



**Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.**

**Edition 1: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
2023**

**Dates for your Diary**

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept to Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 residential to Rhos Y Gwaliau
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Final group of EYFS pupils start 8.45-11.45am
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> to Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Life Bus
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	EYFS pupils stay all day 8.45am-3.15pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Individual photos*
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest week*
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	PDSA AGM*
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils*
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> to Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term Holiday
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Start of autumn 2

*\*More information coming*

**This week at Parsons Down...**

- ✓ **Welcome back** to familiar faces and a very warm welcome to our new families and staff. Mrs Tillet has joined us in Year 3 and Miss Mapleston in Year 5. All of the children have had a fabulous first week and I am so proud of how they have settled back into school life and coped under the warmest autumn return that I can remember.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 97.4% and for Key Stage 2 it was 97.4%. SNAP! A great start to the term and thank you infant families for remembering the new start time of 8.45am.
- ✓ We've started off the term with another **fantastic art week** and I have been blown away by the quality of the art. I can't wait to share it with you in next week's newsletter.
- ✓ We've had two **compliments** about the children at Parsons Down this week. The staff at Rhos have said our Year 6 pupils are a credit to the school and a local resident complimented a Year 2 pupil for how polite and friendly she is every morning. I couldn't be prouder 😊
- ✓ A group of Year 6 children and staff have been in **Rhos Y Gwaliau** in North Wales. We hope that you have enjoyed following their adventures on our Blog. They are due to return to school at around 3.30pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. If the time changes significantly we will update families via text message.
- ✓ Next week we welcome back the **Life Bus**. The Life Bus is a workshop delivered by the company who provides our personal, social and health education, Coram education. The workshops work alongside our weekly lessons. All of the children will get a workshop and in previous years we have found it very beneficial.
- ✓ We've reminded the children about the **West Berks Library Challenge**. Mrs Hayward has been in Rhos this week but we will arrange a special reading celebration assembly when she's back. It's not too late to take part.
- ✓ We've stated planning our **Harvest Festival** which will soon be upon us. Once again we will be supporting the West Berks Foodbank. We will be collecting donations during the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September and we will have a harvest assembly for the children on the Friday of that week.
- ✓ We've also planned our first **PDSA** annual general meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Please do come along as we form this year's committee. Everyone's a member.

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





## The Week in Pictures

Our new EYFS children making friends, Year 6 pupils enjoying their Rhos adventure and children across year groups making friends in our new lunchtime SEAL club.

