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(www.buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.)

Federation website for both schools

This half term has been a busy one - with the children and teachers working on some exciting learning. We hope you will be able to come and share an opportunity to look at your child's work at our **look in the book** sessions this week- check the calendar for the days.

Thank you to all who joined the children for their harvest celebrations in Church and for donating food items to Food bank. We especially thank the church wardens and Rev Madeline for making us so welcome.

Remember that this Friday 19th Oct is a non pupil day so school finishes on Thursday and starts again on Monday 29th Oct.

Next half term is equally busy. We start off with a visit from a GB athlete Robert Mitchell who will be visiting both schools on 6th November to share his story and lead a series of fitness activities which the children are invited to gain sponsorship to raise money for the school and for Sport GB. Letters and sponsorship forms went home last week- if you didn't get yours please ask for a spare. We are all very excited and sure this will be a fun and inspiring event.

Keep an eye on the diary for all the events leading up to Christmas including a visit to the Plough Theatre to see a Christmas production- called Puffin Island.

Dates for parent forums and some interesting parent workshops will be announced soon so again watch this space.

Attendance: Target:
97% Whole school:
Buckland: 96.11% Park-
ham: 98.40%

Owls: 98.64% Falcons:
~~93.10%~~ Kestrels:
98.22% Eagles: 96.27%
Hawks: 98.39%

Reading: Reading for enjoyment and pleasure is incredibly important for developing life long readers as is the need to learn to decode the text through high quality phonics teaching. Children in the Early years will have access to structured phonically decodable books which they need to read more than once so that they can move from using phonics to decode to remembering and learning whole words to read with fluency. Alongside this it is very important that children have access to a wide range of books, fiction and non fiction which they might not be able to read but which family members can read to them. This helps children to be exposed to wide vocabulary and ideas. So please remember that the school libraries are available to you **after school** to come in and select up to 2 books at a time with your children to read together at home- alongside their structure reading book. Just remember to sign out and in the books borrowed and brought back. Dive into reading today!



Tax free childcare scheme

The Tax free childcare scheme, backed by the government gives eligible families extra help towards childcare costs for children up to and including the age of 11. For every £8 you put towards it, the government will add another £2. You can use the scheme to pay for childcare-www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk

Cover for Mrs Pennington

Clerk

We will be sad to say farewell to Mrs Wendy Ainscough who has been a most efficient and knowledgeable Clerk to the Governing Board. She leaves to take on a more ambitious project. However we are pleased to say that we will retain our connection to Wendy as she has agreed to carry out the role of Data Protection Officer. We are also pleased to say we have recruited a new Clerk- Mrs Clare Saltern who will be supporting the governors after half term.

As you know Mrs Pennington, teacher of Y4,5,6 at Buckland Brewer is going to have a baby which is due in December. She plans to start maternity leave around the middle of November. I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed a lovely teacher to cover this period of maternity. Miss Mandi Farinacci who is currently teaching at St Margaret's, Northam was selected last week after a rigorous process which included an interview with school council, teaching and a presentation, and although it was a difficult as we had a high calibre of candidates, it was an unanimous decision. We plan for Miss Farinacci to meet the children again before half term and then have a full week of working alongside Mrs Pennington just before she goes on leave to ensure a good transition and handover. So there will be opportunity for you to meet her then.



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

Autumn Term 2018- 3rd September—21st December 2018

Spring Term 2018- 7th January—5th April 2018

Summer Term 2018- 23rd April—25th July 2018

Non-pupil days

3rd Sept 2018, 19th Oct 2018, 7th January 2019, 22nd & 23rd July 2019

Occasional days

24th and 25th July 2019

Parkham

12/10 Big Bang @ GTS Y5 and Y6 all day

15/16 Oct Potheridge trip Y3/4/5

19/10 non-pupil day

31/10 Cobbaton museum

Hawks/Eagles class

2/11 Federation Sports day @ Parkham

6/11 1pm Athlete visiting Parkham

21/11/18 Virgin Care Immunisation R-Y5

22/11 9am School photos

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New Adventure play area at Parkham

The new play area is almost ready to use, thanks to the continuing efforts of a merry band of parents. Temporary surfacing has been put in place while waiting for further grant funding so that additional surfacing can be put down over the remaining grass and mud areas. The new gazebo came in very handy for parents to shelter from the stormy weather on Friday! We know the children are very excited about using this new equipment and they will be introduced to the safe use of it by their class teacher this week, as it is substantially higher than the other adventure area at far end of playground. We ask that parents **do not allow** their children to use this equipment **before or after school** or while waiting for pick up. Thanks again to all the parents who have supported this project in some way.

Packed lunches

I have notice over the last few months more children choosing to have a packed lunch and I have been a little concerned to see the amount of food contained in the boxes much of which is high in fat and sugar and low in actual nutrients. Please remind yourself of the healthy eating plate and the amount of calories a child needs to eat in day. If you are not sure there is some information on our website or <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/>

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

It has been brought to our attention that some of our pre-school parents are not getting information on email regarding school activities. Please ensure that email addresses are given in to class teacher so we can make sure on the mailing list. Also please do download the school jotter app, this is a very good way to keep in communication with goings on. Instructions how to download are available from class.

Head Lice Advice

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



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