



Preparation for the full opening of school

I just want to start by say well done to each and every one of you for the hard work and commitment you have put into what has been a very difficult and stressful time for us all. Thankfully we are finally able to reopen our school gates once more and look forward to the children returning to school on Monday morning.

We will have many anxious children and parents but I want to reassure you that staff have been working hard to provide opportunities for these to be addressed within the right setting and context and it is with great pleasure that they are returning for British Science Week which you will find more later in the newsletter.

Here's a reminder of the drop off and collection times:

| Drop off | | Collection | |
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| Reception Year 1 Silver Birch Year 1/2 Sycamore Year 2 Beech | 8.40-8.55am Bright Futures Gate | Reception Year 1 Silver Birch Year 1/2 Sycamore Year 2 Beech | 3:00pm-3.15pm Bright Futures Gate |
| Year 3 Juniper Year 3/4 Ash Year 4 Oak | 8.55- 9.10am Moorgate Road Gate | Year 3 Juniper Year 3/4 Ash Year 4 Oak | 3.15pm-3.30pm Playground as pre lockdown |
| Year 5 Hazel Year 5/6 Maple Year 6 Cherry Blossom | 8.40-8.55am Moorgate Road Gate | Year 5 Hazel Year 5/6 Maple Year 6 Cherry Blossom | 3:00pm-3.15pm Playground as pre lockdown |

Please remember, if we can help you in any way, just email together@bucktonvale,tameside.sch.uk and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

As always, please look after yourselves and each other,
Mrs Brown and your Buckton Vale team

Safeguarding Update

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online?utm_source=25%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19



Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online - GOV.UK

If your child has been a victim of child sexual abuse – online or offline – and you believe they are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police.

www.gov.uk

Car Parking

As school fully reopens on Monday, we kindly remind all parents/carers who bring their children to school by car, to be mindful of others at drop off and pick up times please. As you are aware parking has been an issue for our school for some time now. Parents are asked not to park on Bright Futures Nursery, as they need the spaces for their parents and many of our children will be using the Bright Future gate entrance to enter school.

As the weather improves it might be nice to park further away and walk to school as this would help ease congestion and the environment.

Environmental issues have been mentioned previously and linked to this we are pleased to announce a competition to help resolve some of these issues.



We want children to think of the reasons why using the car to get to school is harmful, how parking close by school affects everyone. So as well as designing a STOP sign to be located near the roundabout on Swallow Lane/Buckton Vale Road, we are inviting children to design a banner. The winning designs will be made into PVC banners to be placed around the area for people to see.

These banners must be eye catching and explain why parking away from the area is better for everyone.

Maybe you can think of a catchy slogan or poem. We ask you to use an A4 size sheet of paper for your design. All designs must be returned to school by Friday 19th March. Please ensure your name and class are on the BACK of the design. Winners will be chosen before the Easter break. We will have a winner from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. So get your design caps on and be creative.

Dolce School Meals

If you are ordering a school lunch, please remember to order before 8.55am on the day. The website is www.live-kitchen.co.uk and not the Eduspot/school money app. Meals are also paid for direct to Dolce/live-kitchen via their website. We are a cashless school and therefore cannot accept any cash that is brought into school.

It's a good idea for parents and children to choose meals together, as there have been a few instances of children wanting to change at the last minute which isn't possible. As you will appreciate, ingredients are ordered in advance to ensure that deliveries are made in time, therefore whatever is selected for your child should be something they like.

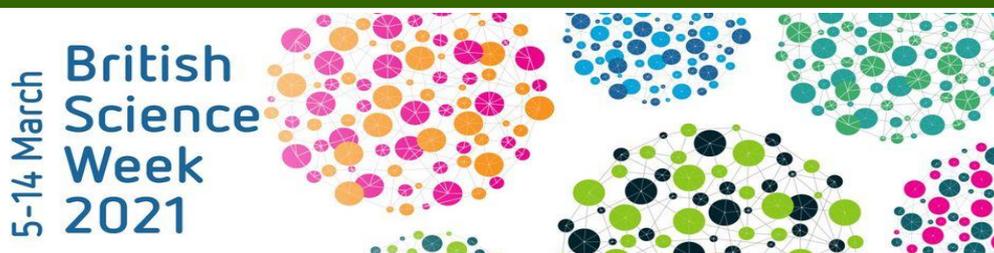
Year 5 Swimming

Swimming will resume next week. The changes made last term will remain in place so that we continue to give the best opportunity for all our Yr5 children. Children in Miss Ingram's class will be going swimming on Wednesday 10th March and a letter with further information regarding the rest of the year will be sent out next week.

