



# The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 21st June 2016

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### Parent Forums:

Thank you to all parents in both schools who supported these forums. Two very interesting discussions took place around the theme of vision/mission statement for the schools, and communications.

Communication continues to be a challenge but everyone contributed some helpful ideas including:-

- Teachers informally letting parents know if any incidents happened during the day at the end of the day
- Keeping the website up to date with dates and information about events and parents using this as their first port of call for information
- Making sure enough notice is given for up coming events
- Having a mobile notice board at each gate on which important reminders could be written when necessary.
- Using email and texts to remind parents of events. (unfortunately we do not have the facility to send out texts as there is quite a hefty subscription for software such as Parent Mail- also many said mobile signals were bad in this area)

The other main topic discussed was the mission statement for our schools. We started by looking at the existing vision and values statement which is on the website and parents picked key aspects that they felt important which should be included on a shorter more concise mission statement. Themes such as drive and ambition, creativity, open minds, growth mindset, diversity- ethnic and religious, social and emotion development came through strongly. They considered a strap line which had been created by a governor- "Flying high from the very start," which most thought appropriate. If you would like to contribute your thoughts about the mission statement or communication ideas for the school then please email me and I will pass on to governors for discussion. [gfinch@buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:gfinch@buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk)



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**Maternity Leave:** As you know Kate Emptage is due to start her maternity leave at the end of this week, and Mrs Finch and Mrs Blaine will be working together to cover the maternity for the rest of this term. We wish Kate and all the family all the best as they await the safe arrival of their latest edition.



### RIO 2016:

To get us focused on the Olympic Games this Summer both schools are aiming to complete a marathon by running or walking around the playground each day to complete a mile. Over this half term we should be able to run or walk 26 miles. All staff and children will be participating whenever possible to increase our levels of activity, fitness and general sense of wellbeing.



## News from Ladybirds

Attendance: 96.93



Ladybirds have been very busy and active over the last fortnight. We have, so far, completed our 9th mile for our mile-a-day marathon. What an achievement! We have also been talking about keeping fit and healthy. The children have really impressed us with their knowledge. I asked the question "Why is it important to keep fit and healthy?" "You live longer" said Maddison. "You get big strong bodies" said Louie, and Natasha said "because it will give you good teeth". This week we are opening up our own gym role-play, please add any photos of you and your children keeping active to Tapestry. I am sure the children would love to share them with the class.

### Learning Leaves

Rhys - Curiosity, Nathan—Stickability, Leo—Responsibility, Louie—Learning

## News from Dragonflies



We've had a very busy and successful start to the term. The children have been fantastic while we have been carrying out assessments and we have been so impressed with their resilience, motivation and enthusiasm to share everything that they have learnt this year during their tests. Well Done to Year 1 who have all now completed their phonics screening test, the results of this test will be sent out with your child's end of year report. As well as taking part in assessments, we have also had lots of time to work on our art skills. The children have created some absolutely wonderful portraits of the Queen which will be displayed at the Strawberry Tea in July. We have also been exploring abstract art and have created some excellent art work based on famous buildings in London. This week we will start to research different Olympic sporting events.

Learning Leaves Noah - Curiosity, Georgina - Responsibility

Attendance: 96.95



## News from Fireflies

Within English, we have been enjoying the text 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We have written letters in the character of the crayons and have also created advice leaflets. We are now, over this week, going to be using the structure of the text to create our own short narrative. Next week, we will be beginning to look at the text 'Where my Wellies take me,' which is written by Michael Morpurgo and is filled with a range of fantastic poetry. Within Maths, the children have completed their 'Multiplicative Reasoning' sequence and have been able to build on their multiplication and division skills. We are, over the next couple of weeks, going to be visiting the 'Additive Reasoning' sequence which will include us investigating roman numerals, ratio and proportion and simple algebraic equations. Within topic, we have investigated and discovered the meaning and relevance of the symbols in relation to the Olympics. The children have created their own models of the Olympic rings, which are displayed in the classroom so please come and take a look. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be finding out about the history of the Olympics - how they began and how they have changed over the years.

