



The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 10th February 2016

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Parents forums

Parents forums-thank you to everyone who attended .The information about the schools approach to assessment will be on the Federation website soon, so if you were unable to attend please look there.

Governors: Get to know your governors.

Linda Rafferty (Chair), Wendy Ainscough (Clerk), Betty Banks, Alison Lobb, Tina Pincombe, Phil Priest, Clare Sargeant, Allana Smith, Graham Bridger, Kate Emptage, Alan Jones, Sarah Day

Parent Governor vacancy- letters about that went home last week. Please consider volunteering for this important role. Please ask if you would like more details of what it involves.

Y6 residential is fast approaching so watch out for the final letters arrangements and kit list this week.

School closes at the end of Friday for the half term break and re opens on the 22nd February- please have a happy and restful break.

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

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-



I just wanted to give a special mention to our amazing Federation football team who competed at a football tournament at GTS on 1st February. This was the first time the children had played as a team but you would never have known it. We lost our first 2 matches 1—0 each but not to be defeated the team played the most fantastic football for their last 2 games winning 3—0 and 4—0. They came 3rd in their group along with one other team, scored the most goals in any one games.

Many congratulations. I am very proud of you all. Miss Jago.

FOPPS DATES: 11 Feb: Film Night

Advance notice of the next event: Mother's Day Mash, Saturday 5th March, from 12 p.m. at the Allardice Hall

FOBBS News: Many thanks to Annette for all her work as chairman of FOBBS committee. Hanna Seddon was elected as the new Chair last week, and Laura O'Dell as Vice Chair.

Louise.Ellis continues as secretary and Alison Lobb as Treasurer. Thanks to you all for volunteering.

FOBBS events - Children's film night Wednesday 10 Feb @ 5.30pm
18th March—Easter Bingo



News from Ladybirds



Ladybirds have been completing their work on dinosaurs this last week. The children have made some imaginative and thoughtful dinosaur worlds which are now up on display. Please be reminded that we are holding an open afternoon in Ladybirds class where you can see some of the work we have been busy with this half term, including our dinosaur dance and song. The open afternoon begins at 2pm. Please come to reception to sign in and Linda will escort you up to the foundation stage unit.

learning leaves
 Leo- stickability
 Millie- curiosity

Attendance: 95.18%

News from Dragonflies

Wow, we had a really busy and exciting week last week! In maths we have been learning about fractions and on Wednesday we had a pizza day, the children designed their own pizzas, using the fractions that they had been working on, and made their pizzas in the afternoon, they looked really yummy! They also set up a pizza restaurant and designed some very interesting menus! We would really appreciate any ways that you can bring up halves, quarters, three quarters, two quarters and thirds at home - perhaps when cutting up sandwiches, cake or toast! In literacy the children have worked really hard on creating their dinosaurs information books, Year One books are already finished and are on display in the library, Year 2 and 3 books are nearly there, please pop in and see the children's hard work.

Learning Leaves: Noah - Learning, Georgina - Stickability

Attendance: 96.74%



News from Fireflies



Within literacy, we are now coming to the end of our 'quest' sequence. The children have each begun writing their own quest narrative based on 'The King of the Birds'. They have generated ideas such as 'King of Snails', 'King of the Dinosaurs', 'Queen of the Snow-Leopards' and 'Queen of the Frogs'. Keep an eye of for these after half term. Within numeracy, we have finished our statistics sequence, and have been focussing on Geometry. This will include learning various skills relating to angles, 2D and 3D shapes. The children will also continue this after half term. Within our Topic work, the children have finished conducting their own science investigations and have evaluated, in groups, their results and the reliability of them. They have now begun, in DT, to design their own islands, which after half term, we will begin making models of. We hope you all have a lovely half term.

Learning Leaves: Jack – making links within his learning (modal verbs)

Fireflies – worked well throughout the week without distractions.

Attendance: 97.98%

Whole School Attendance:
 Target 97% Actual: 97.02%

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.

