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**Edition 10: Friday 15th November
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 21 st Nov	Year 6 Heights and Weights with school nurse
Thurs 21 st Nov	U11 Boys' Football match
Tues 26 th Nov	EYFS Vision Screening with school nurse
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
Fri 6 th Dec	PDSA Christmas Jumper Sale
Tues 10 th Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Weds 11 th Dec	Christmas lunch (please order by 2 nd Dec)
Weds 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Craft Day*
Thurs 12 th Dec	10am EYFS Nativity Openbox theatre for pupils in EYFS to Year4 *
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 *

*more information coming shortly

This week at Parsons Down

- ✓ We started the week commemorating **Remembrance Day** with an assembly for pupils in Years 2 to 6. This included a 2 minute silence and I was really impressed by the children's ability to reflect and the respect they showed. Thank you so much to everyone who supported our collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
- ✓ On Tuesday 12th Nov representatives from our **School Council** attended the launch of the annual toy appeal organised by Swift Logistics and The Community Furniture Project. The project works with local businesses and the community to help make Christmas a special time for all children in the local community. More information about this year's appeal can be found by clicking on the link <https://toyappeal.co.uk/>
- ✓ As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the support we offer to pupils, we invited you to share your views on **how we support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**, via a survey and an opportunity to meet senior leaders. Thank you to everyone who took part. We are busy collating your views and will update you in due course.
- ✓ **The Eco Council** continue to challenge families to take part in "**Cut Your Carbon**" during the month of November. This week's focus is buying nothing new. This is a carbon-cutting challenge encouraging young people and their families to complete six simple actions to raise awareness and reduce their carbon footprint. More info on our blog: <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/.../introducing-cut-your...>
- ✓ On Friday the School Council in conjunction with the PDSA organised a **Non-School Uniform day** in exchange for donations for the PDSA Christmas fayre. Thank you so much for your very generous donations.
- ✓ I wanted to let you know that your **Harvest Festival donations this year weighed in at 59.6 kgs.** This is the approximate weight of a fully grown leopard! It also means that Parsons Down Partnership has donated the equivalent of 125 meals for local people who are experiencing real hardship. Thank you so much for your support with this year's harvest collection.
- ✓ We emailed families about the **Year 5/6 swimming programme**. All children in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity for swimming lessons at Kennet swimming pool for the spring term <https://forms.office.com/e/GANtWVmtw>
- ✓ The online ordering system for booking your child's **Christmas lunch** is now open. It will be on Wednesday 11th December and you need to order by 2nd December. The Christmas diary is now finalised and a letter went out on Monday 18th November with more information.

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



The Week in Pictures

The Eco Council are continuing to promote Cut your Carbon for November, the School Council at The Toy Appeal launch, a thank you message from the West Berks Foodbank, Year 6 tasting herbs and spices as part of the DT project, and Year 2 making structures.



THANK YOU!

This certificate of appreciation is presented to

Parsons Down Partnership of Schools

in acknowledgment of your kind harvest donations to the West Berks Foodbank, a total of

59.6 kg of food & essentials

Your generosity has provided 125 meals, helping to feed 6 people with three meals a day for 7 days

West Berks Foodbank supports people in food crisis, additionally providing essential items such as toiletries, sanitary products, baby food and pet food, only possible because of the kindness of others.



PDSA News

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the PDSA Non-School Uniform Day and Bags to School. The PDSA will also be organising a Christmas Jumper Sale after school on Friday 6th December.



**FREE
NON-SCHOOL
UNIFORM DAY**

FRIDAY

15TH NOVEMBER 2024

All children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform in exchange for a Christmas fayre donation.

We would really appreciate any of the following items:

Bottles - Sweets - Chocolate - Smellies - Gift Sets -
Good quality second hand toys - Gift bags -
Wrapping paper - Teddies

Donations to be given to class teachers please

THANK YOU FROM THE PDSA :)



BAG 2 SCHOOL



Christmas Jumper sale!

We will be selling pre-loved Christmas Jumpers on the school playground after school on Friday 6th December!

£2 each (cash only please)



If you would like to purchase any pre-loved school jumpers/cardigans, please email pdsa@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk