



**Edition 24: Friday 18th March
2022**

Dates for you Diary

**More information coming*

Mon 21 st to Sun 27 th March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week* Event postponed until summer term.
Tues 22 nd March	Y 3-6 Cross Country Event
Thurs 24 th March	Y 1/2 Cricket at Park House
Sat 26 th March	Great British Spring Clean with Thatcham Litter Pickers
Fri 8 th April to Fri 22 nd April	Easter Holidays

This week at Parsons Down.....

- ✓ **Attendance.** Infant school attendance was 92% this week. Junior school attendance was 94%
- ✓ **Staff absence.** Thank you for working with us as we've managed staff absence this week. Staff have worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to provide as much stability and continuity as possible. It is likely that we will continue to have some disruption to staffing next week as well.
- ✓ **Road Safety.** Children in years 1, 3 and 6 took part in road safety workshops this week, run by GIST. Having the lorry cab on the playground caused lots of excitement!
- ✓ **Raise a Flag for the Commonwealth.** On Monday, school council members from years 5 & 6 represented Parsons Down at the Commonwealth Day celebrations at Thatcham Town Council offices. They were a credit to our school, showing respectful behaviour throughout.
- ✓ **PCSO visit.** Year 6 were visited by local PCSOs on Wednesday, who discussed what it means to be a respectful, law abiding citizen. They also talked about using apps such as WhatsApp. Some more information about WhatsApp is attached.
- ✓ **Eco news.** On Thursday, representatives from our eco-committee visited RIVAR to help them seed their new wild flower meadow. The children worked hard to sow seeds and make bird feeders to attract local wildlife.
- ✓ **Great British Spring Clean.** We are teaming up with Thatcham Litter Pickers on Saturday 26th March. All families are welcome to join us. More information can be found here <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/join-us-for-the-great-british-spring-clean>
- ✓ **Data collection forms.** Next week, we will be issuing a blank 'data collection form' to all children. This is to ensure we have up to date, accurate information for every child, including consent for use of your child's image. Please ensure you return this form to the School Office by **Friday 1st April.**
- ✓ **Infant School Spring Fling.** We are excited to be bringing back our Spring Fling this year. This is a much-loved tradition at the infant school where the children learn songs and poems about spring and share them with each other. The celebration finishes with an Easter bonnet parade. This event is held during the school day and we regret that we are not able to invite parents in as we do not have enough space in the hall. Each child in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 is invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it into school on **Thursday 7th April.** We look forward to seeing their wonderful creations.

Finally, be kind, be safe, be respectful, Miss Shepherd



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