



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

**Edition 15: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
2023**

**Dates for your Diary**

Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring term
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bikeability for allocated children in Y5/6
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rescheduled Y5/6 football final at Park House
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
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...**

- ✓ We'd like to wish you all a very **Happy New Year**. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and we've had a very positive start to the beginning of the spring term. For children in Years 1 to Year 6 your year group newsletters were emailed out earlier in the week. The weekly Foundation Stage newsletters will begin again next week.
- ✓ We've updated the **Dates for your Diary** section but we still have our sporting calendar and full event calendar to finalise. It's shaping up to be a short but busy term. As soon as we have finalised dates we will let you know.
- ✓ We do closely monitor **attendance** and **holidays are rarely authorised** (even if due to disruption caused by Covid). If your child's attendance falls below 90% this is classed as persistently absent and seriously impacts upon children socially and academically. We are aware of the latest advice for the UKHSA and **we ask that you don't send your child to school if they have a fever or signs of Scarlet Fever** (high temperature, sore throat or swollen glands). If your child tests positive for Covid the current guidance is that a child should isolate for 3 days.
- ✓ We do have a growing number of children with food allergies and dietary requirements. In a recent first aid meeting we reviewed our policy for allowing birthday sweets and chocolates. **From January, we ask that children do not bring in sweets and chocolates to share with their friends/classmates when it is their birthday.** If they want to buy a book to share with the class I know this would be much appreciated. Thank you for your understanding.
- ✓ We sent out a reminder for those children in Years 5 and 6 who will be completing their **Level 1 Bikeability** training on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.
- ✓ Next week, a letter will go out to Year 5 families about the Sept 2023 Year 6 **Rhos y Gwaliau** trip with the final cost and next steps.
- ✓ We have a **staffing update**. At the end of last term, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Pollard who is moving on to pastures new. We will shortly be recruiting for her replacement. Miss Nunn is expecting her first baby and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of next week. We wish them both all of the best. Miss Shepherd will be teaching Hedgehog class on a Monday and Tuesday and Miss Laxton Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Florence has joined us as a supply teacher and will be teaching Woodpecker, Elk, Hedgehog, year 5 and Year 6 on a regular basis. Miss Southern and Mrs Dillon will also be regularly covering classes.



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

## The Week in Pictures

Thank you to the staff who have created a fantastic display in our front entrance to display our new vision statement

