

## Dear River Bank parents and carers

Thank you all very much for your brilliant support this half term. I have really enjoyed meeting lots of you at the gates and have found some of your feedback really useful. To allow for an additional opportunity for you to share your feedback; I have set a time and date for an informal meeting in which I would like to give you an update on how the school is currently performing and discuss our vision for school improvement. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this event in the main hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> November at 14:15-15:15. I look forward to seeing you then.

David Sansom

## Social Media – follow us on Facebook and Twitter

In order for us to keep you better informed about what is happening at River Bank Primary School we have set up Facebook and Twitter accounts for you to follow. We hope that using social media will give you up to date information about what is happening in our school.



Follow us on Twitter @riverbankluton



Follow us on Facebook by searching River Bank Primary

## Dropping Off Pupils by Car

Richard Noon from Sustrans recently visited Fox and Otter classes to discuss how they travelled to school and how they would like to travel to school in the future. 85% of pupils in year four would like to walk, cycle or scoot to school. If they all did this; it would represent a really important change in habits; make pupils healthier and help the environment. We will be carrying out more work to support this initiative. **In addition, the school car parks will be unavailable for parents to use after half term – the gates will not be open before and after school apart from access for disabled pupils.**

## Harvest Foodbank Collection

A huge thank you to all of the families that contributed to this year's harvest collection. We collected lots of items and they have been passed on to local representatives of Luton Food Bank

## Key Dates:

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

23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
01 <sup>st</sup> November 14:15	Meet the headteacher and school improvement update
07 <sup>th</sup> November 09:00	Open morning for prospective parents
08 <sup>th</sup> November 14:15	Year 1 phonics screening and reading information afternoon
15 <sup>th</sup> December AM only	EYFS Christmas performance
18 <sup>th</sup> December AM and PM	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance
19 <sup>th</sup> December AM and PM	Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance
21 <sup>st</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas holidays
03 <sup>rd</sup> January	Teacher Training day

## Open Morning

On Tuesday 07<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding an open morning for all parents of children who are due to start school in September 2018. The open morning will consist of an introduction from key staff as well as a tour of the school. Please support us by sharing this date with friends and family.

## Late Pupils

Pupils who arrive after 09:00 (this is when our registers close) will need to sign their child in at the school office. This can be done using the screen situated by the door. Please ask a member of staff to help you do this for the first time.

## Halloween

Message from local Police: As Halloween approaches Bedfordshire Police are reminding parents and guardians to keep their children safe. If possible, parents and guardians should go out trick or treating with their children, sticking to well-lit areas and only knocking on the doors of people they know. Some people may have 'No trick or treat' posters up at their doors and we ask that these are respected.

Bedfordshire Police is also reminding children and parents to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community may feel intimidated by people calling at their doors and appeals to all residents to look out for their neighbours who may feel frightened during this time. Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely. If you do have any concerns during Halloween, it's important that you call 101 in order to keep 999 free for genuine emergencies - 31 October is one of the police's busiest nights of the year!

For more advice about Halloween please visit [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)

## Librarians

13 year four pupils were interviewed for the post of school librarian this week. Pupils wrote excellent letters of application and then underwent a formal interview. I am pleased that all of the candidates were successful – well done to all of the pupils who were brave enough to apply.

Our Olympic value for November is **INSPIRATION**