



# The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 23th April 2018 Issue 13

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Federation website for both schools

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We have a busy term ahead with some very exciting learning planned which kicks off with Forest school this week. If your child is attending Forest school this week, please make sure they are prepared for all weathers- as this is very changeable at the moment. Also keep your eye on key dates either on the newsletter and the federation website for all the events planned this term. As the weather is quite variable at the moment it is up to parents to make sure their child comes to school with sun cream on as necessary, a sun hat when needed, water bottle and a showerproof coat.

This week **Attendance** reports will go out for children whose attendance has fallen below 95%. We are aware that there was a lot of illness about last term so there will be low concerns, but this is an opportunity for you to check that a bout of illness was the cause or if there is a pattern of absence emerging that may indicate other problems. Attendance that falls below 90% does cause concern and even if there are genuine reasons a child will struggle to catch up with what has been missed and this can affect self-esteem and well-being. Therefore if this is the case it is important to ensure that no further absence is caused by avoidable circumstances as listed on our policy which you can find on our website. If you have any worries about this please talk to your class teacher.

**Parent/carer Questionnaires- Results.** Thank you to all parents/carers who returned the questionnaire. The overall response was very positive. The governors have considered these results and discussed ways to improve within areas highlighted. This will also form part of the discussion for the next parent forum.

| PARENT SURVEY<br>P - PARKHAM BB - BUCKLAND BREWER                 | strongly agree | agree     | disagree | strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| My child is happy at this school                                  | P 12 BB 10     | P 5 BB 11 | P 0 BB 0 | P 0 BB 0          |
| My child is safe at this school                                   | P 16 BB 13     | P 1 BB 5  | P 0 BB 0 | P 0 BB 0          |
| My child makes good progress at this school                       | P 12 BB 11     | P 5 BB 9  | P 0 BB 1 | P 0 BB 0          |
| I receive valuable information about my child's progress          | P 10 BB 9      | P 7 BB 12 | P 0 BB 0 | P 0 BB 0          |
| The staff expect my child to his or her best                      | P 13 BB 14     | P 4 BB 8  | P 0 BB 0 | P 0 BB 0          |
| My child receives appropriate homework for their age              | P 13 BB 9      | P 4 BB 12 | P 0 BB 1 | P 0 BB 0          |
| Pupils are generally well behaved                                 | P 11 BB 7      | P 6 BB 13 | P 0 BB 0 | P 0 BB 1          |
| I feel able to approach the school with any concern or complaint  | P 14 BB 14     | P 3 BB 7  | P 0 BB 1 | P 0 BB 0          |
| The school keeps me well informed                                 | P 11 BB 10     | P 6 BB 10 | P 0 BB 1 | P 0 BB 0          |
| I know I have opportunity to be involved with my child's learning | P 12 BB 12     | P 5 BB 9  | P 0 BB 0 | P 0 BB 0          |

**Attendance: Target: 97% Whole school:**  
**Buckland: 96.41% Parkham: 96.59%**  
 Falcons: 95.59% Ladybirds: 96.50% Eagles:  
 97.50% Fireflies: 96.90 %



**Lunchtimes and playground champions:**  
 I was very pleased to award the bronze certificate of achievement to our new playground champions at Buckland Brewer who have been working hard to support younger children at lunchtime and improve the quality of play. At

Parkham this term we have introduced two sittings at lunch time which is similar to Buckland which means the KS2 children go out to play first while the younger children have lunch before swapping over. We also hope to recruit playground champions at Parkham after half term ready for the new academic year,

### Parent App:

Watch out for dates on the calendar on this newsletter, on the website and on the website App. If you have not downloaded it yet please do as all parents using it say it keeps them well informed. Go to your APP store and find it by searching the postcode EX39- The Flying Start Federation.



## 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

**Half Term**

**Non pupil days—25th May, 9th July**



Vicky Teague -  
School Nurse

School Nursing  
team

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## Parkham

23/24 April—Forest School Y3

25 April- Forest School Y5

25 April- Swimming Y1 + Y2

26 April- Forest School

Ladybirds and Falcons

2 May- Swimming Y1 + Y2

9 May- Swimming Y1 + Y2

16 May- Math's parent workshop  
6pm

24 May- Last day of half term

25 May Non- pupil Day

4 June- Back to school

25 June- Y6 GTS transition all  
week

6 July- Y5 GTS taster day

25/7 Sports afternoon

18/7 End of year production

26/7 Leavers celebration as-  
sembly

### FOBBS events:

23 May—Film night

13 July- Cream tea after sports afternoon

21 July—car wash

### FOPPS events:

18 May- Film night

17 June-Family summer day, cider and pasty  
tasting and car wash.

20 July- School Disco from 6 to 8 pm.

25 July- Cream tea after sports afternoon

**School uniform and PE Kit:** We will be reminding the children of the expectations for uniform and especially PE kits which often do not seem to be in school on the days when needed. Please support your children with this.

**Reminder that school starts at 9 am and all children should be on site by then.**

A very **BIG** thank you for the support received for our sponsored read.. All your reading and sponsorship secured us over £1000 worth of new books for both schools!!

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**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:

**EYFS and KS1 teacher.  
More details on the feder-  
ation website.**

**Have you wondered what resources we use in school?**

**Parents Numicon Maths Workshop**



**On Wednesday 16th May  
at 6pm**

**at Parkham Primary School  
in Fireflies' Classroom.  
Refreshments available**

**Book your place now**

**Come and find out how we strive to help  
all children to be mathematicians.**

Please reply by handing in the reply slip to the office by Friday 4th May

Reply slip for Parents Maths Workshop- Wednesday 16th May

Name .....

☐ I/we would like to attend the Maths workshop on Wednesday 16th May at 6pm at Parkham Primary School.

☐ I/we would not like to attend the Maths workshop on Wednesday 16th May at 6pm at Parkham Primary School.