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**Edition 12: Friday 1st December
2023**


Dates for your Diary

Fri 1 st Dec	Openbox Theatre for EYFS to Y4
Fri 1 st Dec	Christmas jumper and second hand uniform sale. 3.15pm school playground.
Sun 3 rd Dec	Choir performing at Swings and Smiles Carol Concert
Mon 4 th Dec	Christmas Post box arrives
Tues 5 th Dec	10am EYFS Nativity
Thurs 7 th Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Fri 8 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8 th Dec	PDSA Christmas Cake and Gift Sale 3.15pm
Tues 12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch and class parties
Mon 18 th Dec	School Carol concert at St Mary's Church
Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Weds 20 th Dec	End of term
Mon 8 th Jan	Start of Spring term

*More information coming

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It's beginning to feel like **Christmas**....Christmas songs are being sung, EYFS children are working really hard on their nativity and we're dusting off the school post box ready for Monday. Christmas in a primary really is a special time of year. All of our activities were set out in Miss Shepherd's recent letter.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94.7% and for Key Stage 2 it was 90.9%. There are a lot of bugs doing the rounds. The NHS have created a handy guide if you're unsure if your child is well enough for school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- ✓ **Year 5** children have been getting stuck into their latest DT project. They are designing and making moon buggies. To enhance this year's project, we have purchased some new technology called a 'Crumble'. Crumbles are an easy-to-use programmable controller that is allowing the children to apply their knowledge of coding. Mind blowing!
- ✓ Well done to our **Y6 netball team**, playing in a first competitive match earlier this week. Drawn against Spurcroft and Francis Baily in the Newbury netball league, our players were all nervous ahead of the games but grew in confidence as the matches progressed. With lots of squad rotation giving all those who regularly commit to after school and lunchtime practices 'game time', it was brilliant to watch individuals work together as a team. We learnt so much about ourselves Mrs B is super proud of every single player! GOOOOOOOOOO PARSONS DOWN!!!
- ✓ This afternoon was the turn of our **Under 11 Girls' football team**. We hosted a mini tournament on the field and we'd like to say a massive congratulations for winning both matches in the opening round of the Berkshire County Cup. A really hard fought opening match against Palmer Academy saw us win 1-0. The second match was against Winchcombe and with two astute finishes by striker, Ruby, the game finished 2-0. Photo features the lovely Mrs. Bercot as she's been helping coach the team on the MUGA at lunchtime and at after school clubs and for that, we are grateful!!!
- ✓ Children in EYFS, and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 sound like they are really enjoying this year's **Openbox** production (I can hear the giggles and laughter from the hall as I type).
- ✓ Due to the sudden drop in temperature it meant that unfortunately it has been too cold to install our **mosaic**. We're in regular contact with the company and once the temperature overnight increases we hope it will be installed.
- ✓ The window for ordering a **Christmas Lunch has now closed**. If you have not ordered and would like to, please let the office know by Monday 4th December
- ✓ We wanted to remind you that PDSA fayre is on Friday 8th December. It's not too late to bring in donations or raffle tickets.

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

The Week in Pictures

Our No Outsiders photo of the week and the mosaic taking shape.

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OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'

