



A message of thanks from Mrs Brown

Thank you once again for the many messages of thanks and support we have received from families during the first two weeks of school (*See some of them below & on Twitter*). The children have settled back into learning and into our new the routines incredibly quickly, especially given the length of time they have been away from their classrooms. I'd like to also thank you for the incredible support you have given us in helping prepare your child for school under these strange circumstances. The children and staff are now getting into the swing of the new routine and their new bubbles within school.



Thank you to everyone who has sent back their End of Year Report Parent Comment form. There are some wonderful comments on those, which I have shared with staff.

Remember to check out our Twitter pages and school website for more information and to check back all our letters during the COVID Pandemic. I understand a lot of information is shared and it is often difficult to keep up.

As always, have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Brown



I wanted to acknowledge the huge effort that has gone into pupils returning to school in such a safe and pro-active way. **Parent of a Yr6 Child**

Please can you keep us updated with any new guidance as it seems things change regularly and can be confusing sometimes. **Parent of a Year 3 Child**



Thank you for the information in the newsletter on Friday regarding the COVID checklist. It is the clearest guidance I have seen.

Hopefully it will help other parents know what to do if their child becomes unwell.

Parent of a Year5 Child



Just wanted to phone in and say thank you so much for all you are doing. It cannot be an easy task trying to keep children, staff and parents as safe as possible. Great work! I really do appreciate all you are doing.

Parent of a Year 1 Child

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. We are hoping to post a photograph and the reason why they have been selected our on our class twitter pages each week. If you don't want your child's photograph on the pages, please email the together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk to let us know otherwise we will presume all is ok.

Year 1 Silver Birch	Mila C
Year 1/2 Sycamore	Parker Q
Year 2 Beech	Alfie B
Year 3 Juniper	Penny M
Year 3/4 Ash	Jacob R
Year 4 Oak	Alfie W-E
Y5 Hazel	Nico O-E
Year 5/6 Maple	Nyla W
Year 6 Cherry Blossom	Jay C
Sports Stars	Edward K

Facemasks



We would like to thank parents, carers and grandparents for ensuring that they are wearing facemasks in line with the latest government guidance when arriving and collecting children from school. If there is a day where you forget your mask, don't worry, staff on the gate will have some disposable masks for you to use.

Polite reminders

Please remember that as **from Monday (21st September) the sibling drop off will be at the earlier time at 8.55am** at the Bright Futures gate & children will enter school through the main office entrance. This gate will close at 9am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked late on our registers.

There are also a lot of children still bringing bags into school. Can we please remind you that bags are only needed on **Mondays & Fridays**. Children do not need to bring them in every day.

Healthy Snack appeal

We have also noticed that children are bringing boiled sweets and lollipops as snacks. As a healthy school we only expect children to bring in fruit or cereal/health bars please for snacks. If your child brings in sweets these will be confiscated and disposed of. Please also ensure your child has their water bottle with them every day.

Support request – has your child got everything they need for the day?

We are getting increasing numbers of parents/grandparents dropping off items, which children have left at home, each day. Please ensure that your child has everything they need for their day at school before arriving.

Unfortunately, as COVID cases are rising no adults will be permitted into the building to drop off unless it is an emergency.

Finally, dogs are not allowed on the school premises or the driveway near Bright Futures Day Nursery. We have had an email from the Nursery requesting that dogs are not left unattended as they have needed to clean up the area just beyond the gates.

Mossley Hollins Opening Evening

Mossley Hollins Open Evening: For obvious reasons their open evening will be held differently this year. Mossley have arranged a VIRTUAL ONLINE opening evening. Join them from 6pm on Tuesday 22nd September 2020 to experience Mossley Hollins from the comfort of your own home. They have asked us share the following details:

Visit www.onlineopenevening/mossleyhollins and take a look at our videos to discover more about our fantastic school in the heart of our local community. Meet your future teachers and join us for a virtual tour which explores many aspects of our school.

For more information, open the following link

www.bucktonvale.org.uk/Docs/text/Mossley-Hollins-School-Opening-Evening-Invite.pdf

Have you started your applications to high school? A letter was sent to Year 6 parents on September 8th 2020. The closing date for applications is OCTOBER 31ST. Do not delay completing your application.

School Council Update

Our Year 5 and 6 school council have been looking at ways to improve the Dojo system. They have come up with some wonderful ideas between them. We look forward to sharing these with you, once a final decision has been made.

We have contacted the Friends of Buckton Vale to see if they can help us with some of the cost for the ideas too, as we feel every child will benefit.

Would you have kept your child off school before Covid?

YES

NO

Keep your child off school

Do they have...

1) A new continuous cough?

2) A fever?

(high temperature over 38°C using a thermometer)

3) A complete loss or change of smell & taste?

YES

Keep your child off school and at home

Speak to 119 or go to the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website and arrange for a self-test to be done.

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of the test.

NO

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as cystic fibrosis?

YES

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already seen or spoken to them, or had a letter in the post telling you not to worry.

NO

Children who are otherwise well with...

Runny noses

Sore throats without a fever

Mild colds

Can go to school AS NORMAL

Please inform school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID19.