



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

**Edition 21: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January  
2023**

**Dates for your Diary**

Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	West Berkshire Maestros 'Listen Up' free concert for all year groups.
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	NEU Strike Day (potential impact on school opening)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	NSPCC Number Day
Wes 8 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' Evening
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Back to school
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Badger Class trip to Minstead
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Biodiversity Day
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Hedgehog Class trip to Minstead
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Year 3 play*
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm Year 3 play*
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15pm End of spring term
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	INSET day
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of summer term

\*More information coming soon

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

- ✓ **Coughs. Colds and bugs** have continued to do the rounds. In particular, staff have been impacted. Thank you for your support and understanding as we have rallied round and done our best to keep everything running smoothly.
- ✓ Thank you for returning your requests for an appointment for our forthcoming **parents' evening**. Appointment letters should have been sent home by today.
- ✓ We have been continuing to think about our **PSHE theme of Keeping Safe** this week and in assembly on Tuesday the children watched a video about keeping safe near railways. Network Rail have asked us to share the video on our website so that children can also watch it at home with their parents and carers. You can find it here <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/safeguarding> Next week we will be continuing to think about keeping safe as we will be delivering the NSPCC Speak out stay safe assemblies on Tuesday.
- ✓ As part of our **Eco-Schools** action "Marine" we have teamed up with Surfers Against Sewage and their Plastic Free Schools initiative. This week the eco-committee formed a "Trash Mob" and did a quick ten-minute litter pick on the school field. They then counted up how much plastic they found and identified which brands were responsible for the most litter. They will be contacting those brands and asking them to look at plastic free alternatives for their products.
- ✓ We were so proud to hear that **all four of our football teams have made it to the knockout stages of the Country Cup**. We are one step closer to representing Berkshire. This is a huge achievement and well done to all of the boys and girls who have taken part.
- ✓ Miss Hall took a team of Year 5 and 6 children to an **archery** competition at Park House School yesterday. A whole new experience for many of them. They were quick learners, had a fabulous time and won the competition. Well done everyone!
- ✓ Today we celebrated the **Chinese New Year**. Year 1 to 6 learnt more about the celebrations taking place in assembly and children in Foundation Stage sampled some chinese food and recreated their very own lantern parade complete with a dragon.
- ✓ Thank you to the Year 4 families that joined us for the meeting to share information about the forthcoming trip to **Minstead**. For those families that missed it the forms will be coming home on Monday. The presentation is available on the school website <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/>
- ✓ We have finalised preparations for **NSPCC Number Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. A letter was emailed out earlier today with more details. We will be having a maths themed non-school uniform day to help raise funds for the NSPCC. We are also hosting a games afternoon next Friday between 2pm and 3pm. Please do come and join us. Entrance will be via Herons Way and the main entrance. We will meet and greet you at reception and then convene in the main hall at 2pm before taking you down to classes.

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



## The Week in Pictures

The Eco Council collating the results of their litter pick, our Year 5/6 archery team and Year 1 getting ready for Number Day next week.

