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Reading Champions

Don't forget that we will be carrying out our Spring Reading Champion Prize Draw in a few weeks time. Please keep taking part in the Reading Challenge and reading new books so that you can be a part of this prize draw!

Easter Celebrations

These end of term celebrations will take place a little earlier this year as the Y6s will be away on residential during the last week of term. All are welcome to come and join us.



Parkham 18th March - 9.15 am Allardice Hall

Buckland 18th March- 2.30 pm-

Both will be followed by refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children— thanks to FOBBS and FOPS

First for Sport Clubs will carry on as normal on Friday as this is the last session for this term.

As from the Summer term the Friday sports club will only be for Y1 to 6 and no waiting lists will be kept—so it is important to get your clubs reply in quickly.

Healthy Eating-

We are a healthy eating school, which means we promote a varied and balanced diet low in fats and sugars. We still notice many lunch boxes with chocolate biscuits and crisps every day. Please help your child develop eating habits for life by monitoring carefully what is put in lunch boxes as we are.

Please make sure your child has a bottle of water only to drink throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support.

HAIR GEL We would really appreciate it if you could encourage your children to leave styling their hair with gel until the weekend. We have seen an increase in this over the last couple of weeks and have also seen an increase in greasy fingers over children's books as they are running their fingers through their hair and then wiping what they find in their books and on other surfaces! We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Y6



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residential Monday 21st Please make sure your teacher is aware of any special requirements in writing, including any medical needs that we will need to oversee while away. Enjoy packing the bags! We are looking forward to hearing about their adventures on their return.

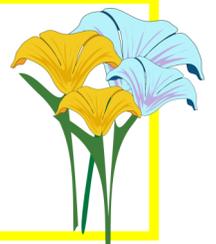
Preschool Provision at Parkham:

The FSU is now admitting children into the pre-school at the beginning of the term in which they turn 3. It is also registered to accept 2gether funding. **Also from September all 3 years olds are eligible for 30 hours funded places from the term after they turn 3. Please speak to Mrs Brookes if you are planning to extend hours, so that we can plan staffing etc.**

Please contact the school for more details.

FOBBS events -

18th March—Easter Bingo
evening 5.30—7.30pm



Happy Easter Everyone! Enjoy the holiday and see you all on the 12th April.



News from Ladybirds



After a trip to Rosemoor, Ladybirds felt inspired to make some hanging wind chimes for the new garden. They have practised drilling, threading and tying knots to make a number of different creations out of recycled materials. Our next project is the 'Minibeast Mansion' so if you have any old roof tiles, bricks or small bits of carpet we would be very grateful to receive them. We have already been kindly donated some wood pallets which will form the base of the mansion thanks to Anise's Dad, Nick.

Learning Leaves

Maddison- Stickability
 Louie- Curiosity

Attendance: 96.02%

News from Dragonflies



This term seems to be absolutely flying by and the children are doing really well keeping up with the pace! We have really enjoyed stretching our problem solving muscles during our number sense maths sequence over the last two weeks and the children are now doing really well with ordering and comparing numbers. Well done to Year 2 in particular who are working really hard on learning their 5 and 10 times tables. In literacy we have been writing thief master plans this weeks based on What the Ladybird Heard - we've seen some really inventive ideas and the children are really getting to grips with recognising verbs and adverbs. The children's mini beast art work is coming along well and they also had a lovely, if not slightly cold, day at Rosemoor!

Leaves - Sam - Resilience/Stickability, Lewis - Learning

Attendance: 96.85%



News from Fireflies

Within English, we have been focussing on how to create different forms of sentences such as questions and exclamatory. We have also been learning about how to use question tags within informal sentences. We are now looking at how to use colons correctly to either create lists or to show independent clauses. We will then be applying what we have learnt to our own letters based on the letters from the text 'Dr A K Fisher'. Within Numeracy, we have been converting between different measures such as capacity, mass and length. We will begin using these conversions, as well as others such as km to miles, to solve problems and investigations. Within topic we have been writing letters to Rosemoor, linking to our English learning. We have also created mobiles made out of natural things such as twigs, leaves and pine cones to display the poems we have also written. We have also been able to create observational drawings of daffodils for St David's.

Learning Leaves: Charlotte: applying a range of vocabulary to her work Annabelle: improving the presentation of her work. Attendance: 97.86%

Parkham Primary School needs your help!



