



The Flying Start Federation

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Federation website for both schools

Phew, none of us can believe it is already half term starting for the children tomorrow. As usual it has been a very full, fun and productive half term which has seen the weather finally improve. The children and staff have all worked hard to continue to make progress, so everyone is ready for a break.

Y3 and Y5 and KS1 children all experienced fantastic learning linked to their topics down in forest school at Buckland Brewer. The weather was mostly kind though I do think the Y3 did get a bit of a soaking! Buckland Brewer children have visited Exmoor Zoo, kindly sponsored by Fun Club which used to run after school at Buckland Brewer. Our Y6's have had an opportunity to show their resilience when faced with the challenge of SATs- we are so proud of their super attitude to learning, and our teachers are busy completing other assessments for all the children.

Two really interesting workshops have been offered to parents; Developing number sense with Numicom and the Growth Mindset. I think it fair to say that the parents who did attend found the sessions fun, and very informative. Thank you to all who came. I understand that child care, and sunny weather are factors which have prevented more parents from taking up these opportunities so we are taking this into account when we plan future events for next term.

The new adventure play area @ Buckland Brewer has been a great success with the children enjoying that every day and I am very pleased to say that FOPs at Parkham have been busy applying for grants to develop the grassy area at the front of the school. Due to this work they have been awarded over £10,000 in grants and so the order for further equipment for that area will be placed soon. Thank you to all the support and effort that both FOPS and FOBBs do to raise money by organising such fun events- including films nights which are very popular with the children.

Buckland is all set to expand to three classes by bringing the preschool on site and creating an additional classroom within the main building. This remodelling work is now likely to start just before the end of the Summer Term.

We have and are welcoming two new staff members- Miss Sophie Evans, Foundation stage practitioner who has joined the Early Years Team and Parkham and Miss Bethany Piper- Early Years Teacher who will join the team at Buckland in September.

We have a very busy term ahead, with both visitors and visits plans, parents forums, welcome meetings for new reception children parents, sports events, end of year productions, so please keep your eye on the website, newsletter, mobile APP and notice boards so you don't miss what's coming up. Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all on the 4th June.

Data Protection: as you may have heard in the media that the data protection law is changing on 25th May, and as a result we are updating our privacy notices and consent forms which we will send to you once complete. We are currently attending data protection law training so we have a better understanding of the data we hold, what we do with it and the legal basis for holding and processing it, but as you can imagine this is taking a bit of time to complete. We will keep you updated.

Car Parking at Buckland Brewer Hall A message from the committee

The Hall car park is a private car park. The management committee do not accept any liability for injury to any person or for the loss or damage to any vehicles or their contents or any other articles temporarily left on the car park by any person, whether a bona fide user thereof or not.

Attendance: Target: 97%
Whole school: Buckland: 96.54%
Parkham: 96.65%
Falcons: 95.77% Ladybirds:
96.32% Eagles: 97.53% Fireflies:
97.22%



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

Parkham

24 May- Last day of half term
25 May Non- pupil Day
4 June- Back to school
11 June- Parent Forum 2.30pm
25 June- Y6 GTS transition all week
6 July- Y5 GTS taster day
25/7 Sports afternoon
18/7 End of year production
26/7 Leavers celebration assembly

Buckland Brewer

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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

Half Term

Non pupil days—25th May, 9th July

FOBBS events:

23 May—Film night
13 July- Cream tea after sports afternoon
21 July—car wash

FOPPS events:

18 May- Film night
17 June-Family summer day, cider and pasty tasting and car wash.
20 July- School Disco from 6 to 8 pm.
25 July- Cream tea after sports afternoon

Milly Lane: School Caterer

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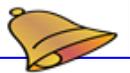


SCHOOL APP

The Federation School App will be updating, you will therefore need to download the new one..

Everything will stay in place and you can use the app in the same way you have been.. To download the new app search 'school jotter' in the app store and then select The Flying Start Federation from the list of schools within the app. The current app platform will continue to work until the end of May, after this date you will be directed to download the new version.

Reminder that school starts at 9 am and all children should be on site by then.



Reminder

A reminder that any change to personal or contact details need to be given to the relevant school office for it to be updated.

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School Nurse

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