

Reminders & updates

Christmas Dinner: Don't forget: If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, the cut off point for ordering is 1st December via school grid!

Absences: It's that time of year when the bugs start to appear. If your child feels unwell due to a cough or cold, we ask that they are given Calpol before school, rather than stay off for the full day. Please can we also remind you that absences need to be reported directly to the office, 01457 833102. Lines are open from 8am each morning and the answer machine is available 24 hours a day. If using the answer machine, please can you state your child's name, reason for absence and approximate length of time they may be absent. If the reason "unwell" is given then this will not be authorized. Please also remember to cancel any pre-booked lunch for the days of absence, otherwise you may still be charged.

Message from Mrs Quinn



This week has been an exceptionally difficult time for the Buckton Vale community. I would like to take the time to thank everyone for the heartfelt messages and cards that have been sent in to school. The loss of Mrs Barker has impacted on so many of the community and this shows how loved she was by all of us. We are going to miss her so very much and we are heartbroken for her husband Matt and beautiful boys, Leo and Riley.

The children have done themselves proud since finding out the news and I am extremely proud of them for how they have handled things.

I would also like to thank my amazing team at Buckton Vale - their desire to be here for the children has been second to none. We are a family and we will all help one another get through this together.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Quinn

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

December

Wednesday 4th December	Reception Sing-A-Long 9.15am
Friday 6th December	School Christmas Fair 5pm to 7pm
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Nativity 9.15am / Reception Christmas Party pm
Thursday 12th December	KS1 Christmas Party pm
Tuesday 17th December	Yr3 & Yr4 (Yr groups) Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day (optional)
Thursday 19th December	Yr5 & Yr6 (Yr groups) Christmas Party
Friday 20th December	Whole School Trip to pantomime
Friday 20th December	Special Achievers Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 20th December	School closes for end of term 3.15pm

Stars of the Week



Certificates will be awarded in our assembly next **Friday 6th December at 9am**. We hope you can come along to join us celebrate.

Reception Acorns	Jesse K-G
Year 1 Holly	George A
Year 2 Elm	Edward J
Year 3 Poplar	Jaxon T
Year 4 Chestnut	Grace M
Year 5 Beech	Jasmine B
Year 5/6 Apple Blossom	Logan T
Year 6 Cherry Blossom	James H

Attendance

Very close again this week, but once again our Y6 Chery Blossom have won the attendance!

Class	% Attendance
Reception Acorns	92.95%
Year 1 Holly	94.95%
Year 2 Elm	96.24%
Year 3 Poplar	95.16%
Year 4 Chestnut	97.13%
Year 5 Beech	95.34%
Year 5/6 Apple Blossom	98.8%
Year 6 Chery Blossom	98.4%
Whole School	96%

Wow Work of the Week

Parents are invited to attend our assembly on **Friday 6th December at 9am** so that they can see their child's work. We hope you can come along to join us celebrate.

Reception Acorns	Annabelle L
Yr1 Holly	Trystan K
Yr2 Elm	Chester Q
Yr3 Poplar	Archie L
Yr4 Chestnut	Oscar E
Yr5 Beech	Oscar W
Yr5/6 Apple Blossom	Mason W
Yr6 Cherry Blossom	Isla W

Merit of the Week

As part of our new behaviour system, children can now earn Merits for showing the 3 R's (Respectable, Responsible and Ready to Learn) around school. We draw the winners out during our Friday assembly. Trophy's need to be returned by the following Friday.

Congratulations to today's winners who are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Winner	Isaac M (Year 2)
Key Stage 2 Winner	Isla (Year 3)

Out of School Activities









We pride ourselves in removing barriers to inclusion and enabling lots of children to remain active throughout the year through our offering of weekly sessions for children aged 18 months through to 12 years and also our School Holiday Football Fun Camps which have been extremely popular throughout 2024.

Just before Christmas, we will be running a one-day camp at West Hill School and we can't wait to welcome all the children back for a day jam-packed full of fun. There are 2 ways that parents can secure a place for their child as below:

We have partnered again with Fuel 4 Fun meaning that we can offer funded places to families where the children receive benefit-related free school meals, these places can be booked on EEQU using the link <https://eequ.org/experience/11850>. It would be great if the school could share this information directly with eligible families so they can take advantage.

We also have paid spaces which can be booked using the link below where some key information is also shown...

-  Monday 23rd December 2024
-  West Hill School, SK15 1LX
-  Drop off from 8.45am and collection at 3:30pm
-  £25 per day! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!
-  Boys & Girls aged 5-12!
-  <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/2889>



TAMESIDE LIBRARIES
DUKINFIELD LIBRARY'S STORY TIME
Sit back and listen to some of our favourite stories, then take part in colouring and jigsaw puzzles.
11AM - 11:30AM
DUKINFIELD LIBRARY, CONCORD WAY, SK16 4DB
SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!)
SATURDAY 11 JANUARY
SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY
AIMED AT 3-6 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES
Free, no need to book.
information.direct@tameside.gov.uk
0161 342 4000



TAMESIDE LIBRARIES
SENSORY STORY TIME
Exploring through the senses
SENSORY TOUCH/SEE/SMELL/HEAR STORY ALL ABOUT A PIRATE ADVENTURE
for SEND children and their families
SAT 11TH JAN 11 - 11:30AM
Bookable event at Hattersley Library
Book here
Tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk
information.direct@tameside.gov.uk
0161 342 4000
Large/inclusive space
Session involves loud sounds