



# The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 4th July 2016

## Issue 18

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### NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be changing format next term. From then it will become shorter and more focussed on key dates and reminders about events and attendance. News items from each class will be placed regularly on the Federation's website as will other school news and dates so please save the website address to your favourites.

### EXTENDED WRAP AROUND CARE

We are currently investigating the possibility of trialling extended care by possibly offering a paid breakfast club and after school care—so please watch out for further information. Please let me or admin know if you are interested in this possibility as we will only be able to run it if there is enough interest.

### NUT STRIKE 5TH July 2016

The NUT has balloted its members and has called a national strike on 5th July. The NUT, as are we, are concerned about the cuts in school funding (which we have really felt the effects of this year already); the proposed changes to national terms and conditions; and the lack of a national negotiating framework. Whilst we support the cause of the strike we expect both schools to be open as normal.



**THE BIG FRIENDLY READ**—Summer reading challenge 2016. It's FREE, It's FUN, It's run by your LOCAL LIBRARY

Join Free at your local library. [bigfriendlyread.org.uk](http://bigfriendlyread.org.uk) 16 July—10 September

**SCHOOL COUNCIL** are running tasty tuck again selling each healthy snack for 45p (nuts, seeds, dried fruit) Parkham School council is selling on Thursday morning play, Buckland School Council on Friday morning play. Any profits are going to our Ugandan charities. School Council is also running again the **Water Fun** afternoon to raise money for Prisca (Edukid) and our partner school—Katega primary. Parkham's is on Thursday 21st July and Buckland's is on Monday 11th July. Children will need to bring a full change of outdoor beach clothes and shoes that can get soaked and a towel, as well as their water pistols etc. £1 unlimited refills of water, £1 for water balloons—more details to follow.

### HELLOS AND GOODBYES

We are very excited to welcome two new teachers to our team—Mrs Claire Pennington, who will be teaching at Buckland and Mr Daniel Marks who will be teaching at Parkham. We also welcome Amanda Potter who will be joining the caretaking and cleaning team. Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Slocombe from Buckland, along with Mrs Boyle and Mrs Evans, and Miss Millman from Parkham, along with Mrs Blaine and Mrs Blaskiewicz. We are sad to see them go but thank them for their marvellous contribution over their time with the Federation. If you would like to contribute to leaving gifts please hand into the school office indicating who for, in a clearly marked envelope.

**REMINDER** that children should not be in school before 8.45am. Friday mornings. As you know we have welcomed parents/carers into class on a Friday morning for children to share their work. This we have found has regularly eroded teaching time and so from September we are going to try a different system and have an open afternoon session each half term so children can show off their work for that term.



Attendance: 97.05%

## News from Ladybirds



Ladybirds had such a fabulous beach day on Wednesday. We enjoyed mixing the sand and water to make sand castles and explored channeling water. We especially enjoyed our Dunstable Farm ice creams that Miss Millman kindly donated. This Tuesday afternoon is the Strawberry Tea, which takes place in the Allardice hall. The whole school have been working very hard on their Queen art work which will be on display at the event. Please support this community event by popping in after school.

### Learning Leaves

Leo- Responsibility Sophie- Learning Maddison- Thinking  
 Rhys- Curiosity

## News from Dragonflies

Attendance: 96.99%



The children have been busily researching into the Olympic Games, ranging from the very first one 2,700 years ago to looking at all the different sporting events that take place today. We were all amazed at how many there are! They are looking forward to basing their learning until the end of term on the wonderful book, 'The Fairyland Olympics' and have already starting designing their own stadiums. Next step will be to make them! All the class are full of enthusiasm about completing their daily mile, whatever the weather, and we are well on the way to completing the marathon. I think we could well have some budding Mo Farahs in the class! Years 2 and 3 very much enjoyed their transition afternoon with the Fireflies and meeting their new teacher for September whilst the Year 1s welcomed the Ladybirds who will be joining them next term.

Learning Leaves - Sam and Milly for excellent investigations into their chosen Olympic sport.



## News from Fireflies

Attendance: 97.73%

The weeks are now whizzing by and will start to go even faster now that we are nearing the end of term. Over the next couple of weeks, we have lots going on...the Year 6s are enjoying their transition weeks, we are practising and preparing for the summer performance which is next Wednesday - it would be great to see as many of you as possible. In between all of this, we have begun to start looking at the text 'Where my Wellies take me'. The children have been able to enjoy listening to a range of poems from the text. Over the last few weeks of term, they will rehearse and perform their chosen poem, as well as applying new skills and literal devices learnt to create a descriptive text of their own walk. Within Maths, the children have been able to demonstrate a great understanding of roman numerals and they were all able to use a wide range of these to solve and answer problems. At the moment, we are focusing on the perimeter of shapes. We will then compare this to the area of shapes before moving on to ratio and proportion. Within topic, we have investigated and looked at the democratic system within Ancient Greece as well as the history of the Olympics. The children have been able to compare the games that we play now to those that were played in the very first Olympics.

Learning Leaves: Ellie and Cicely – taking on the persona of their character and learning their lines for the summer performance.

