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Edition 22: Friday 1st March 2024

Dates for your Diary

Mon 26 th Feb to Fri 1 st March	PDSA selling Mother's Day gifts at 3pm in school hall
Mon 26 th to Weds 28 th Feb	Year 4 Minstead Residential
Mon 4 th to Fri 8 th March	Year 6 Mock SATs
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day
Fri 8 th March	PDSA World Book Day Bakeoff
Tues 12 th March	Ocean Protectors Day
Thurs 14 th March	EYFS Vision Screening
Tues 19 th March	10am Year 3 Production-Bee Musical
Tues 19 th to Tues 26 th March	3.15-3.30pm Travelling Book Fair in hall
Weds 20 th March	2pm Year 3 Production-Bee Musical
Weds 27 th March	Infant Spring Fling
Thurs 28 th March to 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 15 th April	Start of summer term
Fri 26 th April	New date for EYFS Height, weight and hearing screening

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It's been a busy week as we've tried to dodge rain showers. It was so nice to see the sun at lunchtime today.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94.9% and for Key Stage 2 it was 92.4%.
- ✓ **Year 1** children have started reading the new reading books we've purchased that match our Flying Start phonics programme. We hope you found the letter helpful. Ms Southern and Mrs McCowie will be happy to answer any queries.
- ✓ **Year 3** are very busy with play rehearsals ahead of their production of 'The Bee Musical'. It's not too late to order tickets if you've not already put in your request.
- ✓ **Year 4** returned at the end of the school day on Wednesday from a three day New Forest adventure. We hope you enjoyed seeing what they got up to on the Blog on the website <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/blog>
- ✓ Next Thursday is **World Book Day** and we have lots of exciting events planned. We won't be dressing up but children can bring in a favourite book to share on the day. Mrs Hayward has launched a competition for some artwork that will be incorporated into a Parsons Down newspaper which we will be launching shortly. The PDSA have also arranged a World Book Day Bakeoff (see poster below)
- ✓ **Sporting fixtures** continue to be disrupted by poor weather. Thank you for your understanding. We have several fixtures next week so finger's crossed for better weather. We are also planning for the annual school's cross country event at the Newbury showground on 12th March.
- ✓ I'd like to say a huge thank you to the **PDSA** who have been selling mother's day gifts in the hall at the end of each day. The last day was today.
- ✓ **Year 6** children have found out today which secondary school they will be transitioning to at the end of this academic year. Next week they will be sitting mocks SATs tests to help prepare them for the tests they will sit in May
- ✓ The eco-committee have planned an **Ocean Protectors Day** on Tuesday 12th March, which is part of the work we are doing on the eco-schools Marine topic. They would like to invite all children to wear blue on the day, instead of their school uniform. They will be asking for a £1 donation to the Marine Conservation Society. Donations can be given to class teachers on the day.
- ✓ Our annual **Infant School Spring Fling** is on Wednesday 27th March, for children in EYFS, Y1 & Y2. The children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it into school on the day. We can't wait to see their creations!

Finallv. be kind. be safe. be respectful. Mrs Bull



The Week in Pictures

This week's No Outsider's photo, Ocean Protector's Day, The World Book Day Bakeoff and a snapshot of the Year 4 trip to Minstead.



How are you feeling today?



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WORLD BOOK DAY BAKE OFF

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH - 3:15PM

Bake your favourite book character or find your favourite recipe book and have fun baking together!



Please put your name down on the list that's on each classroom door. All entries need to be dropped off by 9am at reception on Friday 8th March

£15 WATERSTONES VOUCHER TO BE WON

1 WINNER FROM INFANTS AND 1 FROM JUNIORS

All your goodies will be sold after school in the hall along with lots of books, uniform and brick-a-brac to raise money for the PDSA!





Year 4 Minstead Study Centre Residential Trip
February 2024