



The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 31st Oct 2016

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Website: Please look at the federation website on the address above for the latest news from each class and dates.

Welcome back to the second half of term- I hope you were all able to enjoy the unusually lovely weather that we had during the week. Welcome to 3 new children at Parkham. We hope that they will settle quickly and enjoy learning with us. Please keep your eye on the dates on the newsletter and on the federation website as we approach the busy Christmas period.

Breakfast Club @ Parkham

Unfortunately as the uptake of breakfast club @ Parkham has not been as good as we had hoped it will no longer run as it is. We are looking at other options which include running a scaled down Change for Life club on just two mornings from 8.15 to 8.45 which will focus on encouraging active and healthy lifestyles and which could cost £1 plus 50p for breakfast. If you would be interested in this kind of option and you know someone who might be interested in running it please let me know.

Please drop me an email -gfinch@buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all who attended parents evening. I hope you found the discussion with class teachers useful and the opportunity to meet some of our governors- as well as Lorraine Dunn our parents support advisor and Milly our school caterer. If you missed this opportunity please make an appointment to see your child's teacher after school.

Atlantic Co- operative Trust Consultation.

We are now in a period of statutory proposal notice. This proposal has appeared in the North Devon Journal and on our website before half term. The consultation report is available on the Federation Website, however if you would like a copy please contact the school office. If you have any further comments or questions please don't hesitate to forward to me for the governors to consider before the 18th November which is when the period of statutory notice ends and the final decision to change status and join the Atlantic Cooperative Trust will be made or not.

Harvest: Both these events were well attended and a lovely atmosphere of celebration and thankfulness was created by the children enthusiastic singing and thoughtful reading. Thank you to all who donated items for the Bideford food bank,.

Pupil Premium- is a sum of money which is given to schools to help close the gap in attainment and opportunity for all children. This money is vital to small schools as it helps us to provide the level of provision that is necessary for all children to succeed. The amount of money that the school received is based on the number of children who are eligible for means tested free school meals, as well as children of those in the forces and those who are in care. Go to the federation website to find out how we spend the money and the impact it has and the forms to check if your child is eligible. Alternatively contact our school business manager at Buckland Brewer School- bridget@buckland-brewer-primary.deveon.sch.uk

Stop Press- Note the change of venues

Year 6 residential reminder:... There will be an opportunity for parents and children in Y6 to find out more about PGL on Tuesday 1st November at Parkham, 3.45pm in class 3 and Thursday 3rd November @ Buckland Brewer 3.45 in class two



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

Tues 1st Nov: PGL Parent and Yr 6 information @ 3.45pm in class 3

Thurs 3rd Nov: Antibullying workshop at Instow 2 x Yr 6

Fri 18th Nov: Flu vaccinations 1.30pm

Fri 9th Dec: FOPs Christmas Fayre 6pm—8pm

Tues 13th Dec: 2pm West End in School (Scroogical) at Allardice Hall

Wed 14th Dec: Christmas lunch

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Term Dates

Autumn Term:2016

Tues 6 Sept—Fri 16 Dec

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

Attendance

Whole school: Buckland: 97.60% Parkham: 97.45%

Jets: 98.42% Ladybirds: 99.78% Rockets: 97.11% Dragonflies: 96.15% Fireflies: 97.38%

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



Christine England- School Nurse

School Nursing team

Torrington children's Centre

Borough Road

Torrington

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School Nurses



Care for Kids

Picking up from school.

Please make sure you inform the school/class teacher if there is any change to who routinely picks up your child. We will not let a child go if we are uncertain about who they should be with. The same with taxi pick ups- you must notify the school of any changes.

If you allow your child to walk to and from school please send a note in to the class teacher to make them aware- not recommended for under Y5.

Parents/carers should pick up from the school playground and not expect their child to meet outside the school gate.

Bikes: children (preferably those who have completed the Cycling proficiency) **are only allowed to ride to and from school wearing a helmet.** They must dismount at the school gate and walk their bike to the storage areas.