



# The Flying Start Federation

## Newsletter 3rd June 2019

### Issue 26

Hope you all had a fun filled half term. We are now in my favourite term when the children get to do many activities and trips as well sports afternoons and end of year productions. All dates, as we know them, are placed on the website so keep your mobile APP handy!

I am glad to see more children wearing smart school uniform but still a little disappointed with the number of children who do not appear to have a PE kit on the days it's needed. Please check with your class teacher when PE kits are needed, (always on a Friday) and make sure they leave the kit in school so that it cannot be forgotten.

#### **Statutory Assessments.**

As you know May and June are a busy months in school as during this time teachers and pupils will be completing all statutory assessments.

We are really proud of how children who have been doing the statutory Y6 and Y2 tests and assessment have approached the challenges with a positive mind set and determination to do their best.

We are still finalising assessments for submission by the end of June, when school reports will also be written to send home to you in July.

It is really important that children attend school everyday except when really unwell.

#### **Holidays and Attendance:**

This is a reminder that **no holidays** are authorised in term time. The Education Welfare Officer comes into school termly to review attendance and will recommend home visits where attendance has fallen below 90% and is causing concern and also when Devon County Council are likely to issue penalty notices for 10 or more unauthorised absences. So please make attending school your priority and take holidays in the 13 weeks of school holidays.

If your child is unwell and absent from school please phone the school by 9.15 each day of their absence. We will ring home after that and if we can not get through to you we will go down the list of other contacts which you have given us.

**Attendance:** Target: 97%  
Whole school: Buckland: 96.67% & Parkham: 95.66%  
Owls: 97.17%  
Falcons: 96.57%  
Kestrels: 95.28%  
Eagles: 96.22%  
Hawks: 95.93%

#### **Clerk to Governing Board**

**Our current clerk is leaving to have a baby so we are looking for a highly organised individual who would enjoy the challenge of supporting the strategic work of the governors as well as preparing documentation for and minuting meetings. Further information can be found on our website.**

#### **Staff Respect:**

We are respectful schools and teach our children the value of respect.

We know that we do not get everything right all of the time but we will work with you in a timely manner to resolve any issues.

We therefore will not expect to see any abusive, rude or angry behaviour towards any member of our school community.



## Dates

### Parkham

### Buckland Brewer

Please see Federation website and mobile APP

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#### OFFICE HOURS:

Parkham: Mon—Thurs 8.45—3.45pm  
(please note there is no one in the office on Fridays)

Buckland Brewer: Mon—Fri 8.45—12.15pm- please avoid making requests when office is not manned.

**If you need to telephone the school urgently and the office is not manned, please ring the partner school as hopefully they can get a message**

**Mobile APP : you can download the APP onto your phone from Google play or Apple store by putting in the postcode or the name Flying Start federation. The calendar links to the website so will keep you up to date.**

#### Parents Forums:

We have organised early evening opportunities to meet with the Chair of Governors and Head teacher in response to requests to do so. These opportunities are to inform the leadership how we can improve our schools so please make it a date.

Parkham 1st July 6.30pm & Buckland Brewer 2nd July 6.30 pm

#### Term Dates

**Summer Term 2018-** 23rd April—19th July 2018

#### Non-pupil days

3rd Sept 2018, 19th Oct 2018, 7th January 2019, 22nd & 23rd July 2019

#### Occasional days

24th & 25th July

#### Toddler group Parkham

Toddler group at Parkham is running on a Wednesday morning 9.30am-11am during term time. Please contact Paula on 07507551238 if you would like more info.



#### Head Lice Advice

**REMEMBER TO BEAT THE BUGS** by wet combing your child's hair with a nit comb

#### Governor vacancies:

We do have a governor vacancy. If you are interested in a very important and interesting role and have skills/experience to offer please contact the Chair - Alan Jones on [ajones@flyingstartfed.org.uk](mailto:ajones@flyingstartfed.org.uk) to find out more.

#### Parking at Parkham for drop off and pick up.

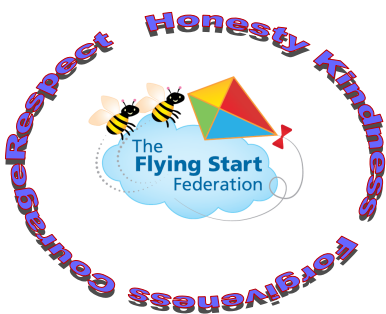
Politely request that parents/ carers do not park on the bus stop opposite the school as this makes crossing the road hazardous

#### Buckland Brewer Community Events:

24th June Family BBQ 5.30pm at the community hall arranged by both churches

13th July Fete with a fancy dress parade with Prince and Princess

8th August Drama workshop 10 am—4pm for young people aged 8-13 in the community hall- cost £1 per person



School/Community Nurse

**Steve Boddey**  
**School Nurse**

Northern Public Health Nursing Team

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School Nurses



Care for Kids