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**Edition 2: Friday 13th September
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Sun 8 th Sept to Sat 14 th Sept	Year 6 residential to Rhos Y Gwaliau
Mon 9 th Sept	Sensory Circuits starts for invited children
Mon 9 th Sept	PDSA AGM 6pm at school.
Tues 10 th Sept	Final group of EYFS pupils start 8.45-11.45am
Weds 11 th Sept	EYFS pupils stay all day 8.45am-3.15pm
Tues 17 th Sept	Individual photos*
Mon 23 rd Sept	EYFS open morning 8.45-9.45am
Tues 24 th Sept	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils*
Mon 30 th Sept to Fri 4 th Oct	Harvest week*
Mon 21 st Oct	NWN First Class photo for new EYFS pupils
Fri 25 th Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Fri 25 th Oct to Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term Holiday
Mon 4 th Nov	Back to school

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94% and for Key Stage 2 it was 96.7%. I've been really impressed with how punctual the children have been. Mr Vincent will be absent for the next fortnight so the Herons Way gate will not be staffed and we will start closing gates from 8.50am. Learning starts from the moment they enter the door so thank you for supporting us.
- ✓ On Wednesday our new **EYFS** cohort stayed for their first full day in school. We've really enjoyed getting to know them and they are quickly learning lots of new routines and being emerald learners as they navigate many new experiences. We're inviting all EYFS parents along to our first open morning on Monday 23rd September from 8.45-9.45 am. We hope that you can join us
- ✓ **Year 6** have also been embracing lots of new experiences this week. 42 pupils and 6 members of staff have been staying at Rhos Y Gwaliau activity centre just outside Bala in North Wales. The weather hasn't always been kind and coughs and colds have been doing the rounds but I am so proud of everything they have all achieved. We hope that you've been enjoying the daily Blog/Facebook updates and we look forward to welcoming them home on Saturday 14th September and back to school on Monday.
- ✓ On Friday we emailed out our first round of **year group newsletters**. We hope you found them useful and informative.
- ✓ Next Tuesday we've got our individual and sibling **photos** with Creative Click. All children need to wear full school uniform. We emailed out information about sibling photos last week. Year 3 will not have PE on Tuesday. Year 6 need to bring their PE kit to change into.
- ✓ We've also emailed information regarding the forthcoming **Flu Immunisation**. You need to complete the electronic consent form that was in the letter.
- ✓ We've reminded the children about the **West Berks Library Challenge**. We will arrange a special reading celebration assembly when the challenge ends and it's not too late to take part. We've also finished the final finishing touches to our revamped library over the summer and it looks great.
- ✓ Last Monday we had our **PDSA** annual general meeting. It was lovely to see some familiar faces as well as some new members. They're planning some lovely events for the children. Watch this space!

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



The Week in Pictures

EYFS are loving the role play area, Year 1 enjoying Learning and Discovery and Year 6 pupils in Rhos Y Gwaliau



P.E. Kit and PE lessons

Once again, all children can come into school in their P.E. kits this year. Lessons will start next week and are on the following days:

- EYFS - Friday
- Yr 1 - Monday
- Yr 2 - Monday and Thursday
- Yr 3 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Yr 4 - Wednesday and Thursday
- Yr 5 - Wednesday and Thursday
- Yr 6 - Tuesday and Friday

EYFS and Year 1 will continue to have Welly Wednesday each week and for Year 2 to 6 both their lessons will be taught by their teachers and we have adjusted our PE curriculum to allow for more diversity in sporting activities.

We've booked the popular Bikeability lessons for children in Year 5 and 6 later this term. More information coming soon

