



**Edition 10: Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
November 2021**

### Dates for your Diary

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual Photos
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5/6 Football Tournament at Park House
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
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Openbox Theatre EYFS, Yr 1 & Yr 2
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu Immunisation Day
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10 a.m.	EYFS Nativity
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2 p.m.	EYFS Nativity
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...

- ✓ **Attendance this week** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.31% this week and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.62%.
- ✓ Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November marked the beginning of **Anti Bullying week**. This year it has the motto, one kind word. We started the week by encouraging everyone to wear odd socks and we have followed this up with assemblies about bullying and we are creating a ripple of kindness with children making kindness posters.
- ✓ On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, five representatives of our School Council accompanied Mrs Bull to the launch of the **Swift Couriers Annual Toy appeal**. The children enjoyed meeting father Christmas and were a credit to the school. Thank you to those of you who donated a toy. It's not too late to donate a Christmas gift for the appeal. The launch has been featured in Newbury Today with details of the launch and how you can support it <https://www.newburytoday.co.uk/news/swift-group-christmas-toy-appeal-launch-9225787/>
- ✓ Today we took part in the annual **Children in Need** appeal. My thanks to the School Council who organised a non-school uniform day to raise money.
- ✓ We had an email from the **West Berks Food Bank** this week to thank us for collecting a very impressive 242.5kg of food during our Harvest appeal. Wow! Well done everyone.
- ✓ We are really proud of our **Eco Schools** work and this has been recognised by the local authority. Next week we are going to be visited by a film crew who are going to produce a short film celebrating our eco journey and what we have achieved.
- ✓ Please continue to be considerate when parking around the school site. Cars can use the kiss and drop in the morning and for Twilight but should not be parking on site for other reasons (such as picking up from clubs). We also request that engines are switched off whilst waiting.
- ✓ **Individual school photos** will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November. I'm afraid we are unable to offer sibling photos this year due to our Covid risk assessment and the reality of mixing multiple siblings in the hall. I appreciate this will be disappointing for families that cherish these photos.

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



