



## COVID19 UPDATES

We have finally reached the end of term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of you a wonderful and peaceful Christmas, in a year that has been so strange and hard in many different ways. The children have all enjoyed a range of Christmas activities and it has been fantastic to see them taking part in crafts, a pantomime (online), singing, reindeers as well as a visit from Father Christmas. The elves landed at Buckton Vale and have kept everyone entertained with their antics; it was amazing to see the joy on the children's faces as they came to school each morning.

May we thank each and every one of you for all your co-operation and support with the many changes to the Covid-19 restrictions. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year for us all.

We wish you all the very best for Christmas and the festive period but as always, please don't forget to ensure you let school know, using the [together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk) email if you receive a positive test even if it's over the Christmas period. This will allow us to check any direct contacts and keep our communities as safe as possible.

The children will return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and we will look forward welcoming them, ready to the start the new term.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Mrs Brown & the Buckton Vale Team

## BV Christmas Concert

Please open the link below to view our Christmas Concert

<https://www.bucktonvale.org.uk/index.php/christmas-virtual-concert-2020-audio>

## Final Surprises for Buckton Vale



The children had a couple more surprises this week. On Wednesday morning the whole school watched Cinderella virtual pantomime. Laughter could be heard around the corridors, so we feel the children enjoyed it, we know the staff did.

In Year 4, Buddy had created a zip wire line for himself and his friends. At the end of it was an online ticket inviting the class to watch Cinderella. We all got into the panto spirit shouting 'Oh no it's not' etc. It was so lovely to watch a pantomime and the children, as they joined in all the festive fun, even though it was in a very different format!



The final surprise was a special visit from Alfie's Dad, Jon Courtenay. Jon came into school to do a live performance for the school. Due to social distancing and Covid restrictions, we had to live stream it via video link to the whole school. Alfie's class were chosen to sit and watch Jon perform live.

The children have loved our little elf visitors in their classrooms and have been excited every day to find out what they had been up to during the night.

## Festive Activities



One night, Little Jimmy, Yr5.6 Elf had made his way into the Office and helped himself to all their biscuits and the chocolates! Mrs Cox was not a happy lady when arriving at school to find crumbs and chocolate wrappers on her desk. Things got even worse, as Jimmy didn't replace them before leaving school!

Yr2 Beech has been extremely busy too doing lots of different Christmas activities. They celebrated Christmas Jumper Day by wear their Christmas jumpers and making a Christmas decoration to represent this.



LKS2 have designed and made Christmas decorations which they are really proud of.

They have also made calendars linked to their Romans topic which have roman numerals (2021) and a tessellating design. Don't they look great.



# Gifts from Glossop

Players and coaches from all age groups at Glossop North End have been doing their bit to help local families in need over the festive period.

Glossop North End Community Club and Glossop North End AFC first team players and coaches worked together to support Glossopdale Foodbank, by delivering great Christmas hampers and other goodies last week.

They were collected by teams from the club's under-overs all the way through to the first team, with each team supplying items in giant bags. They will undoubtedly make a real difference to many families across Glossopdale at what can be a difficult time of year.

Club fundraiser Helen Thornhill said: "It was great to see so many of our teams and the first team come together to support this fantastic local support group."

"Glossopdale Foodbank will now distribute these bags of Christmas treats to local families in need. We hope they bring a smile to lots of people's faces and huge thanks to everyone who helped make this happen."

Glossopdale Foodbank has thanked the club for all of their efforts.

They said in a Facebook post: "From everyone at Glossopdale Foodbank, thank you to every member of our teams and the first team at Glossop North End Community Club who made this fantastic donation possible."

"We will make sure these are distributed to families in need in time for Christmas."

A special thank you to brothers Cal, Zak and Dylan from the under-sevens for coming to the foodbank to help deliver the gift bags.



CHRISTMAS GOODIES: Cal, Zak and Dylan from Glossop under-sevens with the festive treats.

The Needham brothers have been involved with their football clubs foodbank. The boys play for Glossop North End Juniors, and all the teams have been busy collecting donations and then delivering goodies to families in need.

## Drop In Centre – Ashton U Lyne



This is a drop-in that young people and families can attend to receive advice and support regarding their mental health and wellbeing. We will be open again on the 7th January 2021.

If your circumstances are changed with the current pandemic, or you are finding things hard to deal with, please contact school, in confidence, using the [together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk) email. Please do not feel alone, we are here to help.

There are also local food banks helping many people over the festive period. All emails will be dealt with in the strictest confidence, so please do contact us if you need any help.

## Mossley Partnership Debate

The below topics are some of the ideas for the next Mossley Debate.

Are you interested in taking part in the Mossley Partnership Debate? Do you have what it takes to give your opinion constructively? Are you willing to spend time researching an area of interest? Are you willing to use some time at lunchtime to practice your skills?

1. Vaccines are the most important way to help control disease
2. We should be doing more to end hunger in the UK and around the world.
3. All statues associated with slavery should be removed and replaced in the UK
4. Only scientific research should be allowed to take place in Antarctica.
5. Music is an essential way to boost young people's well-being.
6. Countries need to do more to look after their insect and bee populations.
7. Social media is having a negative effect on young people's lives
8. Should we be leaving the European Union?

Please write to me to let me know you want to be considered for the next debate team. All children who write will be considered for the Buckton Vale debate team. Your letter should include why you think you would be a great team player and which of the above topics interest you. Deadlines for the letter are **Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020**.

## 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	Harriet B
Year 1 Silver Birch	Oscar F
Year 1/2 Sycamore	Nikhil W
Year 2 Beech	Rosie H
Year 3 Juniper	Isabella P
Year 3/4 Ash	Victoria V
Year 4 Oak	Alice M
Y5 Hazel	Dylan B
Year 5/6 Maple	Lily H
Year 6 Cherry Blossom	The Whole Class
Inspire Sports Star	Charlotte T

## New Reception Sept 2021 intake DEADLINE is fast approaching

**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**.

