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**Edition 11: Friday 22nd
November 2024**

Dates for your Diary

Tues 26 th Nov	EYFS Vision Screening with school nurse.
Weds 27 th Nov	Year 6 SATs parents meeting
Thurs 28 th Nov	10am and 5pm EYFS Sept '25 Tour
Mon 2 nd Dec	Christmas postbox arrives*
Tues 3 rd Dec	Fire service visiting Year 2
Tues 10 th Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Weds 11 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Weds 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Craft Day
Thurs 12 th Dec	10am EYFS Nativity
Thurs 12 th Dec	Openbox theatre for pupils in EYFS to Year
Fri 13 th Dec	PDSA Christmas Fayre *
Mon 16 th Dec	PDP Carol Service at St Mary's Church (children only)
Weds 18 th Dec	Christmas parties
Thurs 19 th Dec	1.35pm End of term

This week at Parsons Down

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 91.1% and for Key Stage 2 it was 94.9%. I'll shortly be contacting families where attendance is a concern so we can work together to ensure regular attendance.
- ✓ Thank you for your support with our new Behaviour Policy. We are just chasing up the last few **Home School Triangles**.
- ✓ We appreciate that the run up to **Christmas** is a very busy time for families and schools. Earlier in the week we emailed out a letter about our Christmas events. We hope you found it useful to have them all in one place. They are also in Dates for your Diary. Exciting events such as **Openbox** do rely upon your voluntary contributions. We're also busy organising **swimming, Minstead** and **Rhos** and will be reminding families as deadlines draw near.
- ✓ Don't forget we do have a **PDP Facebook** page which we use to celebrate and inform everyone about what is happening. It's definitely one of our most popular communication channels with many posts reaching nearly 150 people. I'd like to thank everyone who uses it for following the rules and being so respectful. If you're interested in joining the group, just click on the link, answer the membership questions and request to join. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/600054244021777/>
- ✓ This week has been a national **Road Safety Week** organised by the charity Brake. In Monday's assembly the children really impressed me with their road safety knowledge. We recently had a complaint from a local resident that children weren't being respectful on their way to school and had been walking on their drive.
- ✓ **The Eco Council** are still working hard to promote "**Cut Your Carbon**" during the month of November. This week the focus was to encourage everyone to have a no power hour. On Thursday we had a meeting to agree this year's action plan. There's more information in the latest Blog <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/eco-schools-update-29>
- ✓ We're incredibly proud of our **U11 Boys' Football team** who played in the first round of the County Cup on Thursday afternoon. They braved the icy weather and battled hard to win all three of their matches: They had the Parsons Down spirit the whole way through... Well done boys!.
- ✓ The **OPAL** team have been working really hard to make lunchtime fun for everyone and the feedback in assembly today tells us it's working! We have now planned the next stage of the process and how we can use more of the school grounds and increase the opportunities for fun. I shared the plan with children in Years 2 to 6 and we're all very excited. I've included a mini plan in the photos section. The PDSA are now part of the group and will be working really closely with us and looking at fundraising opportunities.

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



PDSA News

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the PDSA Bags 2 School. We collected 312kg of donations raising £62.40 for the school. The focus now turns to Christmas and a Christmas jumper sale and the Christmas Fayre which is scheduled for Friday 13th December after school.



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS NEEDED!

We are looking for preloved Christmas Jumpers. If you can donate one, please leave in reception by 9am on Friday 6th December

The graphic features a green background. At the top center is the Parsons Down Partnership logo, which includes a swan and the text 'PARSONS DOWN PARTNERSHIP'. Below the logo is a red Christmas jumper with a green tree and yellow stars. The text 'CHRISTMAS JUMPERS NEEDED!' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below this, a smaller line of text reads: 'We are looking for preloved Christmas Jumpers. If you can donate one, please leave in reception by 9am on Friday 6th December'.