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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the term draws to a close I wanted to write to you to thank you sincerely for your support. I have now almost completed my first year as Headteacher at Buckton Vale Primary School. Some days it feels like I have been doing the job for years and on other days I feel like I have only just begun. I am overwhelmed with the support from you all and the comments on our recent parent's evenings have been very positive. Thank you sincerely.

There are a few parents who have concerns and I will contact those parents directly as soon as we return to school so that we can make the necessary improvements.

This term has certainly been busy and was not helped by the arrival of the 'Beast from the East.' I am personally hoping for a brighter summer term and I am sure you are all in need of some sunshine too. Here are our some of the highlights of the Spring term 2018.

Project homework

Children in Mrs Brand Year 1 class brought in amazing projects for their topic all about animals and their habitats. Thank you to all the parents for supporting this learning.

Children in Mrs Brooks Year 3 class obviously spent hours making Volcanoes for their project homework. They were of an exceptional standard and today they have all taken them onto the field to 'explode them.' We hope to put some photographs on the website soon.

In Year 5 Mrs Blake's class have been busy learning all about the Tudors. Their homework projects have been inspiring with some children cooking Tudor food, some making amazing Tudor houses and one child even created a whole class quiz.

The school council are so proud of the children that they have decided we need to introduce a certificate for those children who put in so much effort. Watch this space for that next half-term.

Our new pen licences

Earlier this term, I introduced a new 'handwriting pen licence.' Children were asked to improve their script and a new badge was made for those who achieved it. In over 20 years of educational experience I have never given out pens to children in Year 2. This term several children in Year 2 have worked so hard they were handed their pen licence badges. Children in Year 3 are also

working hard and just this morning I handed out another 5 pen licences. The dedication from the children is first class and I am very proud of them. Keep this up everyone. Your progress in writing is really noticeable this term.

Leading parent partnership award – renewed.

I was very proud to read the report from our LPPA assessor earlier this term. I hope you have had a chance to look at it on our school website. Thank you so much to those parents who managed to talk to the assessor and give feedback. Remember all feedback is important to us. If you get the time over the holiday please fill in the online parent view. It is an Ofsted questionnaire to extract your views of the school. Usually, when a school receives a notice for inspection they will ask for you to fill this in – why wait?

Grief Recovery Training

I am very proud that we are the first team to have gained our qualification in Grief Recovery to support children. Mrs Brand, Mrs Quinn, Mrs Cherry, Mrs Lister and I have all completed Grief Recovery Training. This helps us help children who are dealing with loss in their lives. Loss is the feeling of grief after losing someone or something of value. When we talk about loss we might be describing those who have suffered the loss of a pet, grandparent, the loss of routines through divorce and even changing of schools. If you feel your child would benefit from some support due to a loss in their lives please contact me directly using the email address:

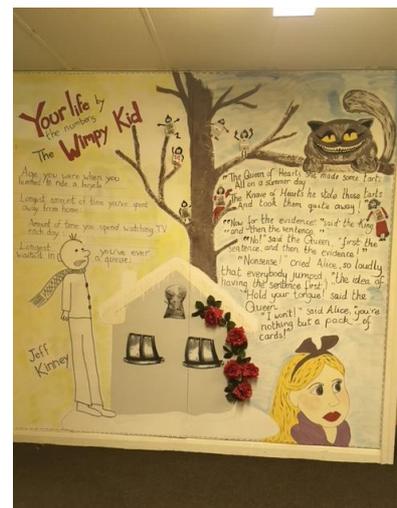
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Our second Newsletter created by Y6.

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 again to Jacob, Thomas, Jake and Max.

Continued 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 Read, Write Inc. The library has also been improved with new displays and it looks absolutely amazing. Thank you to Mrs Hague who is very talented and has created some really WOW and interesting displays.





The New Polytunnel

I am sure you have noticed the new Polytunnel. Mrs Thompson and her husband Brian spent time during February half-term erecting it and we are very grateful to them both. It is amazing how quickly it has become useful. So many plants have already been potted so they can germinate inside the warmth of the tunnel. We plan to grow all sorts of fruit and vegetables so we can then cook and eat them!

The Mossley Carrbrook Talent Show

Thank you to all the children who auditioned for the MCSP Talent Show. A special thanks to Ryan in Y6 and Ruby, Maisie, Erin and Alice in Y5 for representing us last night. Many Congratulations to the tap dance group who managed to secure third place – great news again!

Our priorities for 2018

- To install the new trim-trail to continue our improvements at lunchtime and playtime.
- To carry out a new Junior Inspection to extract the views of the children.
- To continue to 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

I continue to be very proud of the children and thank them all for following Buckton Vale Values every day.

Have a lovely Easter with your family everyone.

Yours faithfully,

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