



# The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 23rd Jan 2017

## Issue 9

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primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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

**Edukid Concert- Sing to break the Cycle** took place on Friday and what a wonderful celebration of the work Edukid does, through songs from schools and other supporters of this charity. The Flying Start sent a choir of 30 or so children to the event and their rendition of True Colours brought tears to the eye! It was a wonderful experience for our children to be able to sing in the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple to a packed auditorium. Well done to our singers and especially the soloists, Donna and Emily, and to Mrs Dorrell for organising it all.

**Monitoring attendance** is part of our safeguarding strategy. We will always follow up absence on the first day of it if we have not received a phone message from the parent or carer by 9.15. If the main point of contact can not be reached we will continue down the list of contacts as it is our duty of care to ensure we know where children are when not in school.

Medical appointments do need to be taken where ever possible outside of school hours. However we know that this is not always possible. In these cases we will ask to see a copy of the appointment letter or card. We will also ask to see proof of medical intervention i.e. appointment cards, meetings with the school nurse etc. when a child's attendance has fallen below 90% due to regular illness.

**Parental Responsibility:** Adults who are named on a child's birth certificate both have parental responsibility and as such have equal rights to information from the school about their child and what is going on in the school. We have been reviewing our policies and procedures in the light of this and we now will be trying to make sure that both named adults for which we have contact details will receive email copies of letters and any school information sent out. It is the responsibility of those with PR to make sure we have up to date contact details and also if paper copies are preferred to make us aware of that. It is also necessary to produce proof- e.g. court orders where a named adult on the birth certificate no longer has full parental responsibility or is not allowed contact with their child. We cannot just take the word of the parent with whom the child lives. If you are uncertain about this please contact me [gfinch@buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:gfinch@buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk)

**Headlice:** Are a fact of life in all schools. These creatures love to jump from head to head. The cleaner the better! However there is a lot we can do to minimise their spread, but it does mean **everyone** has to participate in these measures

1. All Long hair should be tied up during the school day
2. All children even if they don't think they have lice should wet comb (with conditioner) their hair at least once per week with a nit comb.
3. If you do find eggs (nits) or head lice in your child's hair then wet comb at least every other day.

We will be teaching children about this again in assemblies so that they understand their responsibilities. More information at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

**Clubs:** Please watch out for the clubs for after half term letter which should come out next week and needs to be returned by the end of next week- as places on space limited clubs can be sorted before half term.



## 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**

2nd Feb: Rec/KS1 Rosemoor trip

4th Feb: **FOPs** Wine & Wisdom  
7.30pm Allardice Hall £5 per person. Please register teams in advance with

[joanna.turnbull72@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.turnbull72@gmail.com)

8th Feb: Open morning 9-10.30am

9th Feb: **FOPs** Film night at school 6pm £2 per child

21st Feb: Tempest Photography

22nd Feb: Maths parent workshop

@ Buckland Brewer @ 6pm

13th Feb: Half Term

2nd Feb: Rec/KS1 Rosemoor trip

13th Feb: Half Term

22nd Feb: Maths parent workshop: 6pm

27th March: Yr 5 Bikeability

#### Term Dates

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: 96.84% Parkham: 97.17%**  
Jets: 96.99% Ladybirds: 97.29% Rockets: 96.63% Dragonflies: 96.75%  
Fireflies: 97.38%

**Maths Evening:** Want to find out how maths is taught in schools? Come along to an informal, fun workshops led by a Maths advisor, on 22nd Feb @ 6pm @ Buckland Brewer. Watch out for letters about this as it will be cancelled if not enough interest.

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

Parkham are having an open morning on Wednesday 8th Feb 9-10:30. Parents are free to drop in and see their children's work and work alongside them in some maths based learning.



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#### Severe Weather Arrangements:

If it become necessary to shut either or both school due to severe weather, notices will be posted on the **federation website- front page and Radio Devon will be notified.** If possible notices will be put on the school gates and emails sent out. Schools are only ever closed after consultation with Chair of Governors either because the school site is unsafe or not enough staff can get to the school. If only one school is closed then all children are welcome to attend the other school. However parents must decide whether conditions are safe enough for them to travel to school.

