



**Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.**

**Edition 7: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
2023**

**Dates for your Diary**

Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> to Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term Holiday
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Start of autumn 2
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct to Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bags to School
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Year 6 Heights and Weights
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Level 1 Bikeability for Y5/6
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Level 2 Bikeability for Y6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	'Wear It Gold Day'
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PDSA School Disco
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mosaic workshops start.
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Current EYFS open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Sept 24 school tours 10am and 6pm

*\*More information coming*

**This week at Parsons Down...**

- ✓ We've really enjoyed welcoming parents and carers into the Partnership for this week's **parents' evenings**. It was lovely to see so many of you and I know Mrs Cornwell, Chair of Governors, enjoyed meeting with many of you. Thank you for all of your support. It's been a busy half term and I hope you all have a fabulous half term break.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.4% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.1%
- ✓ Last weekend, a team of infant school footballers took part in the Tornadoes Festival. With only 5 players, they all had to play every match. A fantastic effort. Well done everyone!
- ✓ We've sent out letters confirming which **club** your child has been allocated. Clubs start after half term.
- ✓ The **PDSA** organised an amazing **Halloween cake sale & trick or treat lucky dip** yesterday to coincide with parents' evening. Thank you for coming along and for the fantastic cakes and treats you donated. They have had a quick count up and have raised over £200 for the PDSA thanks to your fantastic donations and support.
- ✓ On Wednesday, we welcomed Wendy Silltoe from the Mental Health Support Team into school to run a **parent workshop on supporting children with anxiety**. It was a fantastic session which was really practical and we've had really positive feedback from those that came. We're hoping to run more sessions in the future so watch this space.
- ✓ As part of our work to improve the **school grounds**, we have invited a company to work with the children on creating a mosaic for the front entrance. The company have provided four designs to choose from (on page 3 of newsletter) and we'd like to gather the opinions of children, staff and parents. Please vote for your favourite design by clicking on the Forms link <https://forms.office.com/e/yzb2StSRXq>
- ✓ This year, as part of their charity work, the school council have chosen to support the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group. On **Friday 17th November**, we will be having a Wear It Gold Day and invite all children to wear something gold, orange or yellow to school instead of school uniform, in return for a £1 donation to raise money for the charity who support children with cancer. You can find out more about the charity here <https://www.cclg.org.uk/>
- ✓ Over half term will be the perfect opportunity for your child to create their own Christmas card for the PDSA or have a clear out for the **Bags to School**. Bags can be dropped off in reception from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Christmas cards need to be returned by Weds 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- ✓ Due to a shorter week, we were only able to share this week's No Outsiders photo with children in Years 2 to 6. Click on the link to find out more about this week's photo <https://no-outsiders-assembly.blogspot.com/2023/10/bathroom.html>

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



## The Week in Pictures

Our No Outsiders photo of the week, Halloween bake sale and the Infant Football Festival

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'All different, All welcome'





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The children will all be involved in creating the final design in a series of workshops in November.