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**Edition 3: Friday 20th September
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Tues 17 th Sept	Individual photos*
Mon 23 rd Sept	8.45-9.45am EYFS-Giraffe Class open morning
Tues 24 th Sept	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils
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*
Weds 23 rd and Thurs 24 th Oct 3.30-6.30pm	Parents' Evening *
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 *

*more information coming shortly

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 93.8% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.4%. It's worked really well shutting the gates a bit earlier this week. Thank you so much for your support. We will continue to do this.
- ✓ Back to school unfortunately means **illnesses** have been doing the rounds. I'm attaching a helpful link with advice about whether your child is well enough to be in school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> If you child has vomitting and or diarrhoea they need to be off school for at least 48 hours.
- ✓ On Friday, Mr Allen announced this year's **School and Eco Councillors** in Celebration assembly. We're really looking forward to meeting the new team and the first meetings will be held next week. The School Councillors have an incredibly important first job as they support the leadership team recruit a permanent deputy headteacher. **Year 6** pupils continue to play a really important role in helping the Partnership run smoothly and have been appointed as librarians, monitors and House Captains.
- ✓ On Monday 23rd September we will be launching for first stage of an exciting school development priority for this year. **OPAL** is an award-winning, mentor supported school improvement programme that addresses all the areas that schools must plan for if they want to strategically and sustainably improve the quality of their play opportunities. We've changed morning break so pupils in Year 2 to Year 6 now play together which is working really well. **From Monday children from EYFS to Year 6 will have the opportunity to mix and play together at lunchtime.** We'd really love to hear your views about playtimes and lunchtime. Click on the link to share your ideas <https://forms.office.com/e/UVj3Zjrrwi>
- ✓ We've now finalised the details for **Bikeability Training** for pupils in Year 5 and 6. Year 5 pupils will have the opportunity to take complete Level 1 Training after half term and Year 6 pupils who completed their Level 2 training last year have the opportunity to complete Level 2 training the week beginning Monday 30th September. Letters and consent forms will be sent out next week.
- ✓ On Tuesday 24th September the school nursing team will be on site to administer the **flu immunisation** programme to pupils who have a completed electronic consent form.
- ✓ The **PDSA** have been really busy organising an exciting series of events for the children. One of the first events is a Scarecrow Trail (see poster below)

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



The Week in Pictures

Our New School Council, Eco Council and Librarians.
(next week we'll introduce the new Year 6 House Captains and Monitors)





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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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.

