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**Edition 3: Friday 29th September
2023**


Dates for your Diary

Mon 25 th to 29 th Sept	Harvest week
Tues 3 rd Oct	PDSA AGM 6pm at school.
Tues 10 th Oct	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils*
Mon 16 th Oct	Current EYFS open morning 8.45-9.30am
Weds 18 th and Thurs 19 th Oct	Parents' evening
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
Thurs 2 nd and Fri 3 rd Nov	Level 1 Bikeability for Y5/6
Mon 6 th to Thurs 9 th Nov	Level 2 Bikeability for Y6
Tues 21 st Nov	Current EYFS open morning 8.45-9.30am

**More information coming*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ Once again, we have been overwhelmed by your generosity for our **Harvest collection** to support the West Berkshire Food Bank. It will go a long way to support families in the local area. The donations will be collected on Monday. **Thank you.**
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was an impressive 97.3% and for Key Stage 2 it was much lower at 92.3%. I am very aware that we have had some tummy bugs and high temperatures.
- ✓ We've had reports from the local community that, once again, our parents are **parking** inconsiderately around the local area. Please, please don't block drives, park on kerbs etc. **Use the Park and Stride car park.**
- ✓ The letters for **parents' evening** went out last week and teachers have been busy organising parents' evening appointments. The appointment times should be coming home today. Unfortunately there were lots of missing reply slips. Parents' evening is a great opportunity to find out how your child is settling into their new class and ask any questions you might have about their progress. If you haven't returned your reply slip, please hand it in as soon as possible or talk to your child's teacher. They will slot you into one of the remaining appointment times.
- ✓ We've heard many of the Year 5 and 6 children talking excitedly about the local secondary school open evenings. If your child is in **Year 6 don't forget you need to apply by 31st October** for a secondary school place.
- ✓ Our **Eco-Council** have been worked hard to achieve Plastic Free Schools status last year. As part of this, they would like to discourage people from using 3 single-use plastic items in school – cling film, plastic bottles and plastic bags. We politely requested that from September these items are no longer brought into school. <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/single-use-plastic-bans-at-pdp>
- ✓ We have a **new guitar teacher**, Dr. Fernando Aguera. We're still in the process of finalising the plans for all Year 4 pupils to learn the guitar but he will also be offering a Free Guitar Taster session during the next few weeks. It is open to all students from year 1 to year 6. To book your free taster session, please email him at fernandoaguera@berksmusictrust.org.uk with your child's name, year and school and he will confirm your slot. More information can be found at: <https://berksmusictrust.org.uk>
- ✓ Don't forget that next week it is the **PDSA AGM**. They really need your support to run a host of events that are already pencilled in the diary from discos to Christmas fayre to bake sales. This year we really want to continue to provide enrichment opportunities for the children and continue to develop the school grounds but we need your support. Everyone's welcome. Tuesday 3rd October 6pm at school.
- ✓ We are trying hard to become a **cash free school**. Please don't send cash into school (unless it's for the PDSA). Payment details will be provided in any communication where money is required.

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

The Week in Pictures

Our Harvest donation table for West Berkshire Food Bank. We can't thank you enough.

