

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Welcome Back

Welcome to River Bank Primary School's September newsletter. A newsletter will now be published on a monthly basis as a way of sharing our news. Pupils have settled in extremely well to their new classes and have made a great start to their learning in the autumn term. If you would like to discuss the progress your child is making at any time, do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or come to the main office to make an appointment to see one of the senior leadership team.

Luton Adult Learning

Many of you would have noticed that Luton Adult Learning have been using our site since the start of the new term. They approached us over the summer to see if we could accommodate them in our building while they waited for their new premises to be ready. We were more than happy to support our colleagues at Luton Adult Learning. Please be assured that adult learners are completely separated from our pupils and have no access to the main school building. Our pupils' safety has not been compromised in any way. We look forward to working along side Luton Adult Learning this year and hope to benefit from some of their expertise while they are on site.

Staffing Update

We are pleased and excited to welcome lots of new staff to River Bank Primary this term. One of our main targets for this year is to keep staff the same so that our pupils get consistent teaching over a long period of time. Miss Bernard (Wrens), Miss McMillan (Owls) and Miss McGovern (Fox) have joined the teaching team from other schools and Miss Lass (Starlings), Mrs Sowinska (Squirrels) and Miss Ahmed (Larks) take responsibility for a whole class. Miss Warren, Mrs Bugler, Mr Dasilva, Miss Mahmood and Miss Akthar have also joined us as teaching assistants. In addition, we have recently appointed Miss Shan as finance assistant, Mrs Raza as an assistant family worker and Mrs Mougharbel and Mrs Shaheen as teaching assistants. We look forward to working with them when they all start during October.

Dropping Off Pupils by Car

We are very concerned about the safety of our pupils when they are being dropped off or collected from school. Many parents stop on the zigzag lines or park on double yellow lines. All of this makes Bath Road very dangerous and puts pupils in considerable danger. We have invited the council to visit and make suggestions as to how we can improve this. In the mean time, we will be working with Sustrans (a sustainable transport charity) to help pupils walk, cycle or scoot to school as well as having regular visits from the council's traffic wardens. Additionally, a barrier will be going up so that the main car park can only be accessed by school staff.

Key Dates:

Please find below a list of important dates for you to be aware of this term.

3 rd October	Parents' evening
9 th – 13 th October	Assessment week
23 rd – 27 th October	Half term
21 st December – 2 nd January	Christmas holidays
3 rd January	Teacher Training day

Out of School Hours Learning

We are pleased to be able to offer a huge range of after school clubs as well as activities pupils can get involved in before school and at lunchtime. There are still some places available in the following clubs. Please see Miss Gannon before or after school if you are interested in your child attending.

Monday	Singing (all years)
Tuesday	Dance (years 1 and 2) and multi-sports (years 1 and 2 am and pm)
Wednesday	Multi-sports (years 1 and 2 am and pm), football (years 3 and 4), dance star years 1 and 2), EYFS activity and my book blog (years 2, 3 and 4)
Thursday	Tag rugby (years 3 and 4), EYFS multi-sports (am and pm) and gymnastics (years 3 and 4)

Homework club has **moved to a Thursday** – this runs from after school to 16:00 in Kingfisher class. This session is designed for parents and children from all year groups to attend **with your children** in order to get support from staff.

Uniform

River Bank Primary uniform will no longer be on sale from the school site from after the October half term. You will be able to order it on line at www.prestigedesignww.co.uk or it can be bought from Luton's indoor market at Ricky's fashions.

Attendance

Improving pupils' attendance at school is one of our main targets this year. If your child's attendance falls short of our high standards it is likely that the school will contact you. Parents of pupils who take unauthorised holidays or who have other unauthorised absences could be subject to fines set by the local authority.

School Dinners

Please call in to the school if you are unable to log on to Tucasi to order school dinners. All parents need to be registered as we no longer accept cash or orders at the school office. We will be holding parent workshops to give you more information on Tucasi.

Cleaner Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner working 2 hours per day, Monday – Friday during term time only. Please call in to the office for more information, a job description and an application form.

Our Olympic value for October is RESPECT