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Welcome back to the Summer Term.

Step into my World is the starting theme for some exciting learning planned across the schools. This term we are focusing on deepening children's skills and understanding particularly in maths and literacy. We are encouraging children to take pride in their work so handwriting and presentation will continue to be a focus. We are continuing to teach the learning powers of curiosity, responsibility, resilience, thinking and learning to enable children to become life long learners. We are also continuing to develop our understanding of the 'growth mindset' so that we all have a positive 'I can do this' attitude'.

Please continue to support your children by reading together regularly, participating in the reading challenge, practising spellings and playing word games, counting and playing games with numbers and calculation. For further ideas please speak to your child's teacher.

This is also an important term as we will be making summary assessments which will be reported to you by the end of term. These reports will inform you whether your child is working at the expected level compared to other children nationally, whether your child has made expected or better progress, and also report to you any statutory tests that your child has completed in Y1, Y2 and Y6. Please watch out for an information booklet about assessments from the DFE which we will email out to you and which will be on the website.

Remember every day your child attends school makes a difference so please avoid all unnecessary absence. Well done to Fireflies Class who had the best attendance last term. I wonder which class will be top this term? Thank you for your continuing support.



Y6 Residential - What a fantastic adventure our courageous Y6 children had. They all managed themselves very well - especially being away from home for 3 nights. They all were a credit to the schools, showing thoughtfulness and politeness the whole time. Well done - we are very proud of all of you and all the challenges you faced.

Preschool Provision at Parkham:

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. **Unfortunately it is not until September 2017 when all 3 years olds will be eligible for 30 hours funded places from the term after they turn 3. We apologise for misleading you.**

Please contact the school for more details.

Supporting Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour.

All children behave in different ways and all behaviour is about getting a need met. The Federation staff have recently participated in some training events to help us understand behaviour and the needs that underpin it, and we have learnt some strategies to help us help children manage their own behaviour better. Sometimes a child's behaviour can challenge those around them including families at home as well as children and staff at school. Our duty is to help all children and families understand behaviour and meet the needs underlying it.

If you would like to know more, please have a look at the website where you will find more info about the theory of behaviour. You will also find our behaviour policy. If you have any concerns about behaviour please do speak to your child's teacher.



News from Ladybirds



Ladybirds have been focusing on number recognition this week. Some of us have been working outside going on number hunts whilst others have been looking at the patterns in numbers to 100. Our shoe shop is very well stocked now so thank you to all of you who have contributed. The children are enjoying trying on different types of shoes and learning their names. This week we will be focusing on measuring our feet and measuring with our feet. I wonder which Ladybird has the biggest foot.

Learning Leaves
 Leo- Curiosity

Morgan- Responsibility

Attendance:97.68%

News from Dragonflies



Wow, we've had an amazing start to the new term. The children are really refreshed and have made an excellent start to their learning this week. They have really enjoyed the start to our new topic 'Step into my World'. We have spent the week setting up a shoe museum and shoe shop and we have loved seeing all of the favourite shoes that the children have brought in - we didn't expect to see such a variety! The children did some fantastic research into unknown shoes such as brogues, court shoes and clogs and have created some wonderful writing which is proudly on display in the classroom. Maths has also been really positive, we have tied up our addition and subtraction sequence this week and the children have really made progress in their mental skills. Anything that you can do to continue to work on number bonds to 10 and 20 at home would be much appreciated. We are now moving onto time and money - so again any support at home would be really welcome.

Attendance: 96.88%



News from Fireflies

We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful Easter holidays. We would like to welcome Miss Ferguson and Louise to Fireflies within the Summer Term.

Within English, we have begun looking at Traditional tales. We will be studying the traditional tale of Cinderella and other versions of the story such as The Grimms Brothers version. We will be practising our speech skills – using a range of punctuation to punctuate direct speech. We will be focusing on the correct use of commas as well as including fronted adverbials and a range of conjunctions within our writing.

Within Maths, we have completed our sequence of converting measures and will now be moving on to Geometric reasoning. We will be focussing on the translation, rotation and reflection of shapes.

Within our Topic work, we have begun looking at different types of shoes and will begin to make predictions and conduct investigations based around the materials these shoes are made from.

Within computing, we have begun to look at the steps that search engines and technology make in order to provide us with information. Over the next week, we will be looking, using search technology and digit content, to follow in the steps of Shackleton and his journey.

Learning Leaves: Annabelle: For taking greater responsibility and stickability in her work Ella: For being a great role model and showing great responsibility.

Attendance: 97.84%

Whole School Attendance:
 Target 97% Actual: 97.42%

Birthday Celebrations:

Ryan



Clubs at Parkham

Wed: Archery Yrs 3-6 starting 20th April

Thurs: Cookery with Mrs Bird Yrs 3-6

Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



News from Jets

This new term in Jets class has got off to a very exciting start with the new Shoes topic and a very special delivery being left in the school office addressed to us. Inside were some very beautiful shoes but with no information. The children decided they would like to write back to the mystery sender and ask some questions



In Maths the children have been collecting data to create their own graphs.

We have also found out about different materials and some that may be used to make shoes.

Attendance: 95.9%



News from Rockets

Last week Rockets started a new theme called Step into my World. This exciting new topic is about shoes, but also about understanding how other people in the world feel and having empathy. We have started our English work by reading traditional stories about shoes such as Cinderella, The elves and the Shoe Maker and Jack and the Beanstalk.

By the end of the topic we will have created a shoe museum for you to come and look around. In Maths we have been learning to add and subtract fractions and then moving onto algebra.

The children have a new homework sheet and an overview of the term has been sent home. The homework for the end of last term needs to be returned as soon as possible please.

Attendance 96.8%

REMEMBER TO BEAT THE BUGS by wet combing your child's hair with a nit comb at least once a week. Please see an email with more details on how to look after and/or treat your child's hair as nits are about.

Whole School Attendance: Target 97% Actual: 96.6%

Birthdays to celebrate

Esme
Archie
James



Clubs at Buckland Brewer

Mon: Activ8 with Miss Jago/Mrs Brookes Yrs 1-6
Thurs: Glee club with Mrs Dorrell—all ages
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.

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

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

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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

Fri 22 Apr: Cross Country @ Monkleigh 1.15pm

Wed 27 Apr: Cricket Competition Yrs 3/4 TBC

Mon 2 May: Bank Holiday

Mon 9 May: SATS week

Wed 11 May: Tennis Festival YRs 3/4 TBC

Wed 20 May: Bluecoat Cross Country Yrs 3-6 TBC

Mon 23 May: Rounders Festival Yrs 5/6 TBC

Fri 27 May: Non pupil Day

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Fri 29 Apr: 2pm FOBBS mtg

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Healthy Eating-

We are a healthy eating school, which means we promote a varied and balanced diet, low in fats and sugars. We still notice many lunch boxes that are high in fats and sugars on a daily basis. Please help your child develop eating habits for life by monitoring carefully what is put in lunch boxes as we are.

Please make sure your child has a bottle of water only to drink throughout the school day.

Watch out for some helpful healthy eating guidelines which we will email out to you and which will be available on the website



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