



**Edition 7: Friday 22nd October
2021**

Dates for your Diary

Fri 22 nd Oct	3.15pm Break up for half term
Fri 22 nd to Sun 24 th Oct	Please notify Mrs Bull via the website of any Covid cases.
Mon 1 st Nov	Start of term
Weds 3 rd Nov and Thurs 4 th Nov 3.30-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Tues 23 rd and Weds 24 th Nov	Individual Photos*
Mon 29 th Nov-Weds 1 st Dec	Hedgehog class visit to Minstead
Weds 1 st Dec-Fri 3 rd Dec	Badger class visit to Minstead
Weds 15 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Fri 17 th Dec	3.15pm Break up for Christmas

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ **We've made it to half term!** Despite the challenges, we have lots to celebrate this half term from Foundation Stage pupils settling into life at the Partnership, a fabulous residential to Rhos for Year 6 pupils and a huge amount of food donated to the Food Bank. Thank you! I wish you all a happy and healthy half term break. I think we are all ready for a holiday.
- ✓ The office has emailed out a **Covid 19** update from West Berkshire. I will continue to monitor Covid cases until the end of the day on Sunday 24th October and I ask families to notify me immediately of a confirmed lateral flow or PCR result via the school website. I will take any necessary action. I will email all families on Sunday 31st October to update you on Covid measures for the second half of the autumn term.
- ✓ **Attendance** has been a challenge this week. Many thanks for your support with the dramatic increase in Covid 19 cases this week. **Attendance** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 84.4% this week and for Key Stage 2 it was 92.5%. Please be aware that this has been distorted by Covid cases and attendance is actually lower (it's very complicated!).
- ✓ We are so proud of the two teams of Year 1 and 2 pupils that attended the **Thatcham Tornadoes Football Tournament** on Saturday. It was lovely to get involved in sporting events again and the children had a fabulous time. My thanks go to Miss Nunn and Miss Shepherd for supporting the teams.
- ✓ Year 1 were busy planting in the school **garden** yesterday and it's really beginning to take shape.
- ✓ **Parents' evening** slips have gone out to families that have requested an appointment. I will review whether these will be Face to face or via Zoom in my Covid update on 31st October.
- ✓ If your child is absent from school and you have preordered a **school dinner** please try and remember to log on and cancel it as we have seen an increase in food waste in recent weeks with increased absence.

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





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