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Edition 33: Friday 7th June 2024

Dates for your Diary

Fri 24 th May	Year 6 trip to Winchester War Museum
Mon 27 th May to Fri 31 st May	May Half Term
Mon 3 rd June	Start of summer term 2
Mon 3 rd June	Summer 2 after school clubs start.
Mon 3 rd to Fri 7 th June	PDSA selling Father's Day gifts
Mon 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen and Year 2 retakes
Mon 10 th June	Year 5 Jonathan Jungle's Roadshow
Weds 19 th June	Year 5 Trinity Taster Day
Fri 21 st June	PDSA Summer Fayre
Weds 26 th June	Partnership Sports Day
Tues 2 nd July	Year 6 Leaver's service at St Mary's Church (children only)
Tues 9 th July	Back up Sports Day
Tues 16 th July and Weds 17 th July	Year 6 play*
Weds 24 th July	End of term at 3.15pm

Over the past week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It's been lovely to welcome the children back after the half term break. This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 93.2% and for Key Stage 2 it was 92.8%. I'd like to remind parents that term time holidays will not be authorised and that we follow the agreed West Berks term dates <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/40477/Find-School-Term-Dates> Any INSET days are taken in school holidays or out of school time.
- ✓ On Friday 24th May, Year 6 pupils enjoyed exploring **Winchester Military Museum** as part of their history topic. Staff at the museum were really complimentary about the children... their fab behaviour, politeness, engagement and knowledge and questioning. Well done Year 6!
- ✓ I emailed an important **staffing update** on Wednesday. At the end of this academic year (July) we will be saying good bye To Mrs B, Mrs Latham and Miss Shepherd. They have all had a long association with the Partnership and have made a significant contribution to the education of children and will be greatly missed.
- ✓ In assembly we launched our final PSHE topic of **Growing and Changing**.
- ✓ On Thursday evening, our **U11 Girls' Football Team** battled hard in the County Cup. I am so proud of the way they played. It was an incredibly tough match but they didn't give up and gave 100%. Unfortunately, they won't be going through to the next round but they should be super proud of their performance.
- ✓ I am really proud of **Year 6** for leading Friday's assembly to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day. They did a magnificent job. Well done and thank you.
- ✓ Next week Year 1 pupils will take this year's **Phonics** screen. I wrote to Year 1 parents on Wednesday to give you more information about what the screen entails. I have also written to some Year 2 families if your child is also involved. These letters were sent home with children on Friday. The children work incredibly hard on their phonics every day and I am really proud of the progress they have made. Thank you to all of you for supporting your children with learning to read and developing a love of books and reading.
- ✓ On Friday a letter went home giving you more information about our forthcoming **Sports Day** on Wednesday 26th June. Timings for the day are: EYFS & KS1 – 9:30 – 11:30am and KS2 – 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Entry to school will be through the Herons Way gate only. Children can wear plain t-shirts in their house colours. It was lovely to see EYFS children leaving school on Friday wearing their house badges with pride.
- ✓ Don't forget that next week the **Lower Way Pedestrian crossing** will be updates which may cause some disruption
- ✓ Plans for the PDSA Fayre Summer Fayre are well advanced and children came home with raffle tickets on Friday

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



Year 6 exploring Winchester Military Museum and enjoying practical maths, our U11 Girls' football team and a reminder about the PDSA Summer Fayre.



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FRIDAY 21st JUNE
3:15PM - 5:30PM



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