Learning Leaves: Joseph and Imogen for fantastic cursive handwriting.

Attendance: 97.75

Whole School Attendance:  
Target 97% Actual: 97.28%

### FOPS DATES/EVENTS

Disco to celebrate the end of term  
Friday 15th July, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Allardice Hall £2:00 entry  
Drinks, snacks, glow toys to buy  
Whole school welcome, but please could  
Ladybirds' parents  
stay at the hall (tea and coffee available!)

### Birthday Celebrations:

Caleb  
Annabelle



### Clubs at Parkham

Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6



## News from Jets



In Jets this week we have been learning to tell the time to half past and playing lots of clock games. We have been finding out about different sports that are involved in the Olympic Games and learning how it all began. We have completed the children's end of year assessments and are pleased to say they have all made progress. We have also been taking part in our walking/running challenge which the children have enjoyed. We no longer have a jumper box in class and have decided that children can store their jumper in their trays as they keep getting mixed up. Please ensure that your child has their name clearly labelled in their jumper. On Thursday some children chose to watch some of the football match. They were encouraged to be good supporters and did a great job at cheering England on (apart from Lauren, Charlie and Mrs Dorrell)!

Learning leaves went to Maisey ,Oakley, and whole class for good behaviour at Parkham

Attendance: 97%



## News from Rockets

.Rockets have been working on a new English theme called "Where My Wellies Take Me" which is based on a poetry book by Michael Morpurgo. We have drawn plans of a walk around the village and will be adding poems and sketches to this over the next couple of weeks. We have also completed our maths unit of work on geometry and will be going onto

a revision unit to keep our maths skills sharp. The children have been challenged to know all their times tables by the end of term.

We have started rehearsing for our end of term play and children have parts to learn in school and at home. I am starting to look at the costumes we need and I wonder if anyone has any old bridesmaids dresses or long dresses and wigs suitable for the ugly sisters? I will send a note home by the end of the week for any other costume needs.

Congratulations to Carys and Christopher who have been selected by the children as Prince and Princess for the fete this year.

Learning leaves went to Steven.

Attendance: 96.6%

**CANCELLED:** Activ8 Club with Miss Jago is cancelled for Monday 27th June. Resumes again on Monday 4th July,

Whole School Attendance: Target 97% Actual: 96.7%

### FOBBS DATES/EVENTS

BBQ and Disco to celebrate the end of term  
Wed 20th July, 4 till 6.30p.m.  
School Hall

### Clubs at Buckland Brewer

Mon: Activ8 with Miss Jago Yrs 1-6 (cancelled for Mon 27th June)

Tues: Sewing Club with Mrs Slocombe Yrs 5-6

Wed: Archery Club Yrs 1-6

Thurs: Forest School (this is not a school run club) Please contact Sarah Brown 07894668743. Open to all children but Reception children must be accompanied by an adult

Fri: Multisports with First for Sport Yrs 1-6

### **SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

We are collecting these vouchers so please bring them into school and post them in the box situated in the school hall. Thank you.

### **Birthdays to celebrate**

Oliver





## 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.

**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

**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

## Parkham

Mon 27 June; Year 6 induction week at GTS

Wed 29 June: Ladybirds beach trip

Mon 4 July : Year 6 induction week at Route 39

Tues 5 July: KS1 Forest School (all day)

Wed 6 July: Y6 Forest school (all day)

Wed 13 July: School Play

Fri 15 July: Sports Afternoon

Fri 15 July: Leavers' Disco 6-7.30pm (see Parkham page for details)

Fri 22 July: Last day of term—Leavers' assembly

## Buckland Brewer

Mon 27 June: Year 6 induction week at GTS

Tues 5 July: KS1 Forest School (all day)

Wed 6 July: Y6 Forest school (all day)

Thurs 14th July: School Play followed by refreshments provided by FOBBS

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

Wed 20th July: Leavers' BBQ/Disco 4-6.30pm (organised by FOBBS)

Fri 22 July: Last day of term—Leavers' assembly

**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



**During the hot weather remember sun hats, sun cream and bottles of water.**

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