



Learn Together. Grow Together. Succeed Together.

**Edition 16: Friday 13th January
2023**

Dates for your Diary

Weds 4 th Jan	Start of Spring term
Mon 9 th Jan	Bikeability for allocated children in Y5/6
Mon 9 th Jan	Rescheduled Y5/6 football final at Park House
Fri 3 rd Feb	NSPCC Number Day*
Wes 8 th and Thurs 9 th Feb	Parents' Evening
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th Feb	Half term
Mon 20 th Feb	Back to school
Mon 13 th to Weds 15 th March	Badger Class trip to Minstead
Weds 15 th to Fri 17 th March	Hedgehog Class trip to Minstead
Tues 28 th March	10am Year 3 play*
Weds 29 th March	2pm Year 3 play*
Thurs 30 th March	3.15pm End of spring term
Fri 31 st March	INSET day
Mon 17 th April	Start of summer term

**More information coming soon*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It's been another action packed but also rather wet and windy week. This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94.7% and for Key Stage 2 it was 96%.
- ✓ Earlier this week, we launched this half term's PSHE focus of '**Keeping Myself Safe**' in assemblies for both the Infant and Juniors schools. I was really impressed by the children's understanding of how to keep themselves safe. We've recently updated the safeguarding section of our website and have uploaded some useful information about keeping children safe online <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/safeguarding> We will also be taking part in NSPCC assemblies later in the term base on keeping ourselves safe. Miss Shepherd sent a letter earlier in the week about this.
- ✓ We sent out letters to families of children in Years 4 and 5 about the residentials to both **Minstead** in March 2023 and **Rhos y Gwaliau** in September 2023.
- ✓ On Monday, children in Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to complete their **Level 1 Bikeability** training on the playground. Certificates and badges were handed out today. Many congratulations to all of those who took part.
- ✓ We'd like to say well done to the **Year 6 netballers** who braved the rain (and hail!) to compete in our first match of the Newbury netball league. This was our first competitive netball match for a number of years and it felt amazing to watch the team on court. Fixtures will be re-arranged in the near future - just need the weather to be a little kinder to us next time. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you once again to parents for both transporting children and staying to support. You are appreciated.
- ✓ We are also extremely proud of the **Year 5/6 girls and boys who competed valiantly in Monday's U11 football finals**. Over 40 teams took part overall and to finish in the top 4 is exceptional so everyone who took part should feel delighted at their achievement. Thank you to parents and carers who braved the cold to stand and support on the touchline!!!
- ✓ Next Thursday is our spring term census which determines certain aspects of our school budget, in particular funding for **Universal Infant Free School meals**. This is why we advertise special menus on these days to encourage meal uptake. Thank you for supporting us with this.
- ✓ Finally, appointment letters for the forthcoming **parents' evening** have gone home today.

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



The Week in Pictures

Our Year 5/6 netball team braving the weather at Francis Baily earlier this week.

