



Learn Together. Grow Together. Succeed Together.

Edition 38: Friday 14th July

Dates for your Diary

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| Fri 7 th July | PDSA disco |
| Tues 11 th July | Sports Day |
| Thurs 13 th July | Changeover Day |
| Thurs 13 th July | Kennet Year 6/7 transition Day |
| Thurs 13 th July | Last day of clubs |
| Fri 14 th July | Kennet Year 6/7 transition Day |
| Tues 18 th July | End of Year reports to parents. |
| Tues 18 th July | 2pm Year 6 Leaver's assembly |
| Tues 18 th July | 6-8pm Year 6 Leaver's party |
| Thurs 20 th July | 3.15pm End of term |
| Sun 3 rd Sept to Sat 9 th Sept | Year 6 residential to Rhos Y Gwaliau |
| Tues 5 th Sept | Start of academic year for all pupils |

**More info coming soon*

Over the past week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ This week's attendance for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was an impressive 97% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95%.
- ✓ Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for **Sports Day** and helped make it such a special event. The children were amazing. All of their hard work during P.E. lessons has clearly paid off. I was so proud of the way they cheered for each other and celebrated everyone's successes. Many congratulations to Beacon who were the overall winners.
- ✓ We had our **Changeover Day** yesterday. Whilst moving classes can be exciting we are also aware that it brings anxiety. We hope that you found the transition information we shared helpful. We were really proud of the children yesterday.
- ✓ Our **Eco-Council** have been working hard to achieve Plastic Free Schools status this year and we've done it! As part of this, they would like to discourage people from using 3 single-use plastic items in school - clingfilm, plastic bottles and plastic bags. We understand it won't be easy but we politely request that from September these items are no longer brought into school. More information is available on our blog and Facebook page <https://www.pdp.wberks.sch.uk/post/single-use-plastic-bans-at-pdp>
- ✓ It's been lovely to see the children really excited about the free books we've been giving away this week. **Reading** is such an important life skill and we'd like to encourage as many children as possible to keep reading over the summer holidays. There's more ideas on the Blog about both the Summer Library Challenge and Summer Reading Bingo.
- ✓ We are busy preparing for September and I just wanted to raise awareness of a change. From September, **the infant school will be starting their school day at 8.45am and the junior school start time will remain at 8.40am.** Learning starts as soon as the doors open and it is really important that children arrive in school on time every day.
- ✓ If you're looking for school **uniform** the PDSA still have stocks of second hand uniform. I'd also like to remind parents that children should be wearing **black leather school shoes** and not trainers to school.

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



The Week in Pictures
A selection from Tuesday's Sports Day