Transition/Moving Up Days

This year the Yr6 Transition Days and Moving up days will be take place on **Thursday 1st July and Friday 2nd July.**

British Science Week



When the children return to school next week they will be taking part in lots of fun activities for British Science Week. British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 5th - 14th March. This year, the theme is 'Innovating For The Future!' What an exciting week to start us back for learning at school with our class mates!

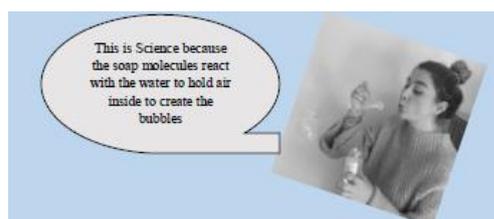


Science Selfie Competition

Email a photo of yourself enjoying science outside of school. It could show you doing an activity at home, a visit to see something with science or finding science outside or in your garden. Be as creative as you like to present your idea/create a poster and use the caption '**This is science because...**'

Emails should be sent to admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk **for the attention of Mrs McQuillan by Friday 19th March.** Remember to include your name and class. Please make sure that your adult knows that you are entering and gives permission for your photo to be shared on Class Dojo and the school newsletter. There will be a small prize for the winner from EYFS/KS1 and KS2.

Have fun and good luck everyone - we can't wait to see your selfies!



World Book Day Activities continue

As you will be aware, World Book Day has been celebrated though out school all week. To continue the celebrations, next week everyone is invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas on Friday 12th March.



I am sure you will all agree that Miss Woodhouse has done an amazing job organising all the fun events to allow us all to enjoy World Book Week together. The Masked Storyteller has been a great hit with everyone. Take it off, Take it off, Take it off has certainly been a highlight everyone will remember! The staff have loved reading everyone's guesses!



THANK YOU MISS WOODHOUSE (or should we say Shrek!)



Don't forget Story Spud too! The deadline has been extended until Wednesday 10th March, so get your entries uploaded.

All children still have time to enter our 'Story Spud' competition where they can decorate/dress a potato as one of their favourite story characters.

Entries should be sent into school via a picture on Class Dojo by **Wednesday 10th March.**

The winner from Reception, Key Stage One, Lower Key Stage Two and Upper Key Stage Two will receive a small prize which will be announced on Friday 12th March.



Sports Bingo

Mr Payne has received a number completed Bingo cards and is aware that some of you have sent them directly to Tameside Sports. Well done everyone for taking part and even completing the previous Bingo cards!

They next FIVE Bingo cards for you to complete by 26th March 2021 were uploaded onto the school Class dojo on Tuesday (2.3.21) The five sports are: gymnastics, dodgeball, fitness, netball and tennis.

Good luck with the new challenges! Remember, a full house gets you a medal.

Early Years plea for outdoor resources

Thank you to the parents who have already been in touch with donations for our Early Years outdoor area.

If anyone else has any of the following, these would be really appreciated and gratefully received:

pots, pans, kitchen utensils, plastic plates, cups and jugs

blankets or tarpaulins

guttering pieces and pipes

crates/pallets

ropes



If you have any other donations that you think might be suitable for our outside area please either message us on Tapestry or send an email to Mrs.Lister@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk

Thank you EYFS team

A message from our News Editor Nell

Hi Everyone,

Here are my top 3 most unbelievable facts that you should know!

1) Pirates don't really say "Arrr!" It was because in the Disney film of Treasure Island the actor playing the pirate had a West Country accent and this made it sound like they did!

2) The famous fashion designer Coco Chanel was the first woman to make wearing trousers fashionable.

3) The famous space landing saying "Houston we have a problem" was never actually said. It was actually "OK Houston we've had a problem here". It doesn't quite have the same ring to it, don't you agree?

Now for my top 5 favourite riddles that bamboozle your brain!

1) You are stranded with three rooms. The first room is full of hungry lions which haven't eaten in days. The second is full of venomous snakes. The third is a room with windows and lots of magnifying glasses that will burn you if the sun catches them. Which door do you choose? Answer: Wait until night then pass through the door with the magnifying glasses.

2) When does the cart always come before the horse? Answer: When they are in the dictionary.

3) What travels the world but always stays in the corner? Answer: A stamp.

4) How many apples can you fill in an empty tub? Answer: One - after that it's not empty anymore!

5) What can you serve but not eat? Answer: A tennis ball.

I hope you enjoyed my riddles. See you next week, hope you are all well

Looking forward to seeing you all next week, have a lovely weekend.