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Parents forums

We would like to invite you to an informal opportunity to meet with the Headteacher and a governor to discuss developments in the schools and for you to ask questions. This term's focus is on assessment and so the developments in assessment will be shared. Please put these dates in your diary- and if you would like to come but find these times inconvenient then please let us know as we do try to plan meetings at times to suit.

Buckland Brewer- Monday 8th February- 9.15 am

Parkham Tuesday 9th February- 9.00 am

Parent - Teacher progress meetings.

Please put these important dates in your diaries as these are opportunities for you and your child to discuss progress and next steps with the class teacher.

Buckland Brewer- Wednesday 24th February

Parkham Thursday 25th February. Letters will be sent out nearer the time with a reminder to sign up for a time slot on each classroom door. We will make an effort to contact you if we do not hear from you first to make an appointment.

Easter Celebrations (early notice!)

These end of term celebrations will take place a little earlier this year as the Y6s will be away on residential during the last week of term.

Parkham 18th March - 9.15 am Allardice Hall

Buckland 18th March- 2.30 pm-



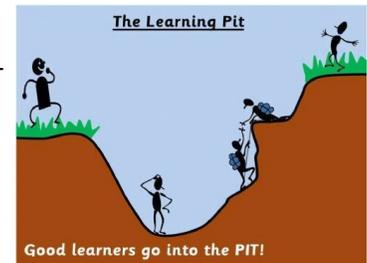
Tasty Tuck is now running again in both schools-organised by School Council as a business enterprise. Healthy snacks such as mixed dried fruits, seeds, unsweetened popcorn will be on sale for 45p at the times below

Parkham- Wednesday 10.30 to 10.45

Buckland Brewer Friday 10.30 to 10.45

Standards: We are constantly striving to raise standards in all areas but in particular in the core areas of writing, maths and reading. To do this we are building up children's resilience when faced with challenges, which is the point at which they begin to learn.

Please ask your child about the pit of learning- an image we have in each class to help children understand the process of learning- see if they can explain it to you.



We are particularly working on handwriting and presentation, spelling, reading for pleasure, and knowledge of number facts. Please support your child by talking about this when you come in to look at their work in a Friday, and by encouraging them to complete homework tasks.

Maths Passports: these have now been launched to help children develop their number sense in a fun and enjoyable way. Watch out for a letter about these from our Maths leader- Miss Millman, and for times when children bring them home to work on some aspect.

School uniform- Just a reminder again about the uniform code for each school. We do encourage the children to come to school in the correct uniform and to take pride in being smart.

Buckland Brewer: Navy sweatshirt, cardigan, white polo shirt, grey/black skirt/trousers, black shoes

Parkham: Navy sweatshirt, white or yellow polo shirt, black, grey, navy trousers/skirt, black shoes.

Also a reminder that if eligible for free school meals(means tested) you can purchase uniform from the school office at half price.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be eligible for Free school meals then please speak to Mrs Millman at Buckland Brewer.

FOPPS DATES: 6 Feb: Quiz
11 Feb: Film Night



News from Ladybirds



Ladybirds are delighted with the new garden equipment and have already started challenging themselves in their play, constructing the mud kitchen and climbing high to reach the monkey swings. Over the next few terms we will be developing the area further by adding gravel pits and sensory boxes. Thank you for your support in making sure that your child has their wellington boots in school. Last week we looked at 2D shapes in our environment and will be moving on to 3D shapes this week. When you are out and about, see if your child can recognise some of the common shapes such as cubes, cuboids, cones and spheres.

Learning Leaves

Louie- Learning
 Leo- Stickability

Attendance: 96.4%

News from Dragonflies

We are really getting into the swing of our dinosaur topic now and the children have been learning all about Pterodactyls this week. They have had great fun in science making their own Pterodactyl rockets and designing their own science investigations around their rockets. In maths they have been becoming real experts in 2D and 3D shapes, the children have worked really hard on developing their mathematical vocabulary to help them describe the properties of shapes. In literacy they have been researching their own dinosaurs as they will be creating information books about dinosaurs next week. We are looking forward to displaying their books in the library. Thank you to everyone who is supporting their children with working on their spellings and home learning, we can really see the children's accuracy of spelling continuing to develop.

Learning Leaves: Megan - Learning Keeley - Curiosity

Attendance: 96.3%



News from Fireflies



Within literacy, we have been continuing with our quest focus. To support our learning, we have been using examples from 'Journey 2 The Mysterious Island', as well as the text 'King of The Birds'. We have been taking part in activities such as hot-seating and role play to help our conversation/dialogue writing, in which we have been punctuating correctly. Over the next week, we will begin using all that we have learnt so far to begin writing our own quest narrative. Within maths, we have begun the sequence 'statistics'. Over the next week, the children will be involved in the interpretation and the creation of a range of graphical methods such as bar charts, pictograms, line graphs and pie charts. Within Science, the children, in groups, have begun to plan their own gravitational investigations. They will continue this, ready to investigate this week. Within DT, the children have been looking at existing models of islands, gathering ideas to design their own model islands. The children, within PE, have also begun to create a fantastic dinosaur dance, in pairs.

