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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the term draws to a close we wanted to write to you to thank you sincerely for your support. Mrs Quinn and I have established ourselves as the new senior leaders of the school and although we are still learning, we are certainly enjoying our roles. The children are a credit to us all.

At Buckton Vale we are continually looking for ways to engage our children so that they enjoy learning and school thus reach their full potential. We thought you would like to hear about the highlights of the term.

### **Little Bikers**

Our youngest children have been involved in a project where they are taught to ride a bike without peddles. The reception children have absolutely loved it! The Little Bikers team have been so impressed with their attitude to learning, resilience and aspiration to do their best. Well done to all our reception children. You can find photographs of them learning on our school website.

### **Year 6 – Responsibilities**

Mrs Quinn and I would like to thank all the children in Y6 who have carried out their responsibilities with maturity and caring. We are so impressed and proud of them all. Some of our younger children have really benefitted from the support our older children have been offering.

### **Shakespeare Company and Anti-Bullying Performance**

Earlier this term the Shakespeare Company arrived to deliver a sensational performance for our Y5 and 6 children. The children were very positive about the learning opportunities that this brought to us. We were so impressed we have re-booked them for next year! The Anti-bullying performance for the whole school made us consider how kind we are to each other.

### **Buckton Vale Rap**

Our Buckton Vale rap can be heard on the school website. Thank you to you all for encouraging the children to learn it. We think it sounds amazing.

## **Dojo Awards, Special Achievers and Postcards home**

It has been exciting to hear who has achieved their bronze award for receiving 100 dojos. Congratulations to all of the children who have also received special achievers certificates and post cards home.

## **Kitchen Staff =Hygiene award 5**

Earlier last week our kitchen was inspected by Tameside Environmental Health and received a grade 5 award. This means standards are very good and we are all very proud of the kitchen team. We would like to offer thanks and Congratulation's to Mrs Fairfoull and all the staff who work in our school kitchen.



## **Our first ever Newsletter created by Y6.**

The newsletter is available on our school website. Our Newsletter editors have spent their own time preparing it. We are sure you will enjoy reading it. Well done to Jacob, Thomas, Jake and Max.

## **Investment in reading books for both KS1 and KS2**

We believe reading is very important as we want children to enjoy and love books. Earlier this term, we spent over £1,000 on books for the KS2 library. An order for new reading books in KS1 has already been made and we are hoping to purchase a new online book blog. We will share news of this soon into the New Year.

## **Our priorities for 2018**

- To continue to develop the outside provision especially at lunchtime.
- Ensure phonic teaching remains a key focus and purchase new Read, Write Inc books for children to read at home.
- Re-gain our status as a LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership) school in our review next year.
- Ensure we provide every opportunity for our high prior attainers to reach their full potential.

As you are aware we are always keen to hear your feedback so if you have any feedback both positive and next steps please email us at [admin.bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin.bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk)

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and good health in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs K Quinn

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