



***Learn Together. Grow Together. Succeed Together.***

**Edition 36: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
June**

### **Dates for your Diary**

Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> June	New Foundation Stage (Sept 2023) home visits day 1
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leaver's service at St Mary's Church (children only)
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>1.45 pm</b> Year 6 play
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm Year 6 play
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Trinity and St Barts Year 6 Transition Day 1
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	New Foundation Stage (Sept 2023) home visits day 2
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Trinity and St Barts year 6 transition day 2
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Potential disruption due to NEU Strike Day*
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	New Foundation Stage (Sept 2023) home visits day 3
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Potential disruption due to NEU Strike Day*
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	PDSA disco
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day *
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Changeover Day*

### **Over the past fortnight at Parsons Down...**

- ✓ It's a double edition of the newsletter this week. Last week was **exceptionally hot**. We adjusted timings and procedures to keep the children as cool and safe as we could. Thank you for supporting us with sun hats, applying sun cream before school, supplying water bottles etc.. **Please do not send your child into school with sun cream**. We've had incidences of children sharing cream and we have a number of children with allergies.
- ✓ Last week's **attendance** was 94% for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 92% for Key Stage 2 and this week it was 93% for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 94% for Key Stage 2.
- ✓ **Year 1 and some Year 2** pupils took their phonic screen last week. They have been working really hard on their phonics. Assessment data will be shared with parents in end of year reports.
- ✓ Year 6 pupils took part in their Level 2 **Bikeability** last week. The West Berkshire instructors were really impressed by their attitude and behaviour. Well done!
- ✓ We have also started a fantastic **early morning football coaching session** once a week for Y3/4 pupils run by volunteer, Rich Matias. Don't forget we're always on the lookout for more **volunteers** to help enrich the learning journey across the Partnership so if you feel you have the time to invest, please pick up one of the volunteer packs from reception.
- ✓ This week we've been celebrating **World Music Day** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. We had an amazing, body percussion rendition of We Will Rock You in the hall today.
- ✓ It's a **busy** end of year with paperwork in the office. **Year 5 Rhos** payments and paperwork are due as is payment for the **Year 6 leaver's party** and **PDSA Disco**. We are in **desperate need of volunteers for the disco**. Please contact Jodie Fenwick or Julie Dickie if you are able to spare even an hour.
- ✓ This week the NEU released further **strike days for 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July**. These will not impact on the disco but we are currently risk assessing the impact it will have on the schools. We hope to make a decision about opening on these days on Monday and will let you know as soon as we can.
- ✓ **Sports Day** is fast approaching and children have been busy practising in PE lessons. It will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July with infants racing in the morning and juniors in the afternoon. EYFS, Year 1 and 2 9:30 – 11:30am and Years 3 to 6 1:30 – 3:00pm. The House Captains will help run the event and children will be racing to win points for their houses.
- ✓ Thank you to everyone who supported our **Summer Fayre last Friday**. We raise a magnificent £1,660. We are currently fundraising to transform the pond area into a sensory garden and this money will make an amazing difference. Thank you to the PDSA team and everyone who volunteered.

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



## The Week in Pictures

Year 3/4 early morning football training, children enjoying our new cartoon club, yesterday's netball team and today we found out we'd been accredited as a plastic free school ☺



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**SCHOOLS**  
**SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE**

### Updated Summer Term Dates for your Diary

Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 5 Trinity Taster Day
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Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Kennet Year 6 Transition Day 2
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's assembly at 2pm. Parents invited
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leaver's party 6-8pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July to Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Summer holidays
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of new academic year