



**Edition 13: Friday 9th December
2022**

Dates for your Diary

Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 9 th Dec	PDSA Christmas Fayre
Tues 13 th Dec	Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church *
Weds 14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Mon 19 th Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Tues 20 th Dec	3.15pm End of term
Weds 4 th Jan	Start of Spring Term

*More information coming soon



This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ Coughs, colds and all sorts of germs are still impacting on attendance for both pupils and staff. We did email out guidance from West Berks about current infections such as Strep A and Scarlet fever.
- ✓ On Monday our **Eco Council planted 10 new trees** at the top of the field. The trees were donated by West Berkshire Council and are part of our grounds improvement plan that we're working on. Many thanks to Mr Collins, Miss Hargood, Mr Vincent and Clive, one of our cleaners, who helped Miss Shepherd and the children.
- ✓ **Year 6** have been enjoying their 'Fresh Air Fridays' over the past couple of weeks. They been learning the basics of tag rugby, making festive damper bread and scavenger hunts.
- ✓ The **Foundation Stage** children have taken to the stage for a very confident performance of a very **Wriggly Nativity**. Thank you to everyone who has made it such a success and for very kind audience donations of £122.45 which will not only pay the performance licence but the Living Eggs project we hope to run in the spring term.
- ✓ The children have looked very festive in their **Christmas jumpers** on Friday. Thank you so much to those of you who helped support our festive jumper exchange. We raised £117.75 for Daisy's Dream.
- ✓ We held a **Christmas Fayre** on Friday after school. It was the first event for our new committee and thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported us. We had a fantastic set of raffle prizes and we'd like to say a big thank you to: Newbury racecourse, Vue cinema, Kung Fu, Flip Out Basingstoke, Planet Ice Basingstoke, High score, Millets farm, Teamsport, Razzamataz Theatre school, Jump4You Fitness, Waitrose, Tesco, West Berkshire Roastery, Lucy Bailey Berbegal (Consultant for Body Shop) and all the parents who donated for the Christmas hamper.
- ✓ We have decided to combine our annual **Christmas Carol Concerts at St Mary's Church** on Tuesday 13th December and all children will attend in the morning for a partnership carol concert. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents.
- ✓ The **Parsons Down Christmas Post Box** is ready to go. It is in the front entrance and children need to make sure that they write the full name of the person and the class that they would like to send a Christmas card to.
- ✓ Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need. We raise a magnificent £271

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



The Week in Pictures

The Eco council planting trees and the cast of Wriggly Nativity





On Friday 2nd December children in Foundation Stage through to Year 4 enjoyed a pantomime performed by Openbox Theatre.

We've also been involved in some community Christmas events. On Friday 2nd December, four of our Year 2 pupils were chosen by the Mayor of Thatcham to switch on the Christmas lights and on Sunday 4th December a choir of Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Swings and Smiles carol concert at St Mary's Church