



The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 12th Sept 2016

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Newsletter. Welcome to the shortened format newsletter. Hopefully it will have the most important information and dates for you, with all other information and news from each class to be found on the federation website.

Breakfast Club @ Parkham

This starts on Monday 12th 8 am to 8.45 at a cost of £4 per session with breakfast and £3 without.

We are keen to offer extended care at both schools but we do have to run as a self sustaining business which means we need an average of approx. 7 pupils per session. This might be difficult to achieve as we are a small school, but if you think this service might be useful to you then please try it out or let us know. We plan to trial extended care after school after half term as well as do a trial at Buckland Brewer. If your children go to Buckland Brewer and you would be interested in breakfast club or extended care after school then please drop me an email -gfinch@buckland-brewer-primary.devon.sch.uk

Ofsted @ Parkham

As you know Parkham had a long awaited visit from Ofsted last term. We are still waiting for publication of their report which I hope will be within the next two weeks.

Welcome back to a new term and new academic year. Welcome to our new children in reception and those who have started further up the school. Welcome also to our new members of staff

Mrs Claire Pennington- Rockets Class teacher @ Buckland

Mr Daniel Marks- Fireflies Class teacher @ Parkham

Mrs Clare Sylvester- Dragonflies teacher @ Parkham

Mrs Amanda Potter- Caretaker @ Buckland

All the children seems to have got off to a very positive and settled start. Well done.

If you need to speak to the teacher please do so at the end of the school day- or hand in a written message in the morning.

Attendance:

As you know there is a direct link between progress in school and attendance, and I am pleased to say that attendance improved last year with Parkham exceeding our Target of 97% and Buckland almost reaching it with 96.8%. Illness is often unavoidable but other absence is, which is why schools can only sanction planned absence in exceptional circumstance. The DFE argue that the school year has been organised so that there is plenty of opportunity to take family holiday outside of term time- please see letter from Nick Gibb on our website.

When your child's attendance falls below 95% we will write to you to make you aware as this means a significant amount of teaching time has been missed and this is causing concern. We understand that bouts of illness, for example, chicken pox will impact on a child's attendance but we plan to work with you to minimise missed learning where possible. When a child's attendance continues to fall and/or goes below 90% which is classed as persistently absent we will refer the case to the Education Welfare Officer for support and further action.

We do operate a safe child system so if we have not heard from you (phone or email) by 9.10 on the first day of absence we will call you to find out where your child is.

School starts at 9 am and children are marked as late when arriving after this time.

Attendance

Whole school: Target 97%

Buckland: 99.6%	Parkham: 98.65%
Jets: 100%	Ladybirds: 100%
Rockets: 99.3%	Dragonflies 100%
	Fireflies: 97.37%



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

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

Tues 20 Sept: Superhero day at Parkham

Wed 21 Sept: ACCT Consultation @ Buckland Brewer 12-1pm

Mon 26 Sept: Yrs 5 & 6 Open morning @ GTS

Thurs 29 Sept: In the Net production @ Allardice Hall 1.30-2.30pm Yrs 4-6

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SCHOOL DINNERS. Please note that with effect from 12th September the cost of a school dinner will be **£2.30** due to rising costs.

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



Childhood Flu vaccinations for Yrs 1,2,3

The NHS is offering a flu vaccination in the form of a nasal spray to Yrs 1,2,3. An information booklet, and consent form is being sent home. Please return the consent form by **Friday 23rd September**

Parkham- start of school day- gates open at 8.45 and children will be collected from the playground at 8.55 by their teacher.

Picking up from school.

Please make sure you inform the school/class teacher if there is any change to who routinely picks up your child. We will not let a child go if we are uncertain about who they should be with. The same with taxi pick ups- you must notify the school of any changes.

If you allow your child to walk to and from school please send a note in to the class teacher to make them aware- not recommended for under Y5.

Parents/carers should pick up from the school playground and not expect their child to meet outside the school gate.

Bikes: children (preferably those who have completed the Cycling proficiency) **are only allowed to ride to and from school wearing a helmet.** They must dismount at the school gate and walk their bike to the storage areas.