



The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 27th February 2018 Issue 11

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(www.parkham.devon.sch.uk)

Reading

Scholastic Book Fair: what a great success that was—thank you to all who supported it. As a result we have been able to order £100 worth of books for each class.

Usborne book fair and sponsored read: the sponsored read began on the 26th Feb and will run until Monday 12th March. The Usborne Book Fair will be at Buckland Brewer on Weds 21st March and at Parkham on Thurs 22nd March.

Reading Bingo: our reading Bingo will run from 26th Feb—12th March. All Bingo boards must be in on the 12th March please. We hope you have fun completing them!

Parent Library Drop in. Parkham 3pm 27 February 2018. Buckland Brewer.. to be arranged

World Book Day: 1st March 2018 Please come dressed as you favourite book character or a character you have made up. Bring 50p donation to support the creation of a library in our partner school, Katenga Primary in Uganda.

School Effectiveness Review: you may have noticed that some of the teachers who are part of our leadership team have been out of class this week. This is because they have been taking part in a review of the schools which is a service we buy from the Dartmoor Teaching School and which is led by a serving Ofsted inspector. This was a good chance to see how we have progressed since our last inspections; July 16 @ Parkham and February 17 when both schools were judged as GOOD schools. This review was a rigorous event that took place over a day and a half, and looked at the quality of leadership and management, teaching, learning, behaviour and safety. The lead Reviewer was very impressed with our schools, the behaviour and politeness of the children, the quality of the teaching, the subject and senior leaders and governors who could talk very clearly about the continual drive for improvement and the journey we are on. I was very proud of the children, the progress they are making and the dedication of the staff and governors. The Reviewer could clearly see the impact of the improvements we are making to teaching and learning and agreed with the foci for further development. These can be found on the School Development plan which is on the website. Congratulations must go to all the schools community, including the parents and carers for your continuing support.

Exciting news.. The adventure playground at Buckland Brewer is looking great and we are all very excited to see it finished and to start using it!

Staff News- tomorrow will be Miss Jago's last day at Buckland Brewer Primary school. We joined her for an informal assembly to wish her well. We wish her all the best for her new art adventure and look forward to welcoming her back from time to time.

Mrs' Finch's Word Challenge: The words to investigate for the next two weeks are

disaster and scientific and botanist – I wonder if you can create an amazing sentence using all three words



Parent Talks
Fascinating topics for parents.
Great Torrington School
5pm-6pm
Mondays

19th Feb - Simon De'ath - Y-Smart Young People's Drugs Service
26th Feb - Steve West - Early Help & Mental Help
5th March - Dave Atkinson - Online safety
12th March - Andy Branson - Youth Service
19th March - Helen Whiterod - Individual Needs
26th March - John Stanier - The adolescent Brain
Contact Cheryl Stephens 01800 625531 Cheryl@bbs.devon.sch.uk

Concerns and complaints: if you have a worry or concern about your child it is best to speak to the class teacher as soon as possible (at the end of school day or by appointment) as this will often sort the problem out straight away. If your concern persists or you have a complaint it is best to put it in writing to the Head teacher who will investigate and then arrange to speak with you. Snatching a conversation on the playground is not the best way to resolve any issues that may arise. All concerns and complaints are taken seriously with the aim of resolving them as quickly as possible. Our complaints policy can be found on the website or you can request a copy from the school office.



Dates

OFFICE HOURS:

Parkham: Mon—Thurs 8.45—3.45pm
(please note there is no one in the office on Fridays)

Buckland Brewer: Mon—Fri 8.45—12.15pm— 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

Term Dates

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

Half Term: Mon 12 Feb—Fri 16 Feb

Half Term: Fri 25 May—Fri 1 June

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

Parkham

26th Feb- Socrates workshops start till end of term

1st Mar-World Book Day celebrations

1st Mar-Usborne Book Fair

7th March Parent consultations 2.30pm—6pm

8th Mar-Open the Book 3PM

12th Mar- Parents forum 2.30pm

19th- 20th Mar- Y3 Forest School

21st Mar- Y5 Forest School

22nd March- Usbourne book fair 3.30pm

23rd March- Federation Sports Relief day

29th March Easter Celebration Assembly- 2pm

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Attendance: Target: 97% Whole school:
Buckland: 97.01% Parkham: 96.57%
Falcons: 96.32% Ladybirds: 96.18% Eagles:
98.13% Fireflies: 96.84 %

Consultation on extending the school age began at Buckland Brewer yesterday. More information has been sent out on email and is available on the website. **Open meeting on 5th March 6pm at the school**

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

Vacancy:

Parkham School is looking for a play worker to run breakfast club. More details on the federation website.



Severe weather arrangements: If it becomes necessary to shut either or both schools due to severe weather, notices will be posted on the website/school app and Radio Devon will be notified. 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.



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