



Light at the end of the Tunnel

The Government announced this week that all primary schools will return to the classroom full time on Monday 8th March 2021. We are very excited to invite all our children back to school and we are incredibly proud of everyone's efforts and support during the recent Lockdown. We are definitely ready to bring our school community back together. A letter with further information about our return has been sent out today. Please do take the time to read it carefully.

Please remember to continue to wear your mask and social distance when dropping off and picking up your child. We also kindly ask you all to arrive at the time stated below, this will help keep everyone safe and reduce any risk of bubbles being mixed.

Drop off		Collection	
Reception Year 1 Silver Birch Year 1/2 Sycamore Year 2 Beech	8.40-8.55am Bright Futures Gate	Reception Year 1 Silver Birch Year 1/2 Sycamore Year 2 Beech	3:00pm-3.15pm Bright Futures Gate
Year 3 Juniper Year 3/4 Ash Year 4 Oak	8.55- 9.10am Moorgate Road Gate	Year 3 Juniper Year 3/4 Ash Year 4 Oak	3.15pm-3.30pm Playground as pre lockdown
Year 5 Hazel Year 5/6 Maple Year 6 Cherry Blossom	8.40-8.55am Moorgate Road Gate	Year 5 Hazel Year 5/6 Maple Year 6 Cherry Blossom	3:00pm-3.15pm Playground as pre lockdown

So to summarise what was announced:

8th March Children will return to school – we are so excited to see you all.

29 March Groups of up to 6 people or two households allowed to gather in parks and gardens. Formally organised outdoor sports - for adults and under 18s - can also restart and will not be subject to the gathering's limits.

12th April Shops, hairdressers, gyms and outdoor hospitality, as well as self-contained holiday accommodation. A review of international leisure travel restrictions could also be announced.

17 May Two households or a group of 6 may be able to meet indoors in a pub or other hospitality venue such as restaurants.

Cinemas, museums, hotels, performances and sporting events will also reopen, with up to 30 people able to attend weddings, receptions, funerals and wakes.

21 June Hopefully this will be the final step and we will potentially see all legal limits on social contact removed, with the final closed sectors of the economy reopened.

We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel, and providing all of us continue to follow the current restrictions until the above dates, we should never have to go into a lockdown again.

As always, if we can help you in any way, please email together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

As always, please look after yourselves and each other,
Mrs Brown and your Buckton Vale team

Yr 6 SATs Update

As school life continues to be disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Department for Education has announced changes to KS2 SATs, taken at the end of Year 6, in 2021.

On 6 January 2021 it was confirmed that KS2 SATs will not take place in 2021.

Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, said that the government recognised the primary tests “will be an additional burden on schools and it’s important we are very much focused on welcoming children back to the classroom at the earliest opportunity”.

To reflect the disruption to children’s learning, primary school performance data will not be published in 2021.

This does not mean that we will abandon all assessments but that they will not be externally moderated and teachers will take the time to consider what they should look like, in order to gain an understanding of the best way to support the children on return. We will keep you updated of our planning.

Yr 5 Swimming Update

Swimming will resume w/c 8th March, as the children return to school. As you will be aware we made changes last term so that we could give the best opportunity for all our Yr 5 children. The details of further changes are underway and we will endeavour to contact you about this next week so you are able to suitably plan for your child’s swimming sessions.

Coming soon to BV.....The Masked Reader

Miss Woodhouse was excited to reveal on Tuesday that the Mask Reader is coming soon to Buckton Vale Primary. This is not just for the children who attend; it’s for all children and their parents/guardians. This is to celebrate World Book Week which is happening next week.



Masked Reader

This is very similar to the Masked Singer which you may all have been watching recently on TV. Miss Woodhouse is also hoping it will add some fun to storytelling.

So how will this work... well, next week Miss Woodhouse will upload daily videos of members of staff onto Class Story for you all to comment and guess who you think is behind the mask. Then the following day, the readers will be announced.



And that’s not all... Miss Woodhouse has also been planning a Story Spud competition for you all to take part in too.

Story Spud

As part of World Book Day celebrations we would like to invite the children to enter our ‘Story Spud’ competition where they can decorate/dress a potato as one of their favourite story characters. Entries should be sent into school via a picture on Class Dojo by **Monday 8th March**.



The winner from Reception, Key Stage One, Lower Key Stage Two and Upper Key Stage Two will receive a small prize which will be announced on Friday 12th March

Good luck everyone – we can't wait to see all the characters.

FSM Vouchers for Half Term

We have been informed by The Government and Edenred that their vouchers will end on Friday 5th March. Children, who are entitled to Free School Meals (Benefit related) and have not attended school, should have now received their final voucher. This voucher will cover lunches for this week and next week, ending on 5th March.

