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**Edition 12: Friday 29th November
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Mon 2 nd Dec	Christmas postbox arrives
Tues 3 rd Dec	Fire service visiting Year 2
Fri 6 th Dec	PDSA Christmas Jumper sale after school
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 4
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
Mon 6 th Jan	Start of Spring term.

This week at Parsons Down

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 89.6% and for Key Stage 2 it was 93.7%.
- ✓ We appreciate that the run up to **Christmas** is a very busy time for families and schools. Last 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.
- ✓ It's been lovely to welcome some new faces to our **PDP Facebook** page, we hope that you are finding it informative. 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/>
- ✓ **The Eco Council** are coming to the end of "**Cut Your Carbon**" month. This week the focus was to encourage everyone to eat more plant-based meals with Veggie Vibes and to have a quick shower instead of a bath.
- ✓ Last Monday, the Eco-Committee took part in their first action for our **School Grounds** topic. With the help of Mrs Dillon, they planted lots of flower bulbs in the Sensory Garden. We are looking forward to seeing tulips, daffodils and alliums come up, among our other plants, in the Spring!
- ✓ We've been notified by the **Nature Discovery Centre** that the Park and Stride car park will be shut in January. Sadly, ash trees at the Nature Discovery Centre have been affected by ash dieback. They need to carry out essential tree felling work this winter. **This means the Nature Discovery Centre, including the car park, paths and playground, will be closed from Monday 6 January to Friday 17 January.** For further information about the work, please contact the Nature Discovery Centre on ndc@bbowt.org.uk or 01635 874381.
- ✓ Very sadly, Mr Allen will be leaving us at the end of term. We have recruited a new **Deputy Headteacher**, Miss Mills. She'll be spending a few days with us before the end of term as part of the transition process. I know she's really looking forward to meeting the PDP community.
- ✓ We're looking for some of our regular, **registered volunteers to help us walk** safely to the church for our annual carol concert on Monday 16th December and then our weekly swimming lessons at Kennet Leisure Centre (Wednesday morning in spring term). If you think you'd be able to help please contact the office.
- ✓ Last week we had an unannounced visit from Environmental Health to check our kitchen facilities. Once again, Dawn and our team passed with flying colours and have maintained their **five star rating**. Testament to all of Dawn's hard work. Well done!

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



The Week in Pictures

Cut your Carbon, planting in the sensory garden, children enjoying OPAL (despite the weather) Welly boots are becoming more necessary! No Outsiders showing random acts of kindness.



NO OUTSIDERS
'All different, All welcome'



PDSA News

Our 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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRI 13TH DECEMBER | **FREE ENTRY** | 3:15 - 5:15PM

GIFT SHOP
SWEET SPINNER
SANTA TOMBOLA
NAME THE ELF
REFRESHMENTS
& MUCH MORE!

Thatcham
WARMING UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Thatcham Town Centre
Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December
An Exciting Weekend of Festive Activities

Friday 6th December
Christmas Lights Switch On
Entertainment from 5pm

Saturday 7th December
Christmas Market
Thatcham Broadway, 10am-3pm

Sunday 8th December
Civic Carol Service
St Marys Church, 3pm-5pm
Santa Fun Run
Organised by Rotary Club of Thatcham

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