The youngest children in school are taking part in a number of different art projects over the next term and need **lots** of bottle tops. Any size! Any colour! Please bring your donations to the school office.

Whole School Attendance:
 Target 97% Actual: 97.14%

Birthday Celebrations:



Megan
 Keeley
 Jonathan Peter
 Kaitlin Natalie

Clubs at Parkham

Mon: Cartoon Club with Miss Millman Yr 3 +
 Tues: Art Club with Mrs Roe (5 weeks)
 Thurs: Cookery with Mrs Bird Yrs 3-6
 Go-Go club with Mrs Brooks Yr 1 +
 Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



News from Jets

Well it's been another busy few weeks for the Jets. We've been getting into 3D and 2D shapes and describing properties and recognising them in everyday life. We've also been learning to Rhyme - practising counting rhymes, clapping rhymes and continuing rhyming strings. During explore and learn time the children have been hunting for min-beasts and building a garage to fix the bikes. They have made a petrol pump and mechanics area which has encouraged lots of imaginative play. In art we have been learning how to draw mini-beasts and sculpt some using clay. We have also been exploring the different habitats of mini-beasts with Reception trying to entice some into their self created habitats. We had a fantastic World Book Day. Thank you to all the children and Parents who made such a wonderful effort with their costumes. Mrs Millman came to judge each class and Ester eggs were given to Rhys Ellis and Isla Odell for being Stick Man and Tabby McTat. We hope you all had a lovely Mothers Day and look forward to singing you a special tribute at our Celebration Assembly in a few weeks. Keep up the brilliant home Learning and WOW stickers.



The Learning leaves go to Lauren for her excellent effort at home and at school and to Jack Galt for really trying hard in his writing, to Daisy for her 3D shapes and Maisey for gaining confidence in phonics.

Thank you to FOBBs for our role play resources, the children are really enjoying using them.

Attendance: 96.1%

News from Rockets



On Monday last week we had a lovely visit to Rosemoor where we went pond dipping, den building and went on a hunt for invertebrates in the woodland and in ponds. We were surprised by two enormous spiders hanging from a rope web in the middle of the woods.

In maths we are measuring and comparing using real life situations.

In English we are planning our letters which we are going to write this week and publish in a book.

We are also putting together a display in the class of all the fantastic drawings of invertebrates along with written information and reports on Rosemoor.

We did not award learning leaves this week because we were at Rosemoor.

Attendance: 97.2%

Please remember that children should not be using the school grounds at the weekend or out of school hours.

Whole School Attendance: Target
97% Actual:
96.9%

Clubs at Buckland Brewer

Mon: Activ8 with Miss Jago/Mrs Brookes Yrs 1-6

Thurs: Glee club with Mrs Dorrell—all ages

Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6

Birthdays to celebrate

Mitchell

Sylvia

Troy





Dates

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Buckland Brewer: Tues 8.45— 12.45pm

Mon,Wed—Fri 8.45—3.15pm- please avoid making requests when office is not manned.

Term Dates

Spring Term: Tues 5 Jan —Thurs 24 March

Half term: Mon 15 Feb

Summer Term: Tues 12 April—Friday 22 July

Half Term: Fri 27th May

Autumn Term:2016 Tues 6 Sept
Fri 16 Dec

Half term: Fri 21 Oct—Fri 28 Oct

Spring Term Wed Jan 4th—Fri 31 March

Half Term: Mon 13 Feb—Fri 17 Feb

Summer Term: Tues 18th April—Wed 26 July

Half Term: Fri 26 May—Fri 2 June

REMEMBER TO BEAT THE BUGS by wet combing your child's hair with a nit comb at least once a week.

Parkham

Wed 16th—17th March Yr 5 Bikeability

Fri 18th March—9.15am Easter Celebration—Allardice Hall

All are welcome to join us

Mon 21st —24th March PGL residential Yr 6

Mon 21—23 March—Forest School Yr 3

Thurs 24th March Last day of term

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Milly Lane: School Caterer 07340710693 If it is necessary to make a change to a meal request please text between 7.30-9.30am. For general queries please telephone or text between 2-5.30pm

NHS NEW Devon CCG and its acute trust partners have launched a mobile app that gives parents in Devon up to date advice about common childhood illnesses and how to treat them. The HANDi Paediatric app - originally developed by Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust - is now available to download for free onto computer desktops and mobile tablet devices. You can find out more about the app on our website <<http://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/handi-paediatric-app/101829>>.



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