov	Current EYFS open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thurs 30 th Nov	EYFS Sept 24 school tours 10am and 6pm
Fri 1 st Dec	Openbox Theatre for EYFS to Y4
Tues 5 th Dec	10am EYFS Nativity
Thurs 7 th Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Fri 8 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Mon 1 st Dec	School Carol concert at St Mary's Church
Weds 20 th Dec	End of term

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It's been a wet and blustery week. In assembly, we have been thinking about respect and this year's annual **Poppy Appeal**. Many thanks for all of your support. I know the children have enjoyed our daily 'Pop up Poppy' Shop.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.7% and for Key Stage 2 it was 93.9%
- ✓ It was Year 6 pupils turn for their Bikeability training. They competed Level 2 which includes a large part of the course on the local roads. Well done to all of the children who took part.
- ✓ The Eco Council have been busy planning this year's topics. Take a look at the Blog for more information of what they have planned <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/eco-schools-update>
- ✓ Many thanks to everybody who brought in **Bags to School**. The final weight of all the bags was 729kg giving us £364.50. Thank you!
- ✓ This afternoon our **Under 9 Boys' Football Team** travelled to John Rankin Schools to take part in the County Cup. Good luck Parsons Down!
- ✓ We just wanted to remind you to make sure all pupils have enough layers to **keep warm** for both PE lessons and after school clubs. Any pupils taking part in competitions may also wish to bring along extra clothes. In addition, pupils in Y3 & Y5 may wish to bring / keep a pair of gloves in school as they will be playing hockey this term and fingers can get chilly!!!
- ✓ We've started planning this year's **Christmas Lunch**. It will be on Tuesday 12th December, and it is now available to order on School Grid. The deadline for orders is Thursday 30th November, so please ensure you have done it before that date
- ✓ We've sent home a letter to all Year 5 pupils about the **Year 6 trip to Rhos** in September 2024. We're now collecting deposits.
- ✓ Don't forget to pay your voluntary donation for the **Openbox** theatre for pupils in EYFS to Year 4.
- ✓ We have a job opportunity. We're looking for an Educational Support Assistant <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/job-opportunities-and-volunteering>
- ✓ On Monday we are inviting children to wear **odd socks** along with their normal school uniform. This is to celebrate how different we are and support Anti Bullying week.
- ✓ On **Friday 17th November**, we will be having a Wear It Gold Day and invite all children to wear something gold, orange or yellow to school instead of school uniform, in return for a £1 donation to raise money for the charity who support children with cancer. You can find out more about the charity here <https://www.cclg.org.uk/>

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



The Week in Pictures

Our No Outsiders photo of the week, Bag to School donations, Poppy Appeal, Bikeability and the Christmas Lunch menu.

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'All different, All welcome'