Birthday Celebrations:

none



Clubs at Parkham

Tues: Computer Club with Mrs Roe (5 weeks)

Thurs: Cookery with Mrs Bird Yrs 3-6

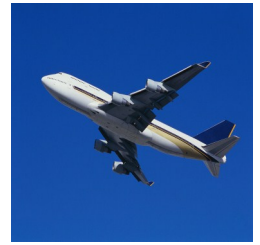
Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



News from Jets

This week in Jets we have been very busy!

Reception have been making clay dinosaurs, learning a dinosaur dance with Jenny from First Sport. They have been practising numbers and phonics and enjoying painting class 2 with paintbrushes and buckets of diluted paints. They have been making homes for dinosaurs and are beginning to create a 3D model of a pterodactyl with Miss Jago. In Year One we have been applying our knowledge of money to solving money problems, making amounts to 50p and have made some fantastic 'Guess what I am cards?' based on our dinosaur topic. They are displayed on the window in the writing area so please come and take a look as we have also made a class dinosaur book! In Year 2 we have been conquering fractions and writing paragraphs about dinosaurs! Next week and after half term we'll be looking at 2D and 3D shapes so please encourage your child to look out for shapes around the home and outdoors. Our topic next term is mini-beasts and we are looking really forward to setting up a bug lab in our outdoor area and also to some nicer weather! Thank you to FOBBS who have agreed to buy us some resources to help the children with their investigations. A gentle reminder, please could you make sure your child has their book bag in school every day. Have a lovely half term!



Our leaves this week go to Rhys for his excellent home learning and also to Oakley for taking turns and being a good role model to others

Attendance: 97.8%

News from Rockets



Rockets have been finishing their teaching sequence in English and writing exciting adventure stories involving a mysterious island and dinosaurs. They have been including speech, noun phrases, adjectives and adverbs to make their writing interesting for the reader. They have also been creating landscape scenes by marbling a background, painting dinosaurs and creating shadows to enhance the effects. They are

displayed in the classroom. Come and see them.

In maths Rockets are working on 2D shapes and angles so some children are learning how to use a protractor. We have had lots of interesting and creative homework relating to dinosaurs and some children have finished four or five pieces. All homework for this half term has to be handed in by the Monday after the half term holiday. Well done Rockets for working so hard this half term.

Learning leaves

1.2.16 Armin and Christopher

8.2.16 Isla and Steven.

Attendance: 97.3%

Car Parking—please remember that cars are not allowed to be parked on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school.

Whole School Attendance: Target 97% Actual: 97.4%

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

Birthdays to celebrate

Grace

Isaac



Clubs at Buckland Brewer

Mon: Activ8 with Miss Jago/Mrs Brookes Yrs 1-6

Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



Dates

Parkham

Buckland Brewer

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 Jan —Thurs 24 March

Half term: Mon 15 Feb

Summer Term: Tues 12 April— Friday 22 July

Half Term: Fri 27th May

Autumn Term:2016 Tues 6 Sept Fri 16 Dec

Half term: Fri 21 Oct—Fri 28 Oct

Spring Term Wed Jan 4th—Fri 31 March

Half Term: Mon 13 Feb—Fri 17 Feb

Summer Term: Tues 18th April—Wed 26 July

Half Term: Fri 26 May—Fri 2 June

Mon 15 Feb: Half Term

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Thurs 25 Feb: Parent-Teacher Progress meeting

Wed 24 Feb: Parent-Teacher progress meeting

Thurs 3 March World Book Day

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Wed 9 March : Rosemoor Trip

Mon 7 March Rosemoor Trip

Mon 16,17 Bikeability Yr 5's

Mon 14,15 Bikeability Yr 5

Mon 21st March—PGL residential

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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

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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School Council and Edukid. The school council would like everyone to collect their pennies again in the blue Edukid boxes if you still have them, or any box or bag will do. when full bring in to put into Prisca's pot. We have had a letter from Prisca to tell us how she is doing in School in Uganda and to thank us for supporting her. so please keep collecting your pennies to bring in right up to the Easter holiday.