Whole School Attendance:  
 Target 97% Actual: 97.31%

### FOPS DATES/EVENTS

Disco to celebrate the end of term  
 Friday 15th July, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
 Allardice Hall £2:00 entry  
 Drinks, snacks, glow toys to buy  
 Whole school welcome, but please could Ladybirds' parents stay at the hall (tea and coffee available!)

### **WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY Yrs 3,4,5**

Roast dinner is available for Years 3,4,5 on WEDNESDAY 20TH

JULY. If you would like to order this meal, please either send in a hand written note or text Millie on 074340710693.

### **Birthday Celebrations:**



Joseph Cicely  
 Jodie Charlotte  
 Sophie Nathan

### **Clubs at Parkham**

Fri: Multi-sports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



## News from Jets

This week in Jets we have been reading the Fairyland Olympics - over the next few weeks we will be writing our own mottos, athlete profiles, event descriptions, making medals and creating our own Olympic stadium based on the text. In numeracy we have been weighing and measuring, comparing and ordering and making our own playdough. In Geography we have been learning about the countries within the UK and its surrounding seas. We have followed Barnaby Bear on his travels to Dublin and across the English Channel to Brittany. We have been finding out about the History of the Olympics and Reception will be making Olympic medals and holding their own mini Olympic events over the coming weeks in our outdoor area. The new pre-school children have now had all of their transition days and seemed to settle in very well. The rest of the children were most welcoming and helpful in showing them what they could do and where to go during lunchtime. Thank you to the Friends of Buckland Brewer who have agreed to give Jets £500 towards the cost of new resources for the classroom. If anyone has any old (complete) jigsaws that their child/ children no longer play with then we'd be most grateful to have them in our classroom. We also need some story CD's/cassette tapes, cars, tractors/diggers, duplo, a dolls house and a marble run. Please let either Mrs Hinchliffe or Mrs Dorrell know if you can help in any way.



Attendance: 97%



## News from Rockets

Rockets had a busy week starting with 4 maths lessons in one morning when the interviews took place. The children were brilliant and are pleased that Mrs Pennington has been appointed to teach them from September. They had an opportunity to meet her again on Thursday afternoon and she will be coming to meet them again on 14th July.

Year 6 pupils going to GTS had their transition week and I'm sure that they had a great time and will be looking forward to their secondary school life in September, but I'm sure that we will miss them all.

We are now practising the play every day and learning the songs and I have sent a list home about costumes. Please let me know if you have any problems finding suitable clothing.

Learning leaves: Steven and Cody, both for resilience.

Attendance: 96.7%

**BUCKLAND BREWER SCHOOL  
PLAY**  
Thursday 14th July 6pm

Whole School Attendance: Target 97% Actual: 96.8%

### WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY Yrs 3,4,5

Roast dinner is available for Years 3,4,5 on WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY. If you would like to order this meal, please either send in a hand written note or text Milly on 074340710693.

### FOBBS DATES/EVENTS

BBQ and Disco to celebrate the end of term  
Wed 20th July, 4 till 6.30pm.  
School Hall

### Clubs at Buckland Brewer

Mon: Activ8 with Miss Jago Yrs 1-6 (cancelled for Mon 27th June)  
Tues: Sewing Club with Mrs Slocombe Yrs 5-6  
Wed: Archery Club Yrs 1-6  
Thurs: Forest School (this is not a school run club) Please contact Sarah Brown 07894668743. Open to all children but Reception children must be accompanied by an adult  
Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



We are delighted to have been awarded the Bronze School Games Mark for commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2015/2016. Special thanks to Miss Jago for all the hard work

### Birthdays to celebrate

Jack Daisy  
Bella Cody  
Oliver  
Arabella





**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.**

**Buckand TEL:01237 451315**

**Parkham TEL: 01237 451334**

**Term Dates**

Summer Term: Tues 12 April—Friday 22 July

**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

**Dates**

**Parkham**

Mon 4 July : Year 6 induction week at Route 39

Tues 5 July:FSU/KS1 Forest School (am/pm)

Wed 6 July: Y6 Forest school (pm)

Wed 13 July: School Play 6pm

Fri 15 July: Sports Afternoon

Fri 15 July: Leavers' Disco 6-7.30pm (see Parkham page for details)

Thurs 21 July: Water Fun Afternoon arranged by the School Council—please see article on front page

Fri 22 July: Last day of term—

**Buckland Brewer**

Tues 5 July: FSU/KS1 Forest School (am/pm)

Tues 5 July : North Devon Journal Yr 6 photos

Wed 6 July: Y6 Forest school (pm)

Mon 11th July: Water Fun Afternoon arranged by the School Council. Please

Thurs 14th July: 6 pm School Play followed by refreshments provided by FOBBS

Fri 15 July: 2pm Sports Afternoon followed by cream teas provided by FOBBS

Wed 20th July: Leavers' BBQ/Disco 4-6.30pm (organised by FOBBS)

Fri 22 July: Last day of term—Leavers' assembly

**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

**During the hot weather remember sun hats, sun cream and bottles of water.**



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