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**Edition 35: Friday 26th May 2023
and Friday 9th June**

Dates for your Diary

Fri 26 th May	Last day of term
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	Half Term Break
Mon 5 th June	Start of Summer Term 2
w/c Mon 5 th June	Year 4 MTC Check *
Weds 7 th June	Year 5 and 6 Swimming starts
Thurs 8 th June	Year 6 Trip to Winchester
Mon 12 th to Thurs 15 th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 12 th June to Fri 16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen*
Mon 12 th June to Thurs 15 th June	PDSA selling Father's Day gifts
Fri 16 th June	PDSA Summer Fayre
Weds 21 st June	Year 5 Trinity Taster Day

**More info coming soon*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It's a bumper edition of this week's newsletter as we're celebrating the last week of last half term and this week. I hope you had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the sunshine.
- ✓ The last week's **attendance** was 94.6% for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 92.6% for Key Stage 2 and for this week it was 96% for both schools.
- ✓ On Tuesday 23rd May, **Year 4 enjoyed a Roman themed day**. They designed their own Roman banquet and tasted some foods from Italy, completed timeline activities, took part in role-play with their Roman shields and made paper plate pizzas, showing all the things they have learnt about the Romans so far. The children and staff who dressed up looked fantastic! They are looking forward to continuing this theme next half term.
- ✓ Thursday 25th May was **Outdoor Learning Day** and the weather was incredibly kind to us this year. The children enjoyed the sunshine and the range of activities both within the school grounds and for Year 6 Thatcham Lakes. Our wildfire meadow is looking really good and is encouraging biodiversity onto site. This year we were joined by some of our governors. It really was a lovely but very tiring day.
- ✓ **Foundation Stage** pupils have enjoyed their first visit to Thatcham Lakes this week for Welly Wednesday. Thank you so much to the **volunteers** for helping make the trip possible. If you'd like to volunteer your time, please do pick up a volunteer pack from the office.
- ✓ **Year 2** pupils have now completed their SATs tests. They have been working really hard. Assessment data will be shared with parents in end of year reports.
- ✓ On Friday 26th May, members of the School Council, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Chandler visited Thatcham Town Council's Sensory Garden as we are planning to **build our own sensory garden** in the area where our pond currently is. They met with the gardener and were inspired by the design and range of plants.
- ✓ Last half term a pair of black fingerless **cycling gloves** went missing from a child's bicycle basket in the bike sheds. If you've seen them or have accidentally picked them up please can you return them to the school office.
- ✓ I have noticed an increasing number of pupils wearing trainers in school instead of school shoes. Please can you support us by ensuring that your child wears their **full school uniform** every day.
- ✓ Don't forget next Friday is our **Summer Fayre**. I've attached the flier and more information will be emailed out next Thursday

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





The Week in Pictures

EYFS pupils have been making their own Supertatos having been inspired by the book. EYFS enjoying the mud kitchen on Welly Wednesday and Year 5 have been making moving models with cams in design technology.







Please do come along next Friday after school and support our Summer Fayre.

Thank you for your kind donations and for selling the raffle tickets to your friends and family. It's not too late to help:

- ✓ We're still looking for volunteers. Email the PDSA at PDSA@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk if you think you'd be able to help on the day.
- ✓ We're still accepting donations for the Tombola, Teddy Tombola, Sweet Wheel and the ever popular Cake and Bake sale.

The event will be cash only

Finger's crossed for the weather. Bring your picnic blanket and we're looking forward to seeing you.

