



Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.

**Edition 16: Friday 12th January
2024**

Dates for your Diary

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| Mon 8 th Jan | Start of Spring term |
| Mon 8 th Jan | New Clubs start |
| Weds 10 th Jan | First Y5/6 swimming lesson |
| Thurs 11 th Jan | 10am Final EYFS Sept 24 intake tour |
| Thurs 18 th Jan | Census Day Change of menu |
| Fri 2 nd Feb | NSPCC Number Day |
| Weds 7 th and Thurs 8 th Feb | Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm |
| Fri 9 th Feb | End of spring term 1 |
| Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th Feb | Half term holiday |
| Mon 19 th Feb | Start of spring term 2 |
| Mon 26 th to Weds 28 th Feb | Year 4 Minstead Residential |
| Weds 27 th March to 12 th April | Easter Holidays |

**More information coming*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ We'd like to wish you all a very **Happy New Year!** It was lovely to welcome the children back to school refreshed and ready to learn.
- ✓ I can't believe we are already nearly a third of the way through the academic year. Year groups newsletters will be emailed out to all families by Monday 15th January. We will be **reinforcing uniform expectations**. In particular, those relating to health and safety. Long hair should be fully tied back, earrings must only be studs (no hoops), We would also like to remind you that trainers are only for PE/playtimes/MUGA. Children should be wearing black school shoes. However, we are also allowing children to wear sensible boots in winter. On PE days school jumpers should be worn but they can bring in a PE jumper that they can change into for the PE lesson. <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/school-uniform>
- ✓ You may have seen coverage in the press recently about concerns relating to school **attendance** and the number of pupils that are persistently absent from school. Persistently absent means that attendance is below 90%. This would be a day's absence every fortnight. In the autumn term, 16% of pupils at PDI were persistently absent and at PDJ this was 20%. I appreciate there were a lot of bugs in the autumn term. I don't want children that are not well enough to be in school attending, I just want to remind everyone that good school attendance impacts positively on academic and social success at school. **Attending school regularly is really important.**
- ✓ We sent out appointment letters for **parents' evening**. Please can you return slips by Friday 19th January.
- ✓ The deadline for final payments for the Year 4 residential trip to **Minstead** is Friday 19th January.
- ✓ Unfortunately, due to flooding in the local area our **Year 5/6 swimming** lessons didn't start this week. The first session will be on Wednesday 17th January and will run for 10 weeks. We are currently operating a waiting list for spaces.
- ✓ We sent a letter home on Thursday with information about **NSPCC Number Day**. It's on Friday 2nd February and has become an annual event for us as we raise the profile of maths across the Partnership as well as raising money for the NSPCC.
- ✓ The **mosaic** company has been in touch to arrange the installation of our finished design which has been delayed due to circumstances beyond our control. Depending on the weather conditions, it will be installed as soon as possible.
- ✓ We have started our new PSHE topic, '**Keeping myself safe**'. Children will receive weekly lessons and more information about their content can be found on our website https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/files/ugd/7b63b6_6e981ad66b47449ea99aae2b05a6cb31.pdf

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



The Week in Pictures

Our no outsiders photo, NSPCC Number Day and the special menu for next Thursday.

**NO
OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'



**Number
Day 2024**

**Dolce
DINER
DAY**
THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2024

= Mains =
BIG CITY BURGER
ROUTE 66 NUGGETS (UG)
HAND STRETCHED HAWAIIAN PIZZA
BROOKLYN BAKED POTATO BAR (U) *
KETCHUP

= Sides =
AMERICAN FRENCH FRIES
BOSTON BAKED BEANS
SWEETCORN
STARS & STRIPES SALAD BAR
FRESH BREAD (U)

= Desserts =
ICE CREAM & WAFFLE BITES (U)
SNICKERDOODLE COOKIE (UG)
FRESH FRUIT

dolce