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**Edition 1: Friday 6th September
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Sun 8 th Sept to Sat 14 th Sept	Year 6 residential to Rhos Y Gwaliau
Mon 9 th Sept	Sensory Circuits starts for invited children
Mon 9 th Sept	PDSA AGM 6pm at school.
Tues 10 th Sept	Final group of EYFS pupils start 8.45-11.45am
Weds 11 th Sept	EYFS pupils stay all day 8.45am-3.15pm
Tues 17 th Sept	Individual photos*
Tues 24 th Sept	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils*
Mon 30 th Sept to Fri 4 th Oct	Harvest week*
Fri 25 th Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Fri 25 th Oct to Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term Holiday
Mon 4 th Nov	Back to school

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ **Welcome back** to familiar faces and a very warm welcome to our new families and staff. Mr Allen has joined us as our new deputy head until Christmas and has really enjoyed meeting the children, staff and families this week. Miss Wyatt is an Educational Support assistant in Year 4 and running the MUGA at lunchtime. All of the children have had a fabulous first week and I am so proud of how they have settled back into school life.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.5% and for Key Stage 2 it was 94.2%. I've been really impressed with how punctual the children have been. Learning starts from the moment they enter the door so thank you for supporting us.
- ✓ We've had challenges with our **phone** system this week. Thank you for baring with us. They are now fixed. Hurray!
- ✓ We've started off the term with another **fantastic art week** and I have been blown away by the quality of the art. I've managed to get a few snaphots but the masterpieces will now be turned into displays around the school.
- ✓ We've reminded the children about the **West Berks Library Challenge**. We will arrange a special reading celebration assembly when the challenge ends and it's not too late to take part. We've also finished the final finishing touches to our revamped library over the summer and it looks great.
- ✓ Over the summer we've installed brand new **interactive screens** in every class and they're fantastic. We had a training session on Monday and we're still getting to grips with them but they will certainly enhance our teaching and learning.
- ✓ We've also planned our first **PDSA** annual general meeting for Monday 9th September at 6pm at school. Please do come along as we form this year's committee. We'll meet in the front entrance meet at school. Everyone's a member.
- ✓ We've been making the final arrangements for the **Year 6 residential**. We'll be waving goodbye on Sunday morning. Children need to be at school for 9am.
- ✓ Don't forget to sign up for one of our exciting new **sports clubs**. There's lots of spaces left! **Information about PE kit and lessons is on page 3!**
- ✓ I've received two emails from local residents complaining about **inconsiderate and dangerous parking** on Herons Way and Derwent Road. Please, please park safely and make use of the Park and Stride car park at the Nature Discovery Centre.

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



The Week in Pictures

Our sensory garden is thriving, some of this week's fantastic artwork, our new library and our new interactive screens





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Parsons Down Partnership of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at Parsons Down Partnership of Schools for the Autumn term.

Multi Sports | Year 1-2 | Thursday | 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tri Golf | Year 3-4 | Wednesday | 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tag Rugby | Year 5-6 | Tuesday | 3.15pm - 4.15pm

£3.00 Per Session

Best Wishes,

Charlie Hiscox
uSports Director

How To Book

1. Click the 'Book Now' button or type in the link underneath
2. Scroll to find the right club
3. Add your child's details
4. Book your child's place
5. Pay for your session

P.E. Kit and PE lessons

Once again, all children can come into school in their P.E. kits this year. Lessons will start next week and are on the following days:

EYFS - Friday
Yr 1 - Monday
Yr 2 - Monday and Thursday
Yr 3 - Tuesday and Wednesday
Yr 4 - Wednesday and Thursday
Yr 5 - Wednesday and Thursday
Yr 6 - Tuesday and Friday

EYFS and Year 1 will continue to have Welly Wednesday each week and for Year 2 to 6 both their lessons will be taught by their teachers and we have adjusted our PE curriculum to allow for more diversity in sporting activities.

We've booked the popular Bikeability lessons for children in Year 5 and 6 later this term. More information coming soon

We're also in the final stages of discussions with Kennet School regarding using their swimming pool for swimming lessons for all pupils in Year 5 and 6 for the spring term.

We'll send more information when everything is confirmed.

