



**Edition 15: Friday 7th January
2022**

Dates for your Diary

Weds 5 th Jan	Welcome back to spring term
Week commencing 10 th Jan	Paynesdown Road gate will not be manned this week
Mon 10 th Jan	Sensory Circuits starts for pupils in Years 4 to 6
Mon 10 th Jan	After school clubs restart
Mon 10 th Jan	Year 5/6 Football Tournament
Tues 11 th Jan	Year 6 Heights and Weights.
Sat 15 th Jan	Deadline for EYFS and Year 3 application for Sept 2022
Mon 21 st to Fri 25 th Feb	Feb half term
Fri 8 th April to Fri 22 nd April	Easter holidays
Fri 27 th May to Fri 3 rd June	May half term
Tues 19 th July	End of term. Please note this is a change of date due to the additional Bank Holiday in May half term.

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It was so lovely to welcome all of the children back, looking so smart and ready to learn in their school uniform on Wednesday. Everyone was weary at the end of term and we were all ready for the Christmas break. We're looking forward to an action packed spring term.
- ✓ Please take note of the term dates in the Dates for your Diary section. In particular, there is a change of date for the end of the summer term, due to the additional bank holiday during May half term. This is a change to our published term dates.
- ✓ Attendance in EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 93.4% this week and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.6%.
- ✓ The annual heights and weights check for Year 6 pupils is still due to take place on Tuesday 11th January as previously advised, unless you have elected to opt your child out.
- ✓ Children eating hot school dinners this week have been enjoying our new Spring term menu (attached).
- ✓ Sadly, once again, the rescheduled Open Box performance for Foundation Stage and Year 1 and 2 pupils rearranged for later this month, has been cancelled again due to staff sickness and will be rescheduled for the summer term. As soon as we have a date we will let you know.
- ✓ We are in the process of arranging some parental workshops with Kelly Evans, West Berks Family Autism Advisor. More info coming shortly. In the meantime, there is a Primary Parent Network meeting on Tuesday 11th January from 1.00-2.45pm. Kelly will be looking at ways to support young people using social stories and Comic Strip Conversations, with a short presentation and time for you to share ideas with each other. If you would like to book onto this please can you contact learning support on: LearningSupportTeam@westberks.gov.uk

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





The next section of our Foundation Stage outdoor space is almost complete with campfire, mud kitchen and dry river bed. We're just waiting for the Hobbit House. The building project should be complete by February half term.



Pupils in Year 2 enjoying letting the breeze blow away their 'things to get better at in 2022' leaves, and pupils in Year 1 engrossed in yesterday's Thermal Thursday.

