



The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 28th Nov 2016

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Website: Please look at the federation website on the address above for the latest news from each class and dates.

Christmas is quickly approaching so please look out for all the Christmas happenings at both schools



Parent forums. In spite of the confusion with advertised venues for the two forums for which I apologise, we did have good attendance of parents from both schools. A useful discussion on the provision of clubs and after school care took place. The general view was that the provision of two after school clubs per week was enough as this allowed children to take part in other community clubs and no one saw a huge need for before or after school extended care.

Homework was also another topic discussed, with views ranging from there should be no homework at all to the homework set was just about right. It was felt that the topic based projects for KS2 sometimes caused stress when on a weekly basis, and also the feedback for homework should come home via a homework book as this was not the case in all classes.

All comments have been shared with staff and if you would like to share your view please email me on :

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Atlantic Co- operative Trust.

As you will have seen from the letter sent out last week, the governors have voted unanimously to change to foundation status as from 1st January and join the Atlantic Cooperative Trust. We are all very excited about this as this collaboration will lead to more opportunities for professional development, school improvement and enriched curriculum.

Christmas Fairs: FOBBS is on Friday 2nd Dec, 6-8pm and will be a non-uniform day. Please could pupils bring something for the bottle tombola.

FOPPS is on Friday 9th Dec, 6-8pm and 2nd Dec. will be a non-uniform day—please bring a jam jar filled with sweets/toys/etc .

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The votes have been counted, by asking all children what they would like for Christmas lunch: beef or turkey: the conclusion is turkey! Milly is very grateful to all school council members for their help in devising a plan and carrying out the task so competently.



Federation Christmas Nativity is on Wednesday 14th December at Buckland Brewer Church starting at 6pm. Please can all children involved arrive at 5.30pm dressed in their costumes.

School Meals: There have been numerous occasions when children have expected a school lunch but have not returned their dinner slips. This is putting a heavy burden on the kitchen as food is cooked to order. Please make sure dinner menus are completed and returned.

Christmas Pantomime: This is being held at the Allardice Hall on Tuesday 13th December when we have a visiting theatre performing 'Scroogical' kindly paid for by our hard working FOPPS and FOBBS. Children at Buckland will be taken by coach to Parkham, however parents will need to collect their child/ren at 3.30pm from Parkham. Letter enclosed for Buckland Brewer parents.

Events at Parkham :Cocoa Night

Mon 12th Dec-5:30-6:30 Wear your PJ's and bring your favourite Christmas story to share **Toddler party Wed 14th Dec-** FSU and KS1 joining the toddlers to meet Santa. Please wear your best party clothes.

New Admissions 2017/2018

The application facility for places for 2017/2018 academic year is open and closes midnight on 15th January 2017. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express their preferences via the online application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 155 1019.



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

Autumn Term:2016

Tues 6 Sept—Fri 16 Dec

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

Thurs 8 Dec: School nurse :Rec & Yr 6, 1.30pm

Fri 9th Dec: FOPPS Christmas Fayre 6-8pm

Mon 12th Dec: Cocoa night: 5.30-6.30pm

Tues 13th Dec: 2pm West End in School (Scroogical) at Allardice Hall

Wed 14th Dec: Toddler party

Wed 14th Dec: Christmas lunch

Wed 14th Dec: Federation Carol Concert at BB Church @ 6pm

Thurs 15th Dec: Class Parties

Fri 16th Dec: Last day of term

Tues 4th Jan—new term begins

Buckland Brewer

Fri 2nd Dec: FOBBS Christmas Fayre 6-8pm

Thurs 8th Dec: School nurse: Rec & Yr 6 , 10.45am

Tues 13th Dec: 2pm West End in Schools (Scroogical) at Allardice Hall

Wed 14th Dec: Christmas lunch

Wed 14th Dec: Federation Carol Concert at BB Church @ 6pm

Fri 16th Dec: Last day of term

Tues 4th Jan—new term begins

Attendance

Whole school: Buckland: 97.52% Jets: 97.49% Rockets: 97.21%

Parkham: 96.40% Ladybird 99.18% Dragonflies 96.61% Fireflies 95.23%

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

If you have any health concerns regarding your child, the school nurse will be in school on Thursday 8 December -10.45am at Buckland and 1.30pm at Parkham



Christine England- School Nurse

School Nursing team

Torrington children's Centre
Borough Road
Torrington



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.