

Dear River Bank parents and carers

If you read any school newsletter at the end of December; they always say the same thing. Headteachers normally make comments on how fast the term has gone, how brilliant the school Christmas performances were and how brilliantly the pupils have worked in the autumn term. I will be clichéd on this occasion and agree with all of these things but it has also been my pleasure to see the school make such progress in such a short amount of time. My colleagues here at River Bank have been working extremely hard to address all of the things we know we need to improve on as well as developing the things we are already good at. I have been lucky to inherit such amazingly supportive parents; many of you who have given me individual feedback and genuinely helped us make strategic and important decisions for the future of our school. I hope that you all have a brilliant holiday and look forward to seeing all of the pupils back to school on Thursday 4th January.

David Sansom

House Point Winners

At the end of each half term; the pupil with the most house points in each class is awarded a special Olympic certificate and given an early lunch pass to use in the next half term. House points are given to pupils for good work in their books, great answers in class or for demonstrating our school values. The winners for this half term are: Ameila (Wrens), Sophie (Larks), Owais and Damilola (Robins), Inaya (Kingfishers), Kinston (Owls), Abel (Woodpeckers), Sulaiman (Starlings), Arfa (Doves), Abeera, Farhan (Hares), Yousuf (Squirrels), Muhammad (Hedgehogs), Eshan (Otter) and Mikaeel (Fox). **Well done to Amelia, Arfa and Mikaeel who have won this award twice in a row!**

Young Writers

Well done to the following pupils who created some amazing writing and were nominated to be published following their amazing work. We are so proud of: Obaid Hussain, Qudsia Fatima, Saifan Ullah, Zyva Ahmed, Zayan Rahman, Sabrin Sadiq, Rayyan Subhan, Alan Suchowiecki, Hajra Bibi Hussain, Khadijