



BUCKTON VALE NEWSLETTER

Buckton Vale
Primary School

Summer Term 1 April 2023

Welcome...

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday.

Our newsletter this half-term is full of positivity. What an exciting term spring was with so many children representing the school in various events. We continued our winning streak with the football tournaments, athletics, well-being and science competitions and even the very recent bowling visit resulted in a win from our children. This positive mentality is incredible, and I am so proud of all the children. A thank you must go to the staff who plan, prepare and attend these events often out of hours and to you our parents who are dropping off, picking up and supporting each other. Without this commitment, they wouldn't happen.

I have particularly enjoyed delivering assemblies to the children. Meditation, reading stories and catching up about school life. The children have offered so much feedback about them.

We also welcomed lots of visitors with Gogo Mini Athletics in Year 1, Shakespeare company in Year 5/6, Football freestyler Ash came to show us his skills in assembly and Ryan attended from Empower learning to talk to us about the importance of attendance and award a prize to name but a few.

It was wonderful to see so many of you during our parent's evenings and staff have fed back how positive the meetings went and I enjoyed hearing from some parents how much progress children have made.

This term promises to be as exciting with so many enrichment opportunities planned, and we are all looking forward to it.

As ever, we love to hear your feedback. Please do contact us with any ideas or concerns you have using our together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk email address.



Chicks in EYFS

Children in our reception class were lucky to experience the incubation of eggs and hatching of chicks! It was very exciting and we are happy to report that all ten chicks hatched.



What our classes are doing this term:

Reception:

Next term in Reception our topic will be 'Fairy-tales'. We will answer the questions 'Who is my hero and what do they do? Our class text will be 'George and the Dragon' by Chris Wormell and we will discuss who our favourite heroes are and what special things they can do. We will share some of our best loved traditional tales and talk about what stories our adults enjoyed as children. We will find out about England's Patron, Saint George and learn about how everyday heroes like fire fighters look after us. We will explore and recreate some of the work of the artist Jackson Pollock and discuss the upcoming coronation of King Charles.

Year 1

In maths, we will be focusing on counting in twos, fives and tens and explore multiplication and division through grouping and sharing. Our English work will include free verse poetry and narrative writing based on Traction Man. In Science, we will identify and name a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. We will use our science knowledge on our school trip when we explore the animals at Smithills Open Farm at the end of the half term. Our Computing sessions will be linked to programming. Children will use positional language to programme a floor robot to follow a planned route. Social skills will continue to be an important part of our year 1 curriculum to develop skills such as resilience, independence and communication.

Year 2

This half term, we will be focusing on fractions in our maths sessions. In English, we will be continuing to read The Tin Forest by Helen Ward and writing a diary entry and a recount. Children will continue learning about how plants grow and also start to explore habitats and living things in science. In art, we will continue work on drawing and in DT we will be preparing fruit and vegetables.

In our PE sessions we will be focusing on competitive games. We will continue our learning about India in our geography topic, and will begin to learn about the Victorians in our history lessons towards the end of this half term. Our Computing topic is e-safety, and the children will explore in more detail how to be safe online.

In music, we will learn a new song 'The Sunshine Song' and we will play instruments with this. Our RE topic is 'How do we celebrate special and sacred times?', which will run over the whole Summer term. We will also complete a range of activities linked to the Coronation.

Year 3

In year 3 this term our whole class novel is The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson. We will be using this book to write our own exciting adventure stories. In Maths we will be continuing to explore fractions and money. In humanities we will explore rivers, coasts and mountains of the world and begin to look more in depth at North America. In Design and technology we are learning about pneumatics and seasonal eating and finishing off our programming using scratch in computing. In science we will be completing our states of matter topic with some exciting investigations and then moving onto electricity. We are hoping for some dry weather so we can develop our outdoor adventure skills and work on our orienteering in PE.

Year 3/4

In Maths we will continue with our fractions unit, working on adding and subtracting fractions before moving onto decimal numbers. Our class book this half term is 'Malamander'. We will be writing senses poems.

Our science topic this half term is electricity. We will identify which appliances run on electricity, construct circuits and learn about conductors and insulators. In Geography our topic this half term is Rivers, Coasts and Mountains of the world. In PE, we will be focusing on cricket.

