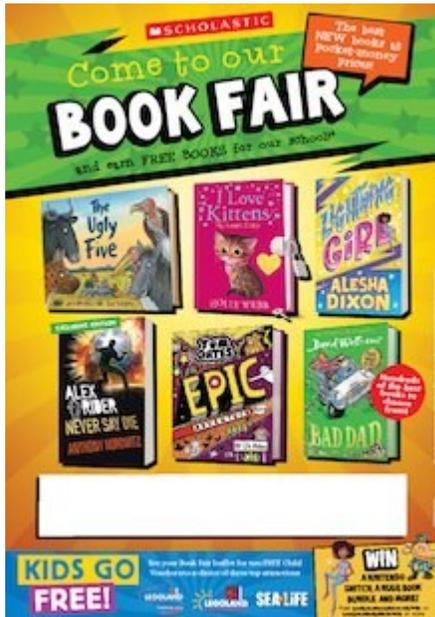




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Scholastic Book Fairs



It has been a while since we held book fairs at either school so we are really excited that we have the book fair taking place in each school over the next few weeks. A letter with details has been sent home, including details for a competition for children to enter to win a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. Make sure the entries are in before the book fair finishes.

Please support this as the school gets credits for each book sold which enables us to buy books for the school library.

Buckland Brewer: Wednesday 24th Jan—Tuesday 30th Jan
3pm—3.45pm

Parkham: Wednesday 31st Jan—Tuesday 6th Feb
3pm—3.45pm

Visit your local library:

Last Friday and next Friday the librarian from Torrington library has or will lead an assembly to explain to the children what the library has to offer which we hope will inspire the children to inspire you to visit the library. We have done a quick survey of the children and so far 8 children in Falcons class use the library and/or have library cards, 9 in Eagles, 6 in Ladybirds and 4 in Fireflies. We hope that by the end of term this will have increased to all children being issued with a library card and visiting the library whether in Bideford or Torrington at least once.

Mrs' Finch's Word Challenge:

Very pleased to see that several children had had a go at writing a definition as well as using in a sentence the words discovery and impression.

Also we are building up a list of new words found in our reading books- such as *abode*, and *obvious* The words to investigate for the next two weeks are *variable* and *reversible* and *prehistoric*- Have fun!



As you know during the Autumn Term BBU5 joined reception class on a Tuesday morning as their numbers were very small. I'm pleased to say that the numbers on a Tuesday have grown considerably and so after Feb half term the BBU5 will hold the Tuesday morning session back in the village hall. The preschool will continue to be at school on the Friday so that the toddler group can take place in the Village hall. We are trialling a hot school meal for preschool children especially when in school on a Friday. If you would be interested in your child having a hot school meal (for £1.50) on other days please let Andrea or Jo know so we can see how to get meals over to the hall.



Dates

OFFICE HOURS:

Parkham: Mon—Thurs 8.45—3.45pm
(please note there is no one in the office on Fridays)

Buckland Brewer: Mon—Fri 8.45—12.15pm— 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

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

Half Term: Mon 12 Feb—Fri 16 Feb

Half Term: Fri 25 May—Fri 1 June

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

Parkham

Tues 6 Feb: Class photos

31st Jan - 7th Feb Book Fair- 3pm to 3.45pm

7th Feb- Look in the book- open morning

Last day of term: Fri 9 Feb

New term starts: Mon 19 Feb

26th Feb- Socrates workshops start till end of term

27th Feb Usborne Book Fair

Thur 1 Mar-World Book Day celebrations

7th March Parent consultations

19th- 21st Y3/5 Forest School TBC

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Attendance: Target: 97% Whole school:

Buckland: 97.27% Parkham: 96.98%

Falcons: 96.33% Ladybirds: 97.07% Eagles: 98.22% Fireflies: 96.69 %

This term is quite a short term and there is a lot packed into it. Watch out for dates on the calendar on this newsletter, on the website and on the website App. Go to your APP store and find it by searching the postcode EX39- The Flying Start Federation.

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.

Vicky Teague -
School Nurse

School Nursing
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Severe weather arrangements: If it becomes necessary to shut either or both schools due to severe weather, notices will be posted on the website/school app and Radio Devon will be notified. Schools are only ever closed after consultation with Chair of Governors either because the school site is unsafe or not enough staff can get to the school. If only one school is closed then all children are welcome to attend the other school. However parents must decide whether conditions are safe enough for them to travel to school.