



# The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 14th March 2017

## Issue 12

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

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

**Buckland Brewer playground gate.** This gate remains closed throughout the day until 3.15pm. We are aware that there is sometimes a crowd of parents and carers waiting and over spilling onto the road. We ask that parents do not come before 3.15 pm and we have asked 2 parents to open the gate if school staff have not done so by 3.20pm. This is because lessons continue until at least 3.20pm. We thank you for your help in this matter.

**Attendance** is often a sore point especially when a parent has received a letter about attendance. Our aim is to maximise every child's potential through regular attendance in partnership with parents. Our attendance policy states that we will inform parents when attendance drops below 95%- this will often be due to genuine authorized illness. We are not judging, only informing, for you to review and offer an opportunity for a discussion if you think there may be issues causing the absence. When attendance falls below 90% this is classed as persistent absence. Although again often for genuine authorized reasons, the school may ask for evidence of medical intervention. We are looking at the format of the letters we send out so they are more user friendly. Thank you for your continued support in working in partnership with us.

**Burton Gallery:** Just recently art work from both schools was displayed at the Burton Art Gallery which looked fantastic. Well done to all pupils who had work displayed and well done to Jack who won a prize for his portrait of the Queen.

**Links** to class webpages: please keep up to date with what is going on in your child's class by clicking the links below:

Ladybirds: <http://www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk/welcome-to-our-schools/parkham/ladybirds>

Dragonflies: <http://www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk/welcome-to-our-schools/parkham/dragonflies>

Fireflies: <http://www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk/welcome-to-our-schools/parkham/fireflies>

Jets: <http://www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk/welcome-to-our-schools/buckland-brewer/jets-class-1>

Rockets: <http://www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk/welcome-to-our-schools/buckland-brewer/rockets-class-class-2>

**Edukid and Uganda: Talent Show** We raised a fantastic £72.49 from the two talent shows for our partner school - Katenga Primary and also for Prisca's education. Many thanks to everyone who took part and all the parents who came along to support the children.

**Parent Forums-** Thank you to all parents that were able to attend. topics discussed included world book day, pupil safety, parent workshops, communication, clubs, fundraising, and ACCT - all with very productive feedback which has been taken back to senior leaders and governors and which we have or will act upon.

**COMIC RELIEF Friday 24th March . AT Parkham.** Come to school dressed in red for 50p donation. Please can parents donate some cakes or biscuits to be sold at break time. Children can buy a cake for 20p at break time on the Friday. Noses will be on sale for £1 on the run up to Red Nose Day. Milly will also be making a special red dinner.

**COMIC RELIEF AT Buckland.** Come to school dressed in red and/or back to front. Red noses will be on sale for £1. We would be grateful for donations of cakes/biscuits to be sold for 30-50p. This is a fun, worthy event for an excellent charity. Thank you for your support.

Please note change of email address: Buckland Brewer = [bbadmin@flyingstartfed.org.uk](mailto:bbadmin@flyingstartfed.org.uk)



## 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**

Wed 15 March: Winnie from Uganda visiting KS1

Mon 20 March: Ladybirds visit to Milky Way to see owls.

Fri 24 March: Comic relief/celebration assembly @ 9.15am

27-30th March: PGL for Yr 6

28th March : Bikeability Yr 5

31st March: last day of term

Tues 18 April: new term begins

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31st March: last day of term/celebration assembly @ 2.30pm

Tues 18 April: new term begins

#### Term Dates

Spring Term Wed Jan 4—Fri 31 March

Summer Term: Tues 18 April—Wed 26

July

Half Term: Fri 26 May—Fri 2 June

Attendance: Target 97% Whole school: Buckland: 97.1% Parkham: 96.91% Jets: 97.00% Ladybirds: 97.55% Rockets: 96.6% Dragonflies: 96.16% Fireflies: 97.10%

#### End of Term Celebrations:

Please join us :

Buckland Brewer Friday

31st March @ 2.30pm

Parkham Friday 24th

March @ 9.15am in the Al-lardice Hall

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



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School Nurses



Headlice: please continue to weekly wet comb your child's hair to prevent the spread of head lice.

#### SCHOOL MEALS FOR YEAR 6

Please note that there is an error on the year 6 meal menu for Friday 31st March. It should read:

Dish of the day: Fish & Chips with Sweetcorn (Tomato sauce optional)

Veg option: Veggie Nuggets with chips & sweetcorn

Cheese roll

Dessert: Frozen smoothie

#### BUCKLAND BREWER SPORTS CLUB

Due to the Friday after school sports club being oversubscribed we have changed it so that the first half of the summer term will be for Reception, Yrs 1 & 2, and the second half of the summer term will be for Years 3—6. This is for a trial period only.

