



Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.

**Edition 5: Friday 4th October
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Mon 30 th Sept Thurs 3 rd Oct	Level 2 Bikeability Training for Year 6
Mon 30 th Sept to Fri 4 th Oct	Harvest week
Tues 15 th Oct	EYFS Sept 25 intake tours 10am and 6pm
Weds 16 th Oct	Year 4 Minstead Parents' Meeting 6pm *
Friday 18 th Oct	Disco
Weds 23 rd and Thurs 24 th Oct	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 25 th Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Fri 25 th Oct to Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term Holiday
Mon 28 th Oct to Sun 3 rd Nov	PDSA Scarecrow Trail
Mon 4 th Nov	Back to school
Fri 8 th Nov	Level 1 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and Year 6
Thurs 19 th Dec	End of autumn Term. School finishes at 1.35pm

*more information coming shortly

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 96% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.6%.
- ✓ We are incredibly proud of the 28 Year 6 children that completed their Level 2 **Bikeability Training** this week. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to the school. We hope that they enjoy putting their new-found skills to the test on the local roads as they cycle safely around the local area. We still have a few places for Year 5 and 6 pupils to complete Level 1 Training after half term. To book a place just return the consent form.
- ✓ We celebrated **Harvest Festival**. Donations for the West Berks Foodbank will be collected on Monday so it's not too late to send an item in on Monday morning. Thank you for helping us support an amazing organisation that provides much needed support to many local families.
- ✓ On Thursday, Mrs Hayward congratulated the children that took part in this summer's **Library Reading Challenge**. Reading is such a vital life skill and a huge part of our curriculum. Well done to everyone who took part.
- ✓ We've noticed an influx of very **large pencil cases and other items from home** that are causing a huge distraction in the classroom. We are a well-resourced school and we have plenty of stationery items in the classrooms and SEAL club. If the items distract learning or shouldn't be in school we will ask the children to put them away or keep them at home.
- ✓ We've sent out the **Parents' Evening** appointment letters with the children today. Please can you complete and return them by Friday 11th October. We will send home the appointment times by Friday 18th October.
- ✓ If you need to **communicate with the school** there are lots of different channels to do so. The school office is open 8.30am-3.30pm daily. Outside of these times phone calls will go to voice mail. Year groups all have year group emails, Mrs Uphill has a mobile phone for Twilight and the website also has useful contact information <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/contact-us> We also have the very popular Facebook page which is run by a team of staff.
- ✓ The **PDSA** are busy organising some exciting events for the children. There's the Scarecrow Trail and our first disco of the year. The fliers with more information are on page 3.
- ✓ At a recent Governor's meeting, Governors voted to change our **finish times at the end of each long term**. This means that on Thursday 19th December, Friday 4th April and Tuesday 22nd July school will now finish at 1.35pm and there will be no Twilight Club. We've made this decision to be more in sync with local secondary school term dates but wanted to give families as much notice as possible.

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



The Week in Pictures

Celebrating the Summer Reading Challenge, Year 6 Bikeability, Year 3 made fossils, this week's No Outsiders photos and PDSA events

NO OUTSIDERS
'All different, All welcome'





Thatcham SCARECROW TRAIL

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE ARE HOLDING A SCARECROW TRAIL FROM
MONDAY 28TH OCT - SUNDAY 3RD NOV 2024

MAKE YOUR OWN SCARECROW!

Register before 4th October by emailing:

pdsa@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

All entries will need to be within Parsons Down catchment area.



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SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 @ 4:30 - 5:15pm

£4

Includes: Entry, drink, snapband, tattoo & sweet bag

Year 3 & 4 @ 5:30 - 6:30pm

Year 5 & 6 @ 6:45 - 7:45pm

£3

Includes: Entry & drink

Tuck shop will be available with snapbands, tattoos,
crisps & sweets

Children will need to bring inhalers/epipens/medication if
needed due to not having access to these on the night

All children must be picked up at the end of the session by
parents/guardian