

**COVID Updates**

It's been an extremely challenging week this week at Buckton Vale with a rise in positive cases within the school. As we previously advised, all after school clubs are now cancelled until the New Year. With just two weeks left of this half term, we aim to keep children in school for as long as possible, therefore we ask that if your child is feeling unwell or has any covid symptoms, you book a PCR test and keep your child at home until you receive the results. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Remember if your child is absent for any reason, you must contact the office on 01457 833102 to explain the reason for absence. We are aware some parents have been sending messages regarding absences over Class Dojo direct to the teacher, but with staff absences these messages may not be getting through to the office. This week we have faced an incredibly difficult period with ten staff members absent. Therefore, as we ask that you contact the school office directly leaving an answer phone message or via together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk. Also, remember to cancel any prebooked school meal before 8.55am on the day of absence.

Stars of the Week

Stars of the week will still be announced in class every Monday, until we can resume the assemblies.

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| Reception Acorns | Brody C |
| Year 1 Silver Birch | Jack K |
| Year 2 Sycamore | Kaylan E |
| Year 2 Beech | Aoife-Mai Mc |
| Year 3 Hazel | Charli C |
| Year 3/4 Rowan | Bradley C |
| Year 4 Juniper | Alex A |
| Y5 Maple | Annabel P |
| Year 5/6 Oak | Matthew J |
| Year 6 Cherry Blossom | Faye B |
| Inspire Sports | Aila H |

Cool Milk

A lot of children have been leaving their milk each day. If your child is registered for milk, can you please check with them that they still require this on a daily basis. This week alone, 37 bottles have been thrown away. If they no longer require the milk, can you email the office at admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk to advise and they can be removed from the list. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

IMPORTANT - Time to Apply – DEADLINE JANUARY 15TH 2022**Admission to Primary School – September 2022**

If your child is due to start Primary School in September 2022, you will need to apply for a school place. As a Tameside resident, you should apply using the online application form, which is available on the School Admissions pages of Tameside's website at the following address

www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions

If you do not have access to the internet, all Tameside libraries have computers where you can use the internet free of charge for up to one hour per day.

The closing date for application forms is **15th January 2022**. Any applications submitted after the closing date will be treated as 'late' and will not be processed until after those submitted on time.

Christmas & Half Term Clubs

Only 2 weeks left of this half term!

Christmas is just around the corner and this year the kids are breaking up on 17th December 2021 which leaves over a week before the big day trying to juggle work, entertaining the children, getting those last minute presents sorted and much more I'm sure.



Let Inspire Sports Coaching Ltd help you out with the childcare, due to a demand from parents and carers we have decided to run our **OFSTED Registered Inspire Active Camps** from our base at Buckton Vale Primary school.



◆ Monday 20th December - Wednesday 22nd December.

◆ Drop off from 9:00am and Pick Up at 3:00pm.

◆ Early drop offs and late pickups available

◆ Sibling discount and Childcare Vouchers Accepted

If you would like to book please use the link below. 🍷 🏀 🎮 📺

<https://inspire-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk>

Reminder of Dates Reminder

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| Wednesday 8th December | Christmas Dinner – whole school |
| Thursday 9th December | EYFS Party 1:30pm (Reception) |
| Friday 10th December | KS1 Party 1:30pm (Yr1 & Yr2) |
| W/c 13 th December | EYFS & KS1 Nativity Link will be sent to relevant parents |
| Monday 13th December | Years 3 and Y4 Party (YEAR GROUPS) |
| Tuesday 14th December | Years 5 and Y6 Party (YEAR GROUPS) |
| Tuesday 14th December | Christmas Musical Evening (Partnership) |
| Wednesday 15th December | Special Achievers Assembly 2.30pm |
| Friday 17th December | Christmas Jumper Day (optional) |
| Friday 17th December | School closes for Christmas Holiday |
| Wednesday 5 th January 2022 | School re-opens (Tuesday 4 th January 2022 is an inset day) |

Community News

In the Spot Light



Alfie heard an advert on the radio and asked if he could take part in No Sugar November. Alfie has gone 30 whole days without a single sweetie! Alfie raised £121 for the Alzheimer's Society. Well done Alfie what a wonderful challenge to take part in.