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Welcome



From the Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body I am pleased to be able to inform you that following a rigorous interview process involving all governors, an existing Head and the Local Authority, the school has appointed Mr David Sansom as Headteacher.

River Bank now has a very strong and solid leadership team that will enable us to continue to develop the school.

From Mr Sansom

I am delighted to be able to write to you for the first time as new headteacher of River Bank Primary School. I have been made to feel extremely welcome during my visits so far and feel privileged to be joining your school community.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with Mrs Trainor, pupils and staff. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Trainor for the amazing work she has done in the school so far and for helping to make my transition a smooth and exciting experience.

My priority as headteacher is to ensure that River Bank Primary becomes an excellent school. This excellence, I hope, will be judged not only on what our pupils achieve but also the experiences that are available to them. Our school will be a place where pupils achieve their full potential in their academic, physical, creative, personal, moral and spiritual development.

Furthermore, I hope to build on pupils' character development so that the Olympic and Paralympic values underpin everything we do. These values will have a huge impact as your child grows up.

Working in partnership with parents is vital for children to have a positive and rewarding experience and I thank you in advance for all of your support.

I am sure I will meet many of you at the school gates before and after school each day. My door is always open so feel free to come in at any time to have a look at what we are doing or for an informal meeting. With my best wishes, David Sansom.

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Sport's Day

Monday 17th July dawned bright and sunny, just perfect, and what an exciting day it was - Sports day for the reception classes in the morning, Gail Emms MBE, taking a whole school, very motivational, assembly after lunch and then sports day for the rest of the school. Inspired by Gail Emms, (badminton champion, silver medal winner in the 2004 Olympics and gold medal winner in the World Championships 2006) everyone strived to do their very best to gain points for their House Team, demonstrating skills over a variety of activities ranging from the sack race to the sprint.

Not to be outshone by the pupils, the teachers, mums and dads also demonstrated their keenness to join in the spirit of things. Well done to all the children, who did their best and cheered their team mates on and a huge thank you to all the parents, families and friends who came along to support the children

The result of the inter house competition was extremely close with only two points separating first and second place.

Winning House Team on the day was Jessica Ennis-Hill house with 1,872 points

2nd place Mo Farrah house with 1,870 points

3rd place Ellie Simmonds with 1,758 points

4th place Usain Bolt house with 1,715 points

Looking forward to next year already.

Mrs Alker, PE Lead



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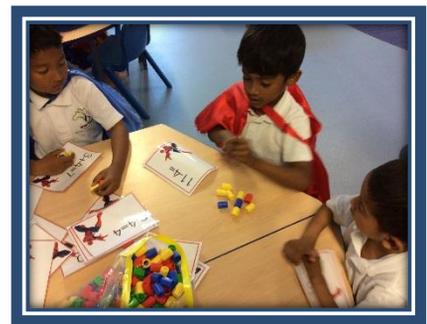
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Reception

This half term, we have been learning all about animals. We really enjoyed using our nature area to become nature detectives and investigating what we can find. We used magnifying glass, binoculars and spades to dig and search. We were happy to find lots of bugs including ants, spiders, pond skaters and even a centipede.

We all like to celebrate and this half term has given us at River Bank Primary lots of things to celebrate. We have been learning all about festivals in different cultures and religions. We loved coming into school in our traditional party clothes and learning about party food, dress and games from around the world. We have also been celebrating our achievements this year and looking into the future. We have had visits to our new classroom and met some of the adults that will be in our class.

We in reception, cannot believe how quickly this term has gone and that it is nearly time to say goodbye. We are so proud of all the children in EYFS and wish everyone all the best in year one.



Year 1

This term in year 1, the theme was Summer Spectacular. We linked our learning to the Luton Carnival. In English, we wrote persuasive letters and acrostic poems. In maths, we have been exploring capacity. The children really enjoyed looking at rhyming words and using descriptive language. In history, we compared past and present carnivals. They were able to locate the route of the carnival using street maps. In science, pupils used their senses to write diary entries about visiting a carnival by exploring what they would see, smell, taste, feel and hear. Year 1 pupils have presented and performed fantastic class assemblies throughout this term.

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Year 2

In year 2 we have been learning all about Our Wonderful Word. We were lucky enough to visit Whipsnade Zoo to explore the different animals and the environment they live in. The children then applied their learning to write excellent recounts about our trip.

Year 2 children have also been able to develop their knowledge and skills when using computers. We have learnt how to make sure we are safe when using the internet and have used the internet safely to carry out research and find out new information.

We have also had a Design and Technology day where we explored and evaluated a range of different biscuits before designing and creating our own. We had lots of fun and enjoyed using our maths skills by weighing out the different ingredients accurately!



Year 3

The Awesome Americas topic has been thoroughly enjoyed by all of year 3 this term. We have been busily working on our art and DT skills, designing and making our very own (incredibly colourful) totem poles. We took these with us on our 'fabulous finish' visit to the English school of Falconry to show the America Bald Eagles our hard work. The children had a fantastic visit and saw a great number of species native to the Americas, even getting a chance to hold some of them.



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Clubs

We shall be starting the new school year with a range of clubs. Letters informing you more about these will be sent out in the first week of next term.

Attendance



We have been working hard on our attendance. Well done to Robin class for being the first class to achieve 100% attendance.

Every child who has been at school every day this term has received a special 100% attendance badge.



From everyone here at River Bank, we hope you have a wonderful summer holiday. Thank you for all your support this year and we look forward to a fabulous school year to come. See you on September, 5th.

Mrs Trainor – Acting head teacher

Key Diary Dates

Autumn term starts - 5th September
Half term - 23rd to 27th October
Autumn Term ends - 20th Dec 2017

Spring Term starts – 4th Jan 2018
(Training Day – 3rd Jan)
Half Term – 12th -16th Feb 2018
Spring Term ends – 29th March 2018

Summer Term starts – 17th April 2018
May Day holiday – 7th May 2018
(Training Day – 16th April)
Half Term – 29th May – 1st June 2018
Summer Term ends – 20th July 2018
(Training Day – 15th June)

At the start of September, we shall be sending out a letter with key dates for your calendars. This will include parent consultation sessions and NEW class assemblies for the summer term.

Meet the teacher

Tuesday 5th September 3pm - Year 1
Wednesday 6th September 3pm - Year 2
Thursday 7th September 3pm - Year 3
Friday 8th September 3pm - Year 4
Please come in through our community entrance to the school hall. You will be welcomed here by the year team and then taken to your child's classroom.

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