



**Edition 7: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
2021**

**Dates for your Diary**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Selling poppies for British Legion
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Sept 2022 Tours
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Launch of Christmas Toy Appeal
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Sept 2022 Tours
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need. Non school uniform day.
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual Photos*
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov-Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Hedgehog class visit to Minstead
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec-Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Badger class visit to Minstead
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu Immunisation Day
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.15pm Break up for Christmas

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

- ✓ We have welcomed the children back after a much needed half term break. We have also welcomed Mrs Thomas to the office team. She replaces Mrs Stancombe as our Operations Manager.
- ✓ It has been lovely to reach out to families via Zoom and email for parents' evenings. Thank you to staff and families for being so accommodating and switching to virtual meetings.
- ✓ **Covid 19** continues to be a daily challenge as we try and juggle the desire to keep learning and school life as normal as possible while trying to minimise infection rates. Remote learning will be uploaded weekly onto our website once again and will follow the same format as last year <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/home-learning-guidance>
- ✓ **Attendance has been higher this week.** In EYFS and Key Stage 1 it was 94.7% this week and for Key Stage 2 it was 96.9%. Please be aware that attendance figures can be distorted by Covid cases (it's very complicated!).
- ✓ We have some more **dates in the diary section.** Please make a note in your diaries.
- ✓ From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 children will be **selling poppies for a donation to the British Legion** and then on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November we will be marking Remembrance Day with an age appropriate act of remembrance.
- ✓ Please see the attached flier about upcoming tours of the Partnership for families looking for a school place for **Foundation Stage in September 2022.**
- ✓ On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 6 representatives of our school council will be accompanying Mrs Bull to the launch of the **Swift Couriers Annual Toy appeal** launch. If you would be willing and able to donate a Christmas gift for the appeal, we will take them along on launch day. Gifts need to be unwrapped and the age range is from 0-19. Gifts can be brought into class or reception.

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



