



BUCKSTONES

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 12th. February 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you to **all** our families for your continued support during this half term. Firstly a huge thank you to all of those families at home who continue to juggle home schooling, work and home life - an enormously challenging task for any family and one that is really appreciated and acknowledged by all the staff in school.

Thank you also to those pupils in school for the way you have adapted to the strange environment we find ourselves working in. To every pupil, whether in school or at home I cannot praise you enough for the continued effort and high standards of learning you have continued to demonstrate. The uptake and participation in the Zoom sessions has been amazing. These have been really important and valuable sessions, which everyone has looked forward to as an opportunity not only for direct teaching but an opportunity to bring each class together and



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

engage with peers and adults in school.

My sincere thanks goes to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to manage the blended learning for those pupils at home and in school. Frequently responding to work and messages on Tapestry well into the evenings and at weekends. For the way that staff have continued to maintain the high levels of additional precautions necessary in school to keep everyone safe whilst ensuring pupils emotional and mental wellbeing remains at the heart of our school ethos.

We look forward to the time when we can welcome back all of our pupils. We are expecting to hear further news about a possible planned return to school on 8th March in the next few days. The Government have promised to give Head teachers and schools two weeks' notice of this to allow schools time to plan appropriately. As always, as soon as I hear anything, I will work through the guidance and expectations and then inform parents of our plans.

It was great to see so many pupils 'dressing to express' themselves last Friday when they wore brightly coloured clothes. It is lovely to see some of their photos on our school website. Over half term I hope you are able to go for walks and find some of the amazing hearts the children



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have made and displayed in their windows. I look forward to hearing how many have been found.



DURING HALF TERM:

**IMPORTANT: REPORTING POSITIVE CASES SATURDAY 13th FEBRUARY UNTIL
WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY**

Please note, should your child or a member of your household test positive during the half term break, between the dates of Sat 13th - Wed 17th February please inform school IMMEDIATELY via e-mail on info@buckstones.oldham.sch.uk. Please state who has tested positive, name, date of birth and postcode. The date on which the test was taken and the onset date of their illness if there are symptoms. Please also provide a contact telephone number. I will check the office e-mail daily on these dates between 10am - 2pm.

Please take care.

Kind regards

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