



# The Flying Start Federation Newsletter 13th March 2018 Issue 12

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([www.parkham.devon.sch.uk](http://www.parkham.devon.sch.uk))



**Breakfast Club @ Parkham.** The governors are keen to get this provision up and running and have committed to running it for a year, but at the moment we are struggling to recruit someone to run it. After discussions at Parents Forum on Monday, we would like to encourage anyone who might be interested in helping with this provision even on a part time basis and even if you are not fully qualified to do so. We will supply on-going training as necessary to ensure the children who attend are well cared for. We are particularly interested to hear from you if you can work a couple of mornings and we can therefore build up a team of people who can run this provision. Please email me if you are interested in any way to discuss your availability further.

**Usborne Books Fairs:** Buckland Wednesday 21st March 3.30pm Parkham Thursday 22nd March @ 3.30pm World books day vouchers have been sent home. You can spend them at the book fair if you wish.

**Buckland Brewer Consultation: Extending the Age Range.** Thank you to all parents/ carers who attended the consultation meeting last week to find out more about the plans to bring the preschool on site and expand the school. I now have confirmation that the funding from DCC for the additional class space has been approved so that so now we can move our plans forward. Please let the HT have any comments for consideration concerning the proposal to extend the age of the school by the end of term.



**Adventure playground @ BB.** This is now complete. We are all very excited and the children can't wait to explore it.

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

**Burton Art Gallery:** Congratulation to the Year 1 and 2 at Buckland Brewer who displayed their self portraits and won a certificate of achievement. Arabella was awarded a book voucher for her art work. **Well done!**



**Easter Celebrations:** With the end of term fast approaching please check the calendars for dates of events. Easter Celebration assembly is on the last day of term **Parkham @ 1.30pm** and **Buckland Brewer @ 2.30pm** so please join the children to celebrate their achievements this term as well as Easter. **As Book day celebrations were cut short the children are invited to come dressed up again in their book character costumes if they would like to.**



**Clubs-** Clubs will run until the 29th March this term and will recommence week starting 16th April. Letters should be going out within the next week.



**Parent Carer's Workshop—29/3/18**  
10.15am—12.15pm @ DCC, County Hall  
A workshop for parent/carer of a child

- Visually impaired
- Multi-Sensory impaired
- Is Deaf/hearing impaired

To book contact Lucy Brewer 07970  
016556 [lucy.j.brewer@devon.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.j.brewer@devon.gov.uk)

**School uniform and PE Kit:** We will be reminding the children of the expectations for uniform and especially PE kits which often do not seem to be in school on the days when needed. Please support your children with this.



## 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

22nd March- Usbourne book fair  
3.30pm

23rd March- Federation Sports Relief day

29th March Easter Celebration Assembly- 2.30pm

29th March Last day of term

16th April Summer Term Starts

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Y3 and Y5 Forest school: Is now postponed to the Summer Term as the weather is very cold at the moment. We will let you know the new dates as soon as possible.

### 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

Attendance: Target: 97% Whole school:  
Buckland: 97.01% Parkham: 96.65%

Falcons: 93.76% Ladybirds: 96.30% Eagles:  
96.70% Fireflies: 96.88 %

**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

Our severe weather arrangements have been properly tested this year and we think that the procedures have worked well in getting the information out to all who need to know. Many thanks to everyone for your understanding during what have been a very stressful few weeks. Hopefully Spring is just around the corner

### Vacancy:

**Parkham School is looking for a play worker to run breakfast club. More details on the federation website.**



Vicky Teague -  
School Nurse

School Nursing  
team

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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.