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**Edition 2: Friday 15th September
2023**


Dates for your Diary

Mon 11 th to Weds 13 th Sept	Life Bus
Tues 19 th Sept	Individual photos
Mon 25 th to 29 th Sept	Harvest week
Tues 3 rd Oct	PDSA AGM
Tues 10 th Oct	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils*
Fri 20 th Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Fri 20 th to Mon 30 th Oct	Half Term Holiday
Mon 30 th Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Tues 31 st Oct	Start of autumn 2

**More information coming*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ We **Welcomed back** our Year 6 pupils from North Wales and welcomed our final group EYFS pupils. It's lovely to have everyone back and it's been a very busy week.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.6% and for Key Stage 2 it was 96.8%. Slightly lower than last week for both schools. Good attendance is essential for children's learning but also social skills. NHS England have provided some helpful guidance on mild illnesses. Click on the link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- ✓ As promised, I am sharing some examples of the **fantastic art** work that was created last week in our photo section. I was blown away by the quality.
- ✓ This week we welcomed back the **Life Bus**. All of the children had a workshop in class and we hope they found it beneficial. We also launched our new topic about **Relationships** in two special assemblies.
- ✓ Amy, our Family Support worker, has arranged some parent/carer workshops with the focus on **'Anxiety: understanding and supporting children and young people experiencing anxiety'** on Wednesday 18th October. The event will run from 9.10-10.30am at school. The session will involve a presentation from Dr Wendy Sillitoe, Senior Educational Psychologist at the Mental Health Support Team. Wendy will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have at the end of the session. If you would like to attend please email Amy - abannister@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk
- ✓ We hope the children enjoyed taking part in the **West Berks Library Challenge**. Mrs Hayward will be leading a reading celebration assembly on Thursday for Year 1 to 6 and EYFS children will celebrate in class. Children are welcome to bring in their certificate. Also, on Saturday 23rd September: **A day of nature-based book talks for people of all ages at the Nature Discovery Centre!** There are 4 talks - 2 aimed at children and 2 for adults. See the BBOWT website for further information: <https://www.bbowl.org.uk/.../2023-09-23-book-day-nature...>
- ✓ **Harvest Festival** will soon be upon us. A letter has been sent out this week. Once again we will be supporting the West Berks Foodbank. We will be collecting donations during the week beginning 25th September and we will have a harvest assembly for the children on the Friday of that week.
- ✓ It's great to see lots of **healthy lunchboxes and snacks** in school. We would advise cutting grapes in half as they can be a choking risk.
- ✓ **Tuesday 19th September is individual photo day**. There will be no sensory circuits, to allow for the photographers to set up their equipment in the hall. All children need to wear their school uniform, including those in years 2, 3 & 6 who usually have PE. If your child attends an after school club, they will need to bring a kit to change into.

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

The Week in Pictures

A snapshot of some of the portraits children created last week.

