



Edition 31: Friday 24th June 2022

Dates for you Diary

**More information coming*

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| Every Fri from Friday 10 th June | 3.15pm Ice Pop sale @ Yr 1 and main playground |
| Fri 24 th June | Openbox production for Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2. |
| Tues 28 th June | Year 6 transition event at St Mary's Church |
| Tues 28 th June | Year 4 Roman Day |
| Weds 29 th June | Sports Day* |
| Thurs 30 th June | Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum |
| Mon 4 th and Weds 6 th July | Year 6 Trinity Transition Days |
| Mon 4 th to Fri 8 th July | Neurodiversity Celebration Week |
| Fri 8 th July | PDSA disco |
| Tues 12 th July 9.15am, Tues 12 th 6pm and Weds 13 th 6pm | Year 6 Production |
| Thurs 14 th and Friday 15 th July | Year 6 Kennet Transition Days |
| Mon 18 th July | EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Farm visit (in school) |
| Tues 19 th July | 2pm Year 6 Leaver's Service 6-8pm Year 6 Leaver's party |
| Weds 20 th July | 3.30pm End of term |
| Mon 5 th Sept | Start of new academic year |

This week at Parsons Down.....

- ✓ It's been another **busy week**. Foundation stage have been to the lakes, Year 1 have enjoyed a trip to Thatcham Garden Centre, Openbox did an amazing performance to Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2 pupils on Friday morning, Year 5 children had the opportunity to visit Trinity School and Year 6 pupils took part in singing workshops. Definitely ready for a relaxing weekend to prepare for next week's diary which is looking just as action packed.
- ✓ We held our **second school grounds workshop** and have pulled everyone's ideas into a draft plan for how we can maximise the outdoor space at Parsons Down. It's looking great and we can't wait to share the ideas and plans with you all.
- ✓ I am still concerned about **Attendance**. This is the second week with attendance significantly below national figures. Individual attendance less than 90% is classes as persistently absent and has a huge impact on children both socially and academically. Attendance In EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 88.76% this week and for Key Stage 2 it was 92.32%.
- ✓ Many congratulations to our team of **Year 5 and 6 tennis players** who took part in a tennis tournament at Kennet school on Thursday evening. They played magnificently and were awarded third place.
- ✓ Don't forget, this year's **School Sports Day** which will be on Wednesday 29th June. The timings will be as follows:
 - KS1 (EYFS - Year 2) 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
 - KS2 (Year 3 - Year 6) 1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 Parents are invited to attend, but please note that there will be no picnic this year. If you have children in both KS1 and KS2, you will need to leave the school site at 11.30 a.m. and return again at 1.30 p.m. We very much look forward to seeing you there.
- ✓ At Parsons Down we are committed to fostering an inclusive, positive and nurturing environment for all pupils, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Next month, we plan to spend a whole week celebrating these strengths through **Neurodiversity Celebration Week**. On Tuesday 5th July, we would like to invite all children to wear their brightest colours to help celebrate difference. We will be asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per pupil, which can be donated directly to Swings and Smiles by following this link.
<https://www.swingsandsmiles.co.uk/fundraisers/parsons-down-partnership-neurodiversity-celebration-week-july>

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



