



The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 11th Sept 2017 Issue 1

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Welcome to Buckland Brewer Under Fives Preschool- which from 1st of September is a governor run provision- operating at Buckland Brewer Village Hall with Andrea and Jo still as the first point of contact.

Both Parkham and Buckland Brewer under fives have space for 3 and 4 years olds funded or paying as well as two year olds. Both are registered for 3/4 year funding and 2gether funding, although Parkham is only able to take 2 year olds from the term they turn 3. Both are also able to take the extended offer of 30 hours child care if you are eligible.

Please talk to Andrea at Buckland Brewer 07766611156 BBU5@flyingstartfed.org.uk

Or Mrs Brookes at Parkham

01237 451315 admin@flyingstartfed.org.uk

Due to small numbers on a Tuesday morning at Buckland Brewer, as from Tuesday 12th September Preschool will be held in the school.

Welcome back to a new term and new academic year. A warm welcome to our new children in Reception and those who have started further up the school. Welcome also to our new member of staff: Mrs Sophie Lewis - Falcons Class 1 teacher @ Buckland

All the children seem to have got off to a very positive and settled start. Well done.

If you need to speak to the teacher please do so at the end of the school day- or hand in a written message in the morning.

Teachers:

Mr Marks- KS2 teacher at Parkham

Mrs Brookes and Mrs Sylvester EYFS and KS1 Teachers at Parkham

Mrs Pennington—KS2 teacher at Buckland Brewer

Mrs Hinchliffe and Mrs Lewis EYFS and KS1 teachers at Buckland

Attendance: As you know there is a direct link between progress in school and attendance, and I am pleased to say that attendance improved last year with both schools exceeding our target of 97%. Illness is often unavoidable but other absence is, which is why schools can only sanction planned absence in exceptional circumstance. The DFE argue that the school year has been organised so that there is plenty of opportunity to take family holiday **outside** of term time- please see letter from Nick Gibb on our website.

When your child's attendance falls below 95% we will write to you to make you aware as this means a significant amount of teaching time has been missed. We understand that bouts of illness, for example, chicken pox will impact on a child's attendance but we plan to work with you to minimise missed learning where possible. When a child's attendance continues to fall and/or goes below 90% which is classed as persistently absent we will write to let you know and we may refer the case to the Education Welfare Officer for support and further action and we may also not authorise any further absence.

We do operate a safe child system so if we have not heard from you (phone or email) by 9.10 on the first day of absence we will call you to find out where your child is.

School starts at 9 am and children are marked as late when arriving after this time. The school gates will open 10 mins before and if waiting on the playground we ask you stay with your child until the bell has been rung (Parkham) or your child has gone into class. (Buckland) If your child comes to school independently please ensure they do not arrive before 8.50 am.



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 13 Sept: Parent introduction meeting in Ladybirds class 3pm
Tues 19 Sept: Fops AGM at 9am

Thurs 28 Sept: Tempest photography 9am-individuals and families

Wed 11 Oct Federation Day at Parkham with Life Bus visit

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Sun 15-18th Oct: PgL Yrs 5,6

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Changes in Administration: Due to high cash handling costs we would be grateful if all payments to school are made by cheque only. Most banks will issue cheque books if requested, however if this is a problem please speak to Mrs Urquhart @ Buckland Brewer. Many thanks.

Term Dates

Autumn Term:2017

Tues 6 Sept—Fri 15 Dec

Half term: Fri 20 Oct—Fri 27 Oct

Spring Term: 2018 Thurs Jan 4th—Fri 29 March

Half Term: Mon 12 Feb—Fri 16 Feb

Summer Term 2018: Tues 16th April—Thurs 26 July

Half Term: Fri 26 May—Fri 1 June

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

Start of school day- gates open at 8.50 am and all children need to be in school by 9 am.

Parent App: Keep up to date with events, news and alerts by downloading the Flying Start mobile phone App from google play, android or apple stores- more information about this is on our website.

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/bus 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.



Vicky Teague - School Nurse

School Nursing team

Torrington children's Centre
Borough Road
Torrington

