



The Flying Start Federation

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SATS update: Y6 SATs- we are all very proud of the determination shown by all our Y6 in their statutory tests last week. They were very resilient in the face of some challenging questions which reflect the new standards that the government is pressing for. Well done to you all. They will now be focusing more on their writing skills as well as preparing themselves for secondary school.

The Y2s are busy having a go at the tests supplied by the DFE in reading, grammar and spelling and maths over the next two weeks. The results of these are not published but used to inform overall teacher assessment- which will be reported to you near the end of term.

HOT weather: please remember to apply sunscreen before children come to school, bring in a bottle of water and a sunhat for those lovely sunny days.

Half term: begins for children on Friday 27th May which is a non pupil day. School opens again on Monday 6th June. Have a wonderful break.

Pre-School Provision at Parkham

Please note: It is from September **2017** that all 3 years olds will be eligible for 30 hours funded places from the term after they turn 3.

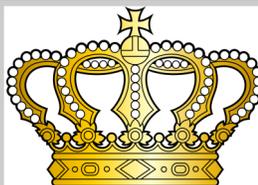
School uniform:

Last week in both schools we have been celebrating our smart uniforms in fashion parades in assembly. The children are all aware of what smart uniform and PE uniform can be worn. Help us to continue to encourage children to be proud of themselves and their school. If you are not sure what can be worn

News from Uganda - We continue to keep in touch with our friends in Katega Primary School. William, the headteacher who visited our schools last June, has been moved to a new school but he still keeps in touch, and Milton the new headteacher at Katega is very keen to keep the link with our school going. He has sent some pictures of the school garden and William has sent pictures of the two trees that were planted in honour of Miss Millman's and Mrs Finch's visit to the school last October. School council have decided to continue to raise money for Prisca who we sponsor through education in the north of Uganda but also for Katega Primary school which is in need of concrete floors and plaster on the walls. Events organised for this term include a water afternoon for all children- further details to follow.



Social Media It has come to our attention that some of the children from our school are using social media accounts including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. It is important for you to recognise as parents that these sites specify 13 years old as the minimum user age. (Whatsapp's minimum age is 16!) There is an interesting article on the BBC News website about this very issue. Click on the link or paste into your browser to access directly. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-35524429>.



Celebrating the Queen's birthday— 10th June

The children will be joining with the nation to celebrate the Queen's birthday with a special picnic and other activities— watch out for more details.



News from Ladybirds



Over the last two weeks, Ladybirds have been learning the traditional story of Cinderella. We have been using our fine motor skills to create our very own glass slippers and have written invitations to the ball. In maths we have been learning to measure capacity, and finding out how many scoops of sand, rice or water can fill different shoes. We have also been learning to read O'clock times, using the game of 'What's the Time Mr Wolf' to help us.

Learning Leaves
 Sophie- Resilience
 Morgan-Curiosity
 Millie-Thinking

Attendance:97.58%

News from Dragonflies



We received a very exciting letter this week from the shoemaker in the story - The Elves and the Shoemaker. He has challenged all of the children to design their own shoes. We are very impressed with the creativity that the children have shown when putting their ideas and designs together. The children are going to be making some very unique and unusual shoes. We have also retold the story of Cinderella and made our own Cinderella books. In maths the children have been working really hard on adding and subtracting. They have had great fun in science looking at properties - including materials and objects that are magnetic.

Learning Leaves - Georgina - Learning Sam - Curiosity

Attendance 96.99%



News from Fireflies

I would first of all like to say a massive well done to the Year 6s for completing their SATs with such a great attitude. They all gave the tests their best efforts and we (Fireflies) are proud of them.

Last week, we have also had to say goodbye to Miss Ferguson, who has now completed her second teaching placement.

Within English, we are about to begin writing our own version of Cinderella, using all the skills we have been practising. I'm sure that the children will enjoy creating some of their own grim versions based on the 'Grimm brother's' story.

Within Maths, the children enjoyed reflecting shapes in different quadrants and were able to show all they had learnt in their 'end of sequence' task. We are now beginning 'Multiplicative reasoning' where we will be practising a range of formal methods for multiplication and division – including the distributive law.

Within RE, we have begun to look at Sikhism and the symbols they have within their religion. We will begin, this week, to make comparisons between this and Christianity.

Attendance: 97.84%

FOPS DATES/EVENTS

Thursday May 26th: Film night at school Hotel Transylvania 2 and Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties

Films start at 6 pm., finish around 7:30pm
 £2 entry, free squash, sweets for sale.

Saturday June 4th: Family Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ Leaving from Allardice Hall from 4 pm. onwards Entry £5 per car. CASH PRIZE!! Please phone Jo on 01237 451803 to book your slot, or email joanna.turnbull72@gmail.com, or message us on facebook: fops (friends of Parkham school). We did this last year & it was really good fun.

Whole School Attendance:
 Target 97% Actual: 97.45%

Birthday Celebrations:

George
 Ruby



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

Last week Jets received a letter from the Shoemaker. He asked the children to help the Elves to understand which sort of footwear was suitable for different jobs. Not only did the children need to use all their literacy skills but also their science knowledge about materials and their properties. Year 1 and 2 have written some wonderful letters to send to the Elves. Reception have also helped the Elves by drawing and labeling different shoes as part of their new star challenges they need to complete each week.



The children have been working really hard in their swimming lessons and making amazing progress in just 4 weeks. Well done to Reuben and Isaac for achieving their 5m swimming badges already! There is no swimming this Wednesday.

Polite Reminder: Please could we remind parents to say goodbye to their children at the classroom door and exit the school through the back door/library on to the playground. Thank you.

Learning Leaves

Reuben—Stickability

Ellie—Stickability

Oscar—Responsibility

Theo—Responsibility/learning

Attendance: 97.1%

News from Rockets



Year 6 SATS went really well last week and all the children worked very hard on the tests.

Years 3,4 & 5 worked with Mrs Evans in the hall doing Maths puzzles whilst SATS tests were taking place.

Attendance 96.5%

FOBBS are asking for old/second hand uniform donations as they would like to have 3 afternoons after school where they sell them for fundraising.

The dates are the 16th, 19th and 20th May, 3.30 till 4.00pm in the library area, where a member from FOBBS will man the stall.

Also there are plans to hold a summer fete in June (details to follow) and again donations for that would be greatly received. Please give your items to Hanna Seddon. Many thanks for your support.

Whole School Attendance: Target 97% Actual: 96.8%

Birthdays to celebrate

Oliver

James

Christopher



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



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

Dates

Parkham

Mon 23 May: Julian Vayne— Barnstaple museum— shoe workshop 9am

Mon 23 May—Yrs 5/6 Rounders Tournament @ GTS 12.30-2.30pm

Thurs May 26th: Film night at school—see article on Page 2

Fri 27 May: Non pupil Day

Mon 30 May: Half Term

Mon 6 June: school re-opens

Sat June 4th: Family Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ—see article on Page 2 for full details

Mon 27 June; Year 6 induction week at GTS

Mon 4 July : Year 6 induction week at Route 39

Fri 15 July: Sports Afternoon

Buckland Brewer

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Mon 4 July: Year 6 induction week at Route 39

Thurs 7 July: School Play followed by refreshments provided by FOBBS

Fri 15 July: Sports Afternoon followed by cream teas provided by FOBBS

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

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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