



The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 9th October 2017

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Governor update:

As you know the governors are a group of volunteers that give an enormous amount of their time to support the schools in the Federation by holding leaders to account, setting strategic vision for the Federation and ensuring that all areas of the schools work is effective, including safeguarding and the quality of teaching. The governors are part of the leadership of the school and as such the role holds a lot of responsibility as well as challenge. Just recently we have seen some changes in the governors. Linda Rafferty who was the Chair of Governors, resigned so she could spend more time with her family. We are very grateful for all the hard work and support she gave the federation. Alan Jones is now the Chair and Graham Bridger and Sarah Day are sharing the role of vice chair. Lucy Dignam, a parent at Buckland Brewer, has just joined the governors and will be focusing on Early Years. We are just about to recruit a parent from Parkham and I will let you know more about that later on. More details about the governors and their roles can be found on the federation website as well as copies of the FGB meeting minutes.

Harvest: Thanks to the children and staff for joyful celebrations of Harvest, to Rev, Jayne who shared a story and to all families who were able to support either through donating food for the food bank or by attending the celebrations in the church.

Parent forums: Each term we hold forums for parents and carers to share their thoughts about the effectiveness of the schools. We have a provisional date of the 22nd November for these forums to take place when we can share what has happened as a result of the last forum as well as look at what next.

Farewell: At the end of this week we will be sadly saying farewell to Mrs Roe- a Teaching Assistant and parent at Parkham School. She has been a very valued member of the team for the last 3 years and I know staff and children will miss her. We wish her every success with her expanding business and I am very glad to say she will be keeping in touch as a parent.

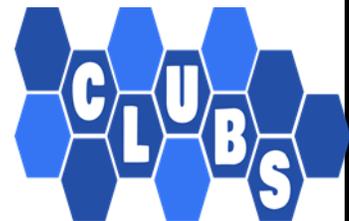


Christmas Pantomime:

STOP PRESS FOPs and FOBBS have decided to take all the children to the Pantomime- Beauty and the Beast at the Queens Theatre in Barnstaple on Tuesday 12th December- further details to be sent

home after half term - make sure the date is in your diary.

Clubs: watch out for the details of clubs running after half term. Letters will go out on Monday 30th October.





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: 2017

Tues 6 Sept—Fri 15 Dec

Half term: Fri 20 Oct—Fri 27 Oct

Spring Term: 2018 Thurs Jan 4th—Fri 29 March

Half Term: Mon 12 Feb—Fri 16 Feb

Summer Term 2018: Tues 16th April—Thurs 26 July

Half Term: Fri 25 May—Fri 1 June

Wed 11 Oct: Federation Day at Parkham with Life Bus visit

Sun 15-18th Oct: PgL Yrs 5,6

Thurs 19 Oct: Flu vaccination 1pm Rec, Yrs 1-4

Thurs 19 Oct: Fops film night 5pm

Fri 20th Oct: Non pupil day

Mon 23 Oct: Half term

Wed 1 Nov: Phonics workshop for parents/carers

Wed 15 Nov: Parents' evening

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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

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

Secondary Transfer for Year 6's

The system opens on **1st September** and closes on **31st October**. It is very important that parents apply within this timescale as late applications may be disadvantaged where schools are over-subscribed. The letter contains links to Open Events at Secondary Schools, transport information, supplementary forms where necessary and designated area maps. The actual application facility will be open at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline, parents may express up to three preferences ranked in priority order. Any queries should be directed in the first instance to the Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019

Attendance: Target: 97% Whole school:
Buckland: 97.1% Parkham: 95.3%
Falcons: 96% Ladybirds: 95.8% Eagles: 98%
Fireflies: 94.8%

Music lessons. Would you like to take the opportunity for your child to learn to play a musical instrument? Vacancies are now available at both schools for the tuition of brass instruments and also guitar, and Ukulele. All lessons are to ABRSM standard during which pupils will be taught to read music. If you are interested, please contact Neil Hamilton for further details on tuition fees, instrument loans and any other questions you may have. If you are not sure then why not arrange a free taster session! E mail: nemohamilton4@gmail.com Tel: 07736508559



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