



# The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 30th October 2017

## Issue 4

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### **Governor update:**

Mrs Miranda Roper has just joined the governing board as a parent governor. She has a child in reception at Parkham and we are very pleased to have her take up this important role.

**Buckland Brewer Under 5s update.** Following on from the successful partnership working back in the Summer term the preschool children will continue to join reception children on a Tuesday morning but also all day Friday.

### **Buckland Brewer Entrance onto the playground.**

The gate at the back of the school on the village Hall side has now been upgraded with paving slabs which means that as from Monday when the padlock is fitted parents and children can use that gate to access the school grounds from 8.50 am and after 3.20 pm as well as the gate adjacent to the road.

**Look in the book events:** thanks to all parents and carers who popped into school to let their children show off their work to you. It is really important to spend a few moments talking to children about their learning over the half term as often by the time they get home children will usually say they have not done anything all day!! Each class has a webpage which they should be updating regularly with what has been happening in class so take a moment to have a look.

**Mental health:** On the non pupil day all staff and some governors attended a training day all about how to keep ourselves and children mentally healthy. As you will see on the news, poor mental health is on the rise in young people and adults so it is important that we talk about how we keep ourselves mentally healthy as well as physically healthy. So teachers will be talking with children over the coming weeks about how to keep mentally healthy using the poster which we've attached to this newsletter as a starting point.

**Emails:** If you are not receiving emails from the admin email address, please check your spam settings and add the admin email to your contact list.

Year 5 and 6 residential to Beam House was a great success. The children all managed themselves whilst away from home and challenged themselves in lots of ways. They were a credit to the school and to their families. I am sure they all needed a good wash and sleep when they got home, but hopefully they had many fun moments to tell you about.

**Parent forums:** Each term we hold forums for parents and carers to share their thoughts about the effectiveness of the schools. We have a provisional date of the 22nd November for these forums to take place when we can share what has happened as a result of the last forum as well as look at what next.

**Welcome to Mr Robin Lewis, Teaching Assistant** who will be working alongside the teachers at Parkham Primary school to support all children to reach their potential.

**Clubs:** Some parents who have been through our volunteer recruitment process are now offering to run clubs, for which we are very grateful. Although heavily subsidized by the school all the clubs are charged for, even where individuals (ie parents) volunteer their time freely.

**Parent/carer teacher meeting-** 15th November- Watch out for a letter home this week and sign up for an appointment- lists on each classroom door.

**School numbers:** We are now entering an exciting time for the federation as the schools are growing. We are now delivering education for approximately 126 children between the two schools from age 2 to 11. This means we are now looking at expansion plans particularly for Buckland Brewer School to accommodate all children who might want a school place in September 2018. So if you know someone who would like want a place in either school in 2018 please encourage them to apply early when the admission window opens and come and visit the schools.



## 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 1 Nov: Phonics workshop for parents/carers

Wed 15 Nov: Parents' evening

Wed 22 Nov Parent Forum

Tues 5 Dec: Christmas Play @ 6pm

Tues 12 Dec: Pantomime at Queens Theatre 10.30am

Wed 13 Dec: School Christmas Dinner

Thurs 14 Dec Christmas party Organised by Fops pm

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Fri 3 Nov: Film night in school hall £2 ticket includes popcorn, sweets, drink. Organised by FOBBS

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Wed 22 Nov: Parent Forum

Fri 24 Nov: FOBBS Christmas Fayre

Wed 6 Dec: Christmas Play @ 6pm

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### Term Dates

#### Autumn Term: 2017

Tues 6 Sept—Fri 15 Dec

**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 25 May—Fri 1 June

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

**REMEMBER TO BEAT THE BUGS** by wet combing your child's hair with a nit comb at least once a week.

Attendance: Target: 97% Whole school: Buckland: 97.18% Parkham: 96.84%

Falcons: 95.45% Ladybirds: 97.31% Eagles: 98.26% Fireflies: 96.09%

### The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

Poppies will be available at Buckland Brewer during break times. Donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017.

### THE BOOK PEOPLE:

There are a selection of books for sale in the school hall at BB this week. Please do have a browse through. Payment

Doughnuts will be on sale at BB on Friday 10 Nov and Friday 15 Dec kindly organised by FOBBS

### How to apply for a primary school place in Devon.

Was your child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014? You can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) from 15 November 2017—15 January 2018. Or you can call the education helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email: [primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk). Even if you have given details to a primary school you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team.



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