



# The Flying Start Federation

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We are now entering the time when we are asked to make statutory national assessments. I expect you have heard snippets in the media about these new statutory tests which are causing some unease amongst teachers and parents, mainly because of the raised expectations that will be tested as well as the way in which information has been delivered to schools in a very hap hazard way. We have prepared the children in Y2 and Y6 for these new style tests as best as we can, however we plan for the children to take these tests as very much part of normal class activity so as not to place unnecessary pressure on our children. Of course we want the children to do their best, as we do when carrying out our termly assessments but we do not want the children to feel any more pressured by these. I hope you have received the information booklet about assessments from the DFE which was emailed out to you and which will be on the website. If you have not received a copy and would like a paper copy please let us know. Y2 will be taking these tests throughout May, and Y6 will be taking their 's next week.

**If you have any questions of queries about this please speak to your child's class teacher.**

#### Parent Support Advisor

From time to time, as parents ,we all need advice and help with our children. Our Parent Support Advisor, Lorraine Dunn, is available to provide support to any parent or carer, often for just reassurance and advice, but also for extended work. Lorraine can provide a useful link between home and school. You can contact Lorraine through school or directly using the contacts below.

TEL: 07496368754 Office: 01805 622333  
Further information is available on our website.

**Cross Country:** Many congratulations to all the children that took part in the cross country event 2 weeks ago. Every child performed better than they thought they would. It was tough but they all completed the course , so very well done. Special congratulations to Oliver M who came 2nd in his race and Harvey D who came 4th in his.

#### 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. **Unfortunately it is not until September 2017 when all 3 years olds will be eligible for 30 hours funded places from the term after they turn 3. We apologise for misleading you.**

**Please contact the Parkham school for more details.**

#### **Supporting Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour.**

All children behave in different ways and all behaviour is about getting a need met. The Federation staff have recently participated in some training events to help us understand behaviour and the needs that underpin it, and we have learnt some strategies to help us help children manage their own behaviour better. Sometimes a child's behaviour can challenge those around them including families at home as well as children and staff at school. Our duty is to help all children and families understand behaviour and meet the needs underlying it.

If you would like to know more, please have a look at the website where you will find more info about the theory of behaviour. You will also find our behaviour policy.

**If you have any concerns about behaviour please do speak to your child's teacher.**



## News from Ladybirds



After our class trip to Bideford to visit the library and the shoe shop, the children have been very keen to learn more about shoes. Last week the Ladybirds read 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. They have been re-telling the story in their play and writing thank you letters to the helpful little elves. This week we have a special elf visitor who could well get up to some mischief, more details to follow. In maths, some of the FS2 children have been learning number bonds to 10. We have been learning to use our fingers to 10 to help us.

Learning leaves

Millie- resilience Maddison- curiosity

Natasha- learning

Sophie- thinking

Attendance: 97.64%

## News from Dragonflies



We have really enjoyed reading The Elves and the Shoemaker this week and the children have done a superb job of creating a timeline to show what happens in the story. They have developed their inference skills and have been using their knowledge of the characters and story to predict what the characters are thinking and how they are feeling at different stages of the story. We finished the week by writing a sequel to the story where the children shared their ideas for what the elves did next - it was wonderful to see some really imaginative and creative ideas! The children have been working hard on place value in maths - looking at fractions, money and the properties of numbers. The Year 1 children would really benefit from continued work on identifying all of the different coins so if this is something you could have a look at with your child we would really appreciate it. We are really impressed with the scientific materials vocabulary that the children are using and the ways that they are using this in practical contexts.

Learning Leaves = Keeley—Thinking, Lucy—Learning

Attendance: 96.96%



## News from Fireflies

As the end of the first half term is soon approaching, so is the year 6 SATS. Over the next week, the year 6s will be preparing for these. Within English, the children have enjoyed hearing different versions of Cinderella – including versions from countries such as China. The children have been making comparisons between the different versions. The children, over the next week, will begin to use the grammatical skills we have been practising to begin creating their own versions. Within Maths, we have now completed the translation part of our sequence, which the children all enjoyed and showed their new skills with confidence and we are now going to focus on reflection for the remainder of the week. Our next sequence will be multiplicative reasoning - focusing upon multiplication and division. Within our Science work, we have begun to group and discuss the properties of different materials and the purpose/role they have. We will soon begin to plan and conduct investigations based on the properties of these materials. With RE, we have been looking at symbols within the Christian religion such as the cross, the fish and the holy trinity. Over the next week, we will be comparing these symbols to the symbols of other religions.

Attendance: 97.83%

Whole School Attendance:  
 Target 97% Actual: 97.45%

### Birthday Celebrations:

Lewis  
 Findlay  
 Ellie



### Clubs at Parkham

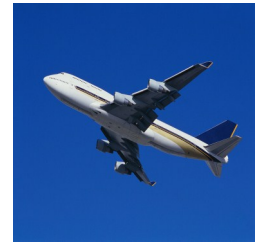
Wed: Archery Yrs 3-6 starting 20th April

Thurs: Cookery with Mrs Bird Yrs 3-6

Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



## News from Jets



In Reception this week we have been role-playing in the shoe shop and making assault course in the outdoor area. The teachers have noticed quite a few children really trying hard to complete their learning challenges during the week, so well done to those who did all 3! In Year One we have been learning to write questions and letters correctly. Please could you practise learning/writing your address with your child if you have time. Finally, in Year 2 we have been learning how to write exclamation sentences and all about suffixes. In maths we have been exploring subtraction and addition involving high numbers, Well done to all of the children for their fantastic swimming this term so far. The instructors are very impressed with the effort and enthusiasm the children are showing.

Our Learning leaves go to Jack for responsibility and Rhys for stickability.

Attendance: 96.1%

## News from Rockets



Over the last two weeks Rockets have been working on The Princess Blankets book and have created amazing descriptions of the blankets that they have painted in art. The children have also been working on using speech in their writing and have interviewed a pair of shoes to find out what it is like to be a shoe. They have come up with some very imaginative conversations following the hot seating drama activity. In maths they have been working on multiplication and division and learning times tables. The year six pupils have been working hard and doing some revision for their SATS which are next week.

Learning leaves: Cody and Christopher

Attendance 96.5%

**FOBBS** are asking for old/second hand uniform donations as they would like to have 3 afternoons after school where they sell them for fundraising.

The dates are the 16th, 19th and 20th May, 3.30 till 4.00pm in the library area, where a member from FOBBS will man the stall.

Also there are plans to hold a summer fete in June (details to follow ) and again donations for that would be greatly received. Please give your items to Hanna Seddon. Many thanks for your support.

Whole School Attendance: Target 97% Actual: 96.4%

### Birthdays to celebrate

Charlie  
Isla  
Steven



### 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



### Dates

## Parkham

## Buckland Brewer

#### 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.

**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 through.**

**Buckland TEL: 01237 451315**

**Parkham TEL: 01237 451334**

#### Term Dates

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

Mon 9 May: Y6 SATS week

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Tues 17 May—Road Safety 2pm

Mon 23 May: Rounders Festival Yrs 5/6 TBC

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Mon 23 May: Julian Vayne—Barnstaple museum— shoe workshop 9am

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Fri 27 May: Non pupil Day

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Mon 30th May: Half term

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

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

#### 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 that are high in fats and sugars on a daily basis. 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.

Watch out for some helpful healthy eating guidelines which we emailed out to you and which will be available on the website



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