Learning Leaves:

Charlotte and Ellie: For having fantastic attitudes towards their learning.
 Allana: For persevering in her work.
 Peter: For challenging himself within maths

Attendance: 97.3%

Whole School Attendance:
 Target 97% Actual: 97.3%

Birthday Celebrations:

none



Clubs at Parkham

Tues: Computer Club with Mrs Roe (5 weeks)

Thurs: Cookery with Mrs Bird Yrs 3-6

Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6

The FSU is now admitting children into the pre-school at the beginning of the term in which they turn 3. It is also registered to accept 2gether funding. Please contact the school for more details.



News from Jets

Another exciting week in the Jets class. All the children really seem to be enjoying our 'dinosaur' topic and have been learning lots of facts and interesting information about how dinosaurs lived. We have also had some brilliant home learning arrive in the 'WOW' basket with lots of children writing creatively so please keep it coming in!

Reception have been excavating dinosaurs in ice eggs, making dinosaur settings, making dinosaur skeletons out of art straws and doing some fantastic sounding out and number writing. Thanks to Rhys and Isaac who brought in some dinosaur stories to share.

In Year One during literacy, the children have been looking at non-fiction texts and learning how to use a contents page to locate information. They have been labelling dinosaur pictures, writing captions and paragraphs, using headings and sub headings so that this week they are able to create their own page about a dinosaur to put into a class book. In maths they have been mastering place value and will now use their knowledge and apply it to money. This week we will be counting in 2p's, 5p's and 10p's, giving change and adding identifying coins to £1 so any extra support you can give them at home e.g letting them count the coins in your purse/wallet would be beneficial. Year 2 have been working extremely hard at multiplication and division, problem solving using determination and perseverance. In literacy we have been learning about possessive apostrophes, writing paragraphs about dinosaurs and looking at features of a non fiction text. **Learning Leaves:** Alfie—learning, Sam—for his number work and willingness to 'have a go' in Maths, Theo, for trying hard with his learning at home and in school.

Attendance: 97.5%



News from Rockets

Rockets have been working hard on their unit of maths about fractions, decimals and percentages and have been working on real life problems so that they can see the relevance of this area of maths in everyday problems such as the percentage of pocket money that they spend and save. We are still working to learn all the times tables and are challenging each other to recall times tables and gain certificates for each table that we know. We have also been working on gravity experiments and getting covered in flour when the ball of blu tack dropped from different heights.

The children have been using marbling to make backgrounds for their dinosaur paintings and we are using them as inspiration for our dinosaur stories which we are planning to write. This week we will be finding out what it is like to be an archaeologist who discovered the bones of the Titanosaur.

Attendance: 97.7%

FOBBS meeting-
Wednesday 3rd February 2.30 in the school hall. Please come along to help plan fundraising events for this term.

REMINDER: Please remember to bring in your book bags every day.

Whole School Attendance: Target 97% Actual: 97.6%

Birthdays to celebrate

Kane
Maisey



Tasty tuck is on a Friday and lots of children have been bringing in 45p for their snack. Please could they bring in 50p so we can encourage change giving to coincide with our maths learning,

Clubs at Buckland Brewer

Mon: Activ8 with Miss Jago/Mrs Brookes Yrs 1-6
Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



Dates

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.

Term Dates

Spring Term: Tues 5 January — Thurs 24 March

Half term: Mon 15 February

Summer Term: Tues 12 April—

Friday 22 July

Half Term: Fri 27th May

Parkham

Tues 9 Feb: Parent Forum 9.am

Mon 15 Feb: Half Term

Thurs 25 Feb: Parent-Teacher Progress meeting

Buckland Brewer

Mon 8 Feb: Parent Forum 9.15am

Mon 15 Feb: Half Term

Wed 24 Feb: Parent-Teacher progress meeting

Safeguarding- is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about the safety/wellbeing of a child outside of school, that you know, you can ring MASH (Multi Agency Hub)..TEL: 0345 155 1071 or the police directly. TEL:.101 If you pass your concerns to us in school- we will log these concerns and assess the risk using the Devon Threshold Tool (this can be found on the Federation Website).

Sometimes this will lead us to make an enquiry to MASH or social care but in all cases parents will be informed of this- unless we feel that by doing so the children will be at greater risk.

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

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