



## Fire Drill Practice

Today, we practiced a Fire Drill at lunchtime. The behaviour and attitude from the whole school was first class. The children are well rehearsed for Fire Drill practice and understand how important it is to help keep us all safe and I was so proud of everyone putting this into practice at lunchtime – well done to all.

## New planners

Thank you all so much for your positive messages via class dojo about our new planners. We are so pleased you love them and would like to thank you for your efforts using them immediately.

## Feedback

We continue to need your feedback so that we can ensure we are working together to ensure all our children reach their full potential. Soon, we will be in touch via a Survey Monkey to request your feedback on a variety of things we have implemented this term e.g. our new behaviour policy, our planners and class dojo. Please do look out for this on your phones. You can always email us [together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk)

## Important Dates for the Christmas countdown

**Tuesday 1st December** Poet Andy Tooze will join us virtual to share his poems with the children. He promises to engage and entertain us all.

and

Reception Strawberry Class Christmas Party

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** Class Parties for Silver Birch, Sycamore and Beech Classes (Yr1, Y1/2 & Y2)

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** Class Parties for Juniper, Ash and Oak Classes (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** Class Parties for Hazel, Maple and Cherry Blossom Classes (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6)

and

Deadline for our Christmas gift appeal.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Dinner Day (Vegetarian option available)

Please remember this must be booked online in advance through Live Kitchen/School grid. If you have any problems contact the school office on 01457 833102 or email [admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk)



Christmas Virtual Jumper Day and Virtual Concert

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** School closed for the Christmas Break. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021** when school re-opens.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December** Don't forget to participate in bell ringing on your door step at 6pm, why not encourage your neighbours to take part too. Remember to share any video on the class dojo page!

**Some families still have their child's Christmas Cards, tags, gifts etc. outstanding, once we receive these in school they will be sent home immediately. Apologies for the delay.**



## Stars of the Week

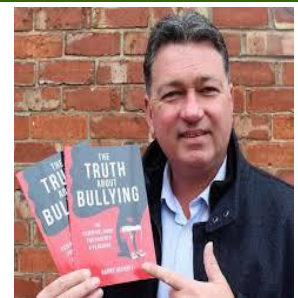
Whilst we can't hold our Star of the week assembly, we will be announcing class 'Stars of the Week' in the newsletter each Friday and awarding the certificates in class on a Monday.

Reception	Bonnie U
Year 1 Silver Birch	Max B
Year 1/2 Sycamore	Emily E
Year 2 Beech	Nyla B
Year 3 Juniper	Charlie B
Year 3/4 Ash	Sam U
Year 4 Oak	Isaac F
Y5 Hazel	Sam H
Year 5/6 Maple	Joel H
Year 6 Cherry Blossom	Oliver U
Inspire Sports Star	Ned McG

## 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. Thank you so much to the parents who emailed me to let me know they had issues logging in.

I will send the new link out via text on Monday so you can watch the webinar when you have the time.



## School Uniform Supplies Black Friday Sale



You will recall that MCS Stores, our school uniform provider, have moved all purchases online [www.mcsstores.co.uk](http://www.mcsstores.co.uk)

They have informed us that due to the current climate & with parents out of work or on furlough, they have decided to hold a Black Friday Event this year, offering 15% Off School Uniform & Workwear should families need to purchase anything, please contact them directly on 0161 339 9845

## Help needed – Finding Ernie.



Have you seen a cat around your garden?

Ernie is one of our pupils cat and he's been missing since Wednesday evening.

We would appreciate you keeping an eye out for him. We would love to find him and return him to his owner.

## New Reception Sept 2021 intake DEADLINE

**If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2021**

- You should put your child's name down at any Tameside Primary School.
- You must apply for a Primary School Reception place online through the Tameside Council website at [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk) ·The closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2021**.

## COVID-19 Update from 2<sup>nd</sup> December

As you will be aware, as of 2<sup>nd</sup> December Grt Manchester incl. Tameside will remain in the Tier 3 Very High Alert. We have listed below the latest information we have received. Please keep an eye on the government website for updates, as we all know these sometimes change from day to day. As always, we ask you to let school know, using the [together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### What to do if I or somebody in my household has COVID-19 symptoms:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Household member with symptoms should get a test
- Whole household self isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform school immediately about test results

**Back to school when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms.**



### What to do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child should get a test
- Whole household self isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform school immediately about test results

**Back to school when child's test comes back negative provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to school, and feel well.**



### What to do if I or somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Whole household self isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)  
Even if someone tests negative during those 14 days.

**Back to school when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days.**



### What to do if my child tests positive for COVID-19:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child self isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)
- Inform school immediately about test results
- Whole household self isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone tests negative during those 14 days

**Back to school after 10 days, once child feels better, and has been fever free for at least 48 hours. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.**





# TIER 3

# VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b> <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b> <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b> <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b> <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b> <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b> <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b> <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b> <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

## Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
 A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste  
**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