Early Years plea for outdoor resources

Our Early Years team would like to ask you for any possible donations to restock our outdoor area due to resources being damaged by weather or age. If anyone has any;

pots, pans, kitchen utensils, plastic plates, cups and jugs
blankets or tarpaulins
guttering pieces and pipes
crates/pallets
ropes



If you have any other donations that you think might be suitable for our outside area please either message us on Tapestry or send an email to Mrs.Lister@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk

Thank you in advance EYFS team

Community Spirit

We had some very proud parents contact us last week. Harry and Joshua decided they wanted to do something with their pocket money to help out other families in the holidays. They bought some food items with their pocket money, as well as adding some donations of food from home. Joshua and Harry then filled shopping bags and donated this to Sandwich Angels, a project that supports families who may be struggling. The lady that ran the project was so pleased and thanked them both for their kindness. She has also added their generosity to their Facebook page with lots of lovely positive messages!



Sandwich Angels

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Special Thank you to two young boys Harry 10 years old and Josh 9 years old from Stalybridge who used their pocket money to help other families in our Community.

Parents have kindly sent us this photo.

We are very grateful and it is heartfelt that Children are helping other struggling Children.

Their parents can be very proud of them

Already the boys donations went immediately out in the food boxes

To contact Sandwich Angels Text 07713973640
sandwichangelsgroup@hotmail.com



Buckton Vale is so proud of you both too. We are sure you were thrilled to receive certificates from Mrs Brown earlier this week. Work like this is amazing, and spreading the love and connection to others. Your attitude to others around you is fantastic. Great work boys!

Have you done something similar or helped an elderly relative or neighbour? If so, please email us, we'd love to hear some positive stories of what is taking place around the area.

JASS Awards

A huge congratulation, to all our current JASS children who are managing to keep their files up to date We are so proud them! Don't forget to let Mr Payne know of any updates.

Does your child attend after school clubs? Are they a member of Scouts, Guides or a Dance group? Or would you be keen to support other projects in the local community? If so, the JASS award could be for them!

We are very keen for our Year 6 children to apply to complete their Junior Award Scheme for Schools at Buckton Vale which they can also carry on with them to High School. It will soon be time to offer this opportunity to Year 5 too.



The JASS Programme is made up of Four Sections

- My Interests**
A new hobby or interest or one, which can be further developed
- Get Active, Stay Active**
Regular involvement in a sport of physical activity
- Me and My World**
A community or environmental project
- Adventure**
A team work challenge through involvement in an outdoor activity

Inter-school Competitions

Despite current restrictions affecting inter-school competitions, we have been thrilled to still be participating in as many physical challenges and tasks as possible.

Many congratulations to everyone that took part! Do not forget that there is currently another inter-school competition up and running - the Tameside Sports Bingo. Send in your results to your teacher via class dojo.

Junior Bake Off Returns



JUNIOR BAKE OFF
...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S
BEST YOUNG BAKERS
AGED 9 - 15
WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 28TH MARCH 2021
Enquiries:
applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

We have been contacted by Charis at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

They are delighted to say that they have recently opened applications for the 7th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

With this in mind, they contacted school in hope that they can help us spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity.

We know that quite a lot of our children participated in some home cooking activities during the last lockdown, so maybe you would like to apply.

Love Productions are looking for young budding bakers between **9 -15 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2021, but our **applications**

close on Sunday 28th March 2021.

Interested bakers can apply online at - WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

Should you require any more information, please contact them directly on **0207 067 4833**

Enquiries: applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk



Tameside ACE is offering FREE online courses to all parents, carers and children's workers living in Tameside (or Greater Manchester). These short courses give participants opportunities to develop a range of skills to support their children whilst remote learning and beyond, and offer a much needed connection to others in these difficult times. Enrolments open now! Enrol on one of our online courses by visiting [TACE Course List \(tamesideglobal.net\)](https://tamesideglobal.net)

Storytelling Skills

Bring storybook characters to life and help children get the most out of story time with our free Storytelling course! It gives you the skills and tools you need to read with expression, use props and explore ideas and activities to make story time a fun and engaging experience for children.

Coping Kit – Building Resilience

If you're struggling with lockdown anxiety and stress this course will inspire you to create your own unique coping kit for you and any children in your family or that you support! Discover ways to reduce anxiety, stress and worry; it's the perfect antidote to lockdown blues.

Introduction to Family Maths

That's not how we did it when I was at school! On this course you will find out how to support your child's learning by exploring some of the tools that primary schools use to teach mathematics. You will use everyday maths activities to promote understanding and enjoyment of maths. This course will help you to develop the confidence to support your children with maths at home.



Are you a parent, carer or children's worker living in Tameside or Greater Manchester?

Would you like to gain new skills to support your children through lockdown and beyond?



Tameside ACE is now offering **FREE** online courses to support families during these difficult times.

Short Online Family Learning Courses (for adults caring for children)

Coping Kit (Building Resilience)

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