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Edition 3: Friday 22nd September 2023

Dates for your Diary

Tues 19 th Sept	Individual photos
Mon 25 th to 29 th Sept	Harvest week
Tues 3 rd Oct	PDSA AGM
Tues 10 th Oct	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils*
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

*More information coming

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It's been feeling really autumnal. We've also been talking about autumn celebrations in assembly this week: the autumn equinox, harvest, Halloween, bonfire night, Diwali etc..
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94.4% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.7%. Good attendance is essential for children's learning but also social skills. NHS England have provided some helpful guidance on mild illnesses. Click on the link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- ✓ After school sports **clubs** have started. We now have a new email address set up for any clubs/sports fixtures enquiries. The address is: **PE@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk**. Mrs B and Mrs Hoskins will have access to any emails sent to this address. This year we are looking to broaden the variety of clubs for children. We'll let you know as soon as we have more information.
- ✓ **Tuesday 19th September was individual photo day**. The children looked really smart and should have come home with the cards with information about how to view and place orders.
- ✓ Yesterday, in our weekly reading celebration assembly, we celebrated the children who took part in the West Berks Summer Library Challenge. **Reading** is a huge part of the work we do every day and we really want to foster a love of reading and books. Don't forget, on Saturday 23rd September: A day of nature-based book talks for people of all ages at the Nature Discovery Centre! There are 4 talks - 2 aimed at children and 2 for adults. See the BBOWT website for further information <https://www.bbwt.org.uk/.../2023-09-23-book-day-nature>
- ✓ Amy, our Family Support worker, has arranged some parent/carers workshops with the focus on **'Anxiety: understanding and supporting children and young people experiencing anxiety'** on Wednesday 18th October. The event will run from 9.10-10.30am at school. The session will involve a presentation from Dr Wendy Sillitoe, Senior Educational Psychologist at the Mental Health Support Team. Wendy will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have at the end of the session. If you would like to attend please email Amy - abannister@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ **Harvest Festival** will soon be upon us. A letter was sent out last week. Once again we will be supporting the West Berks Foodbank. We will be collecting donations during the week beginning 25th September and we will have a harvest assembly for the children next Friday.

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



The Week in Pictures

Our new Year 6 Librarians and some of the children who took part in the reading challenge with their certificates.

We aim for everyone to develop a love of reading with the skills to become brave, confident and inspired readers.

