



The Flying Start Federation

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Federation website for both schools



Yes Christmas is fast approaching with the beginning of Advent this weekend. Advent is the time in the Church calendar when Christians prepare or get ready for the birth of a Saviour, and it is a good time for us to remember in school the story of Christmas and the impact that this birth had on generations to follow. Rev. Madeline will be visiting both schools to help us remember the story afresh, and of course the teachers and children will be decorating their class rooms and trees—a tradition that harks back to Victorian times, as well as preparing songs and performances to entertain. So here are some reminders of dates not to miss—also on the website and the APP.

- 1st Dec** Buckland Brewer Christmas Market- FOBBS stalls- Community Hall 11am to 3pm
- 6th Dec-** School age children visit to the Plough Theatre in Torrington to see Puffin Island Foundation stage (preschool) Christmas party at Buckland Brewer.
- 7th Dec** FOPPS Christmas Fair— Allardice Hall 6pm-8pm - Opened with singing by the children
- 12th Dec** Parkham Christmas Play— Allardice Hall 5.30pm
- 19th Dec** School Christmas Dinner and wear a Christmas Jumper for charity
Buckland Brewer Christmas Play Community Hall 5.30pm
Christmas Cocoa Night for KS1 at Parkham 5.30pm

Lunch Service Survey; thanks to all who returned the survey. We have been looking at these and the feedback from the children to help us design a new menu which we plan to launch in January. So please watch out for information about this. We do need to encourage as many children as possible to take up the offer of school meals to continue to make this service sustainable so your feedback is important. Thanks also to all who have persevered with Parent Pay. Whilst they have been some early difficulties most of those seemed to be ironed out now. If you are still experiencing problems please see Mrs Bird or Mrs Grierson in the office.

Attendance: Target: 97%
Whole school: Buckland: 97.80% Parkham: 96.86%
Owls: 98.60% Falcons: 98.03% Kestrels: 96.86%
Eagles: 96.77% Hawks: 96.77%

Children in Need Day: 16th Nov

This was loads of fun in both schools. Well done to our School Councils for organising and for all the children for supporting— together the schools raised £124.77



GB Athlete visit- 6th November

What an inspiring visit this was- keeping fit and active was enjoyed by all. The children and staff all entered into the fitness circuit seeing how many star jumps or spotty dogs they could do in 1 min, and while some staff needed a lie down afterwards the children kept asking for more!

Robert Mitchell, a Commonwealth High Jump champion was certainly an inspiration not only in leading the exercise challenges for which many children had been sponsored but also in his presentation assembly in which he shared his totally positive and enthusiastic outlook on life and keeping healthy. Thanks to all who sponsored the children, A grand total of £418.50p was raised which will help support up and coming athletes in their training.



Remember to notify the school of when your child is absent through illness by 9.10 and also any changes to pick-up arrangements. If we are not aware we do not let children go home until you have confirmed.



Dates

Parkham

4/12-Weight and height measure Y6 + R
 6/12-Puffin Island pantomime at Plough Art Centre 1pm
 7/12—FOPPS Christmas Fayre 6-8pm
 12/12-Christmas Play 5.30pm - Allardice Hall
 12/12-Great Fire of London quiz with Mrs Brookes 2.30pm
 19/12-School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
 21/12-Last day of term

Buckland Brewer

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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

Social Media/devices

We are noticing that more and younger children are using social media/devices at home. This is starting to impact some children's school work ideas and playtime games. The pressure on children to use online platforms is unavoidable, however are the children being monitored while playing? Do you know who they are playing with and talking too? Are their devices checked daily to keep parental control? By keeping parental control you can restrict anything that becomes inappropriate and keeping the lines of communication open with your child/ren is essential for their mental wellbeing. There is a useful link on the website to 'Think u know' which offers good advice. www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Parental Responsibility:

Each parent named on a child's birth certificate has equal parental responsibility—even if the parents live apart- unless there is a court order to say otherwise. This means that both parents have equal rights to information about their child. It is therefore important that we have contact information for both so that both parents can be included in all communications from the school.

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.



School Nursing team

Torrington Children's

Centre

Borough Road

School Nurses

