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**Edition 25: Friday 3rd March
2023**

Dates for your Diary

Fri 3 rd March	World Book Day
Mon 6 th March	Under 9s County Cup
Mon 13 th to Weds 15 th March	Badger Class trip to Minstead
Tues 14 th March	Biodiversity Day
Weds 15 th March Thurs 16 th March	NEU Strike Days (potential school closure)*
Weds 15 th to Fri 17 th March	Hedgehog Class trip to Minstead
Tues 21 st March	Key Stage 2 (Y 3 to 6) Cross Country Event
Thurs 23 rd March	Foundation Stage Vision Screening
Tues 28 th March	10am Year 3 Spring Performance*
Weds 29 th March	2pm Year 3 spring Performance*
Thurs 30 th March	PDI Spring Fling
Thurs 30 th March	3.15pm End of spring term
Fri 31 st March	INSET day
Mon 17 th April	Start of summer term

*More information coming soon

Last week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ Last week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 93% and for Key Stage 2 it was also 93%. Once again, thank you for your support and understanding with my decision to close for the second NEU strike day. As soon as we know plans for the next two strike days we will let you know. Unless government guidance changes or there is something out of our control, the Year 4 trip to Minstead will go ahead as planned.
- ✓ We are so proud of our **Year 3/4 footballers** who were crowned joint West Berkshire champions on Monday night. Unbeaten in 9 games without conceding a goal! We are not only proud of what they have achieved but the manner in which they have achieved it: passion, team work, determination and resilience.
- ✓ Well done to the team of **Year 5/6 hockey** players who represented the school at Park House on Tuesday night. It's great to be getting involved in more sports.
- ✓ **After school clubs** started again this week and we've also started a morning training session for Year 5/6 girls with Mrs B and Mr Donnegan.
- ✓ Today is **World Book Day at Parsons Down**. We have celebrated our love of reading, books and authors and look forward to sharing what we did in next week's newsletter. Your child should have already received a World Book Day book token. More information about World Book Day can be found on their website <https://www.worldbookday.com/> This includes more information about the books that you can buy in exchange for your token. A FREE book!
- ✓ Planning for **Biodiversity Day is in full swing**. One of our eco-schools' topics this year is Biodiversity and we will be having a non-curriculum day on **Tuesday 14th March**, where the children will be learning what biodiversity is and how we can promote it in school and the wider community. Miss Shepherd has sent a letter with more information.
- ✓ We've started getting ready for the **Infant School Spring Fling**. We are really excited to be holding our annual Spring Fling on Thursday 30th March. This is a much-loved tradition at the infant school where the children learn songs and poems about spring and share them with each other. The celebration finishes with an Easter bonnet parade. This event is held during the school day and we regret that we are not able to invite parents but each child in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 is invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it into school on **Thursday 30th March**. We look forward to seeing their wonderful creations.



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

The Week in Pictures

Our Year 3/4 Football team celebrating their win, Year 4 getting to grips with Times Tables Rock Stars and Year 1 developing their map work skills.

