



COVID19 UPDATES

Despite the current pandemic attendance has been excellent. Thank you for your efforts in ensuring your child attends school every day. Our current weekly attendance exceeds 97% regularly.

As always, please don't forget to ensure you let school know, using the together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk **email, if you receive a positive test out of school hours.** This will allow us to check any direct contacts and keep our communities as safe as possible. If your child has a test and is negative, so long as they have no symptoms, they must return to school. Thankfully, tests are now coming back within 24 hours which helps to keep us all safe.

Thank you all again for your continued support,
Mrs Brown

Christmas countdown

We are in the process of creating a Christmas display in school. To help us with this we are looking for tinsel, baubles, battery powered tea lights, Christmas lights or anything sparkly. If anyone has any of these items that they would like donate, please send them into school with your child. Many thanks for your support with this.



Some parents have contacted us with regards to children being able to send Christmas cards to their friends and teachers this year. We are pleased to advise that, yes, they can send cards into school if they wish. From **1st December**, children can bring Christmas cards into their class and place in a box. We can then quarantine the cards before giving them out.

Deadline for our Christmas gift appeal is **Friday 4th December**. So if you have any new toys or gifts you would like to donate to this appeal, please send them into school with your child before this date. Please keep those donations coming in.

Reminder that the Christmas Dinner is on **Wednesday 9th December**, remember to order this online with school grid/live kitchen, as we cannot do this in school. If you have not yet registered for School Grid/Live Kitchen, please contact the school office on 01457 833102 or email admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk

Dolce Snowman Competition 2020

Following last years Snowman Poster Competition, Dolce (School meal provider) as once again running another competition this year.

All pictures are to be handed to your class teacher, who will then pass to the school cook. She will choose the two she thinks are the best and send to Dolce as our schools winning two. This will be done by taking a photo (with the child's name, age and school name attached) and send it to customercare@dolce.co.uk

The overall winner and runners up will be chosen after 27th November and an announcement will be made for the winning school and child week commencing 30th November.

The winner will receive a prize and a pack of Christmas cards with their design. Runners up will also receive a small prize too.



CLOSING DATE IF FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER AT 12 NOON.

Stars of the Week

Whilst we can't hold our Star of the week assembly, we will be announcing class 'Stars of the Week' in the newsletter each Friday and awarding the certificates in class on a Monday.

Reception	Lexi F
Year 1 Silver Birch	Alice W
Year 1/2 Sycamore	Scarlett M
Year 2 Beech	Heidi O
Year 3 Juniper	Ava H
Year 3/4 Ash	Daisy F
Year 4 Oak	Harry H
Y5 Hazel	Whole Class
Year 5/6 Maple	Evelyn C
Year 6 Cherry Blossom	James C-S
Inspire Sports Star	Bradley M

Rockin' Rockstars

A total of 172 children took part in the event and I am delighted to say that as a school we came 684th in the country.

The top 3 classes in the school were:

1st place Hazel Class

2nd place Juniper Class

3rd place Oak Class

A special 'Rock Shout Out' must go to our most 3 valuable players in the school.

Our most valuable player was Kai D with 31,235 points

Our 2nd most valuable player was Sam H with 30,108 points

Our 3rd most valuable player was Edward K with 29,670 points.

With such fantastic dedication, Mrs Brown has said all 3 children will be given a gift voucher as a prize.



Well done to everyone who took part. Remember to keep 'Rockin' your times tables. *Mrs Blake*

Meal Ordering Plea

Can we please remind all parents to order lunches **before 8.55am** each day. We are still having lots of children, especially in KS1, not pre-ordering lunches before coming into school. It would be a good idea for parents to sit with their child and select the preferred meals, as lunchtimes are becoming difficult as some children don't like what they have. A message is also on the class dojo page regarding this because children are going hungry in the afternoon. Unfortunately we don't have anything else to offer them. We thank you, in advance, for your support with this issue.

School Uniform Supplies Online



Due to the National Lockdown MCS Stores, our school uniform provider, have moved all purchases online at www.mcsstores.co.uk For further information please see the latest updates on our school website www.bucktonvale.org.uk

All uniform requirements can be ordered online during lockdown at www.mcsstores.co.uk

MCS Stores, 32 Market Street, Ashton-U-Lyne OL6 6ER

-Home Delivery Available

-Click & Collect Free from Store 11am-4:30pm

-All Uniform Vouchers need to be redeemed in-store which can be done during our Click & Collect opening hours

If you are unable to find what you are looking for online please call MCS on 0161 339 9845

2021 High School applications and new Reception intake DEADLINE

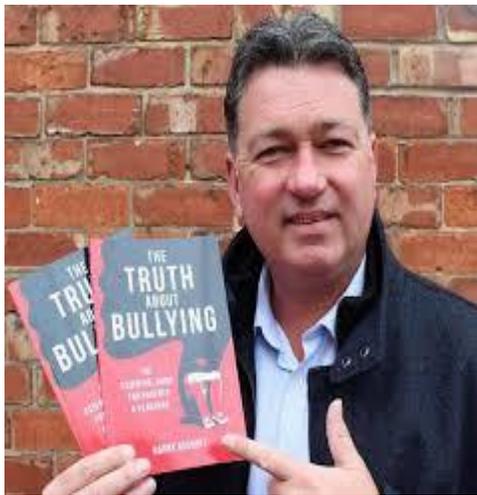
The closing date for high schools applications for September 2021 has now closed. If you have not sent your form in, please contact Tameside Admissions as soon as possible.

For parents who have children starting Reception in September 2021, the closing date for these applications is **15th January 2021** – please make a note of this date.

The applications for primary schools are now all online through Tameside's website

www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions. The website has opened for applications; however remember the closing date is **15th January 2021**.

A webinar with Norry Ascroft – The Truth About Bullying



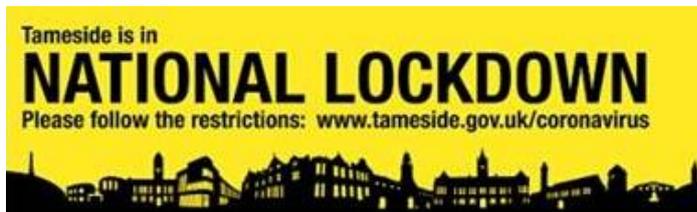
It was lovely to chat to Norry Ascroft author of the book 'The Truth about Bullying' on Wednesday evening. I was a little disappointed with the turn out but understand that 7pm is a difficult time for many of you. I will edit the video and send the link to you all at some point next week. Thank you so much to the parent who emailed me after the webinar with feedback.

'Thank you so much for dedicating your time, what an inspirational chat between the both of you.'

COVID-19 Helpline Opening Hours

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus

Phone: 0800 046 8687



Opening hrs: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

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