Year 4/5

This half term we will be looking forward to celebrating the historical coronation event. Our book for the rest of the term is called 'The House with Chicken Legs' which will provide us with some super writing opportunities. Year 4 science is electricity and Year 5s are looking at living things and their habitats. We are also going to be designing a steady hand game linked to electricity. We are going to work with Mr. Chesterman and learn some great songs and actions. In computing we are hoping to develop our website skills! In PE we will be working on our cricketing skills.

Year 5/6

This half-term in Year 5/6 Juniper we will be learning about the causes of World War One and exploring what life was like for the soldiers on the Western front. Our class novel this half-term, War Horse by Michael Morpurgo, is linked to our History topic. In maths, we will be multiplying fractions, learning about decimals and percentages, and analysing statistics. Children will be learning about electricity in Science and will be designing and making a game using electrical components as part of DT.

Year 6

Year 6 are currently working hard on preparing for SATS. We wish them all the very best of luck with their tests, but hope that our children know that they are more than a test result. They also have the residential to look forward to. Our class novel for the Summer Term is The Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson. We will be learning about the causes of World War One and exploring what life was like for the soldiers on the Western front. Children will also be learning about electricity in Science and will be designing and making a game using electrical components as part of DT.

Tango's Big Adventure

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 had great fun watching the performance of Tango's Big Adventure. This is an interactive puppet show that supports our relationships education.

Tango the penguin explored the Central Park Zoo meeting a variety of animals and their families. Tango found out that all families are different and that difference should be celebrated.

The performance was full of jokes that made us all laugh. It was full of wonderful quotes such as:

"Families come in all shapes and sizes."

"Friends are the family you choose."

"Imagine how boring it would be if we were all the same."

"All families are different but the one thing that is the same in all families is LOVE"



SENSATIONAL SPORTS

Determination Festival

We had a brilliant time at the Grayston Action Sports centre on 21st April. The children challenged themselves by taking part in bouldering, skate boarding, scootering and trampolines. They showed brilliant resilience when faced with new challenges



GIRLS FOOTBALL

On 9th March 2023 we took part in the 'Biggest ever football session – Let girls play' during the day every girl at Buckton Vale took part in a short football session. It was great fun and the girls really enjoyed being able to own the football pitch! A huge thank you to Mrs Garrigan and her daughter Lucy, Mr Williams and Mrs Lister who supported the event.



On 29th March we were very lucky to receive a visit from Ash Randall the world record holding freestyle footballer. He led an amazing assembly and shared how he got into the sport and his achievements. It was definitely inspiring to hear and some of our children and staff got to try out some of his skills.

EXQUISITE ENGLISH

World Book Day 2023 - Let's Get Cosy with a Good Book

On Thursday 2nd March 2023 we came into school wearing our pyjamas, dressing gowns and onesies to celebrate our favourite bedtime stories for World Book Day.

In our morning assembly, we introduced a whole school focus on the book 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho. Every class completed activities based on the story including drama, art and creative writing.

In the afternoon, classes paired up and shared their stories. This is always one of our favourite parts of World Book Day!

We hope that everyone enjoyed taking part in this year's World Book Day!



Children in Year 5 and 6 also enjoyed a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by the Shakespeare Company. All children became actively involved in the play and were encouraged to explore the motives, thoughts and feelings of the characters. Some children even volunteered to become individual characters in the story. Watch out for Oscar nominations in the future!

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE NEWS:

10-19 March
British
Science
Week
2023



During science week, children in all classes took part in the National Farmers' Union Live programmes and related activities as well as lots of other fun enquiries.

Live lessons

The NFU live lessons took the children on an adventure from the very bottom of the sea, all the way to outer space to explore three puzzling questions linked to the British Science Week 2023 theme of 'connections':

EYFS and KS1 - How are tractors connected to space?

LKS2 - How are pigs connected to jumbo jets?

UKS2 - How are sheep connected to seaweed?



Zoom In, Zoom Out Competition

Lots of children took part in the 'Zoom In, Zoom Out' competition which was held within school, during science week. Children were asked to guess what the zoomed in image was. Popular answers were a CD/DVD, paint or the galaxy. It was a zoomed in image of soap bubbles!

Well done to everyone who took part. Congratulations to our winners who all visited the Dojo shop to choose a prize: Nikhil Y4/5, Heidi Y3/4, Charli Y3/4, Sidney Y4/5 and Mara Y4/5.



British Science Week Poster Competition

The standard of the posters was incredibly high this year. Well done to all the children who entered this year's poster competition. The winners will be announced in the achievement assembly on Wednesday 26th April. Good luck to everyone who entered!

Practical Science Enquiries

There were lots of practical hands on learning with children asking questions and carrying out enquiry-based learning which was lots of fun! Children worked like a variety of scientists and engineers in their investigations. Classes discussed a range of scientists to both raise awareness of diversity in science-related jobs and also to find out about a range of science-based careers.

This included children working as civil engineers testing different shaped towers to find the strongest, testing wool and manmade fibres for waterproofing and exploring chromatography.



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Children's Mental Health Poster Competition

You may remember that there was a poster competition linked to Children's Mental Health Week and the theme was Let's Connect. There were over 1500 entries from all the schools within the trust.

We are pleased to announce that Dorothea was the winner from Buckton Vale and she was invited to Inspire Academy to receive her prize and certificate. She was presented with her certificate by Angela Rayner along with Karen Burns and Leanne Frankish.

The winners posters will be on display at Dukinfield Library for the entirety of April 2023.

We are so proud of you Dorothea!

The Big Sing

Year 3 and 4 went to Mossley Hollins for an event called Big Sing. They sung in front of other schools and took part in a group sing. Well done Year 3 and 4 for a wonderful event.

Manchester United Football Tournament

7 boys from year 3 and 4 attended the Manchester United training ground for a football tournament and they won. Absolutely fantastic result boys. Well done! You should be very proud.



Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Challenge.

On 19th April 6 of our KS2 attended Tameside wellness centre and took part in the Panathlon ten pin bowling challenge. They worked hard and came away with the not only the first place trophy for the session but the also the first place, highest scoring trophy for the whole competition. A special mention to Xander who also came away with a special certificate for joining the 100 club as he scored over 100 points in his game.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May Polling Day—SCHOOL WILL NOT BE CLOSED
ON THIS DAY

Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May - 13th May Key Stage 2 SATS

Friday 26th May NON-UNIFORM Bottle Tombola prizes

Friday 26th May School closes for half-term

June

Monday 12th June School reopens

Monday 12th to 16th June Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Friday 23rd June NON-UNIFORM Box of Chocolates

Date TBC Summer Fair 1pm - 3pm

Monday 19th June Reception Sports Day 2pm

Tuesday 20th June KS1 Sports Day 2pm

Wednesday 21st June KS2 Sports Day 1:30pm

July

Thursday 6th July Moving Up Day

Thursday 6th July Reception Induction afternoon

Thursday 6th July Tameside Secondary Transition Day 1

Friday 7th July Tameside Secondary Transition Day 2

Friday 14th - 16th July Year 6 Weekend Visit to Robin-
wood

Monday 17th July Partnership Olympics

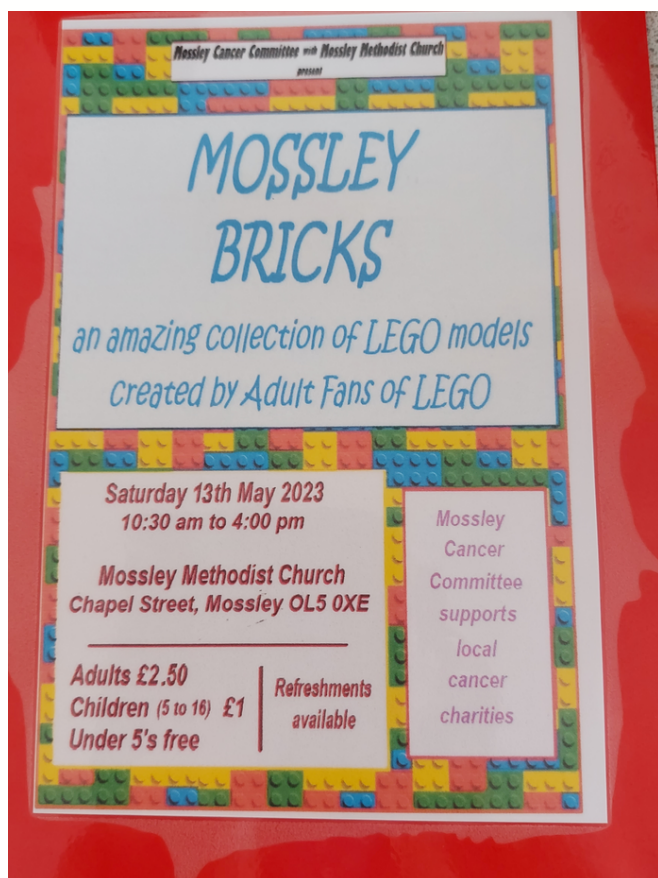
Wednesday 26th July Special Achiever Assembly
2.30pm

Thursday 27th July Year 6 Leavers assembly 1:30pm

Friday 28th July Teacher Training Day - school closed

School closes for summer holidays Friday 28th July

ON IN OUR AREA



Mossley Cancer Committee in partnership with Mossley Methodist Church

MOSSLEY BRICKS

an amazing collection of LEGO models
created by Adult Fans of LEGO

Saturday 13th May 2023
10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Mossley Methodist Church
Chapel Street, Mossley OL5 0XE

Adults £2.50
Children (5 to 16) £1
Under 5's free

Refreshments available

Mossley Cancer Committee supports local cancer charities



Victorious
Academies Trust

Success in education

Our Trust

"As we are a rapidly evolving medium sized Trust this gives schools that join us an opportunity to have a key role in helping to shape the future development of our Trust. One of the key elements of our vision is to have a symbiotic relationship between the Trust and the schools who join us in that they can access our services and we can benefit from the schools in our Victorious family sharing the expertise they have.

Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do across all areas and roles, not just teaching. Our vision is to grow our Trust from within, providing opportunities for existing staff to support and lead the schools alongside welcoming new expertise and innovation to ensure we are constantly developing."

Karen Burns
Chief Executive Officer

Victorious Trust Values

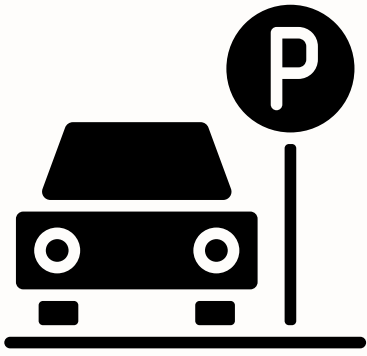
Inspiring – Encouraging all to be as creative and motivating as possible;

Discovering – Seeking opportunities to expand knowledge and experience;

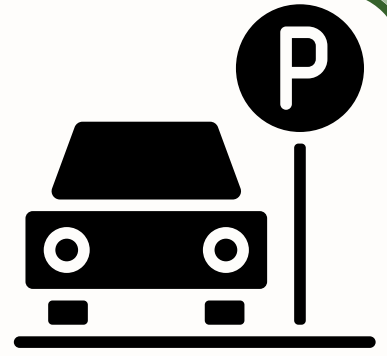
Caring – Providing support and guidance for the whole Trust community;

Improving – Striving to better ourselves at all times; and

Achieving – Teaching to attain aspirational targets.



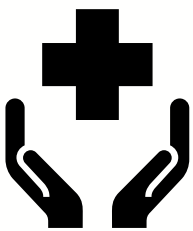
SAFE SCHOOL PARKING



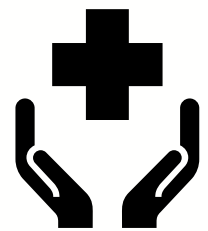
School Keep Clear markings mean no stopping during the time and days specified on adjacent or nearby signs. The markings help prevent vehicles from parking near or in front of school entrances, to ensure safe access for children and parents.

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Children's Medication Procedure



A polite reminder to all parents.



We are only permitted to administer medication to your child if this is prescribed by the Doctor, and contains a prescription instruction label.

Medication forms must be filled in at the School Office for medications to be administered in school.

Any medications not containing a prescription label, will need to be administered by the parent. This can be done by arranging with the School Office to visit the school.

Thank you

Lunch Menu:



Week 1 17th Apr, 8th May, 29th May 19th Jun, 10th Jul	Week 2 24th Apr, 15th May 5th Jun, 26th Jun, 17th Jul	Week 3 1st May, 22nd May 12th Jun, 3rd Jul, 24th Jul
<p>Hand Stretched Margherita or Pepper Pizza (V) Italian Tomato Pasta (VG) Sandwich of the Day (V) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Potato Wedges (VG) (GF), Peas, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V) Vegan Sausage Roll (VG) Sandwich of the Day (V) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Crushed New Potatoes (VG) (GF) Garden Peas, Baked Beans (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Ice Cream (V) (GF) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Hand Stretched Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza (V) Baked Bean & Potato Pie (VG) (GF) Sandwich of the Day (V) Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Potato Wedges (VG) (GF), Sweetcorn, Peas Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>
<p>Oven Baked Sausages Cauliflower Cheese Loaded Yorkshire Pudding (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes (VG) (GF), Cabbage Carrots, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Banoffee Crumble with Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>The Dolce Burger Pasta Neapolitan (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Potato Wedges (VG) (GF), Sweetcorn Pepper Sausage, Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate Flapjack (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Dolce All Day Breakfast Italian Tomato Pasta (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Lemon & Courgette Drizzle Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>
<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Cheesy Pasta (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Skin on Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF), Carrots Roasted Cauliflower, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Blueberry Swirl Cake (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Roast Cammon (GF) Macaroni Cheese (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Skin on Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF), Gravy (VG) (GF) Carrots, Steamed Cauliflower</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>New Potatoes (VG) (GF), Carrots Steamed Broccoli, Gravy (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Ice Cream & Fruit (V) (GF) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>
<p>Cottage Pie Baked Bean Quenadilla (V) (Layered crisp wrap with cheese and beans) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Steamed Rice (VG) (GF), Green Beans, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate Pear Cake with Chocolate Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Beef Exeter (Tender beef mince in gravy topped with savory biscuit) Vegetable Sausage Casserole (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes (VG) (GF), Broccoli, Sweetcorn Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese Bolognese Pasta Bake (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Green Beans, Carrots Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Marbled Sponge & Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>
<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Authentic Vegetable Curry with Wholegrain Rice (VG) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Melting Moments Cookie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Plant Based Jambalaya (VG) (GF) (Cold Spiced Ruffy Rice with Beans) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Poached Pear Crumble with Custard (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Homemade Leek & Pastry Parcel (V) Sandwich of the Day Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings (GF)</p> <p>Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Daily Salad Selection (VG) (GF), Fresh Baked Baguette (VG)</p> <p>Chocolate Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>

Lunch costs will be **£2.55** from 1st April 2023

THE CORONATION

On Friday 5th May, the children will be learning about the royal family and completing a piece of work on a significant British monarch from history.

We are inviting children to come to school dressed as either a King or Queen, wearing red, blue or white or wearing their party clothes.

We would also like to invite parents and carers into the hall for a coffee and a cake morning on the same day. If you would like to donate/make some cakes in preparation for this morning, please can you complete the reply slip below.

Please be aware, there are children with nut allergies within school, so it is essential that any cakes are nut free. Can cakes be dropped off at the office on the morning of the event (fresh cream cakes) or the day before.

We have liaised with Dolce and they have agreed to provide the children with a picnic style lunch (packed lunch) so weather permitting the school will enjoy a royal picnic on the school field. If you require a packed lunch, please can you amend or order in the usual way. Please note, if you have already made your choice for the 5th May, this will need amending.

It would be wonderful if every child made a royal themed hat/crown/bonnet. We are hoping to have a 'Royal Hat Parade' and winners will be chosen from each class.

Friends of Buckton Vale, have kindly agreed to purchase a commemorative bookmark to celebrate this historical occasion.

There is NO expectation for you to buy new clothing or outfits for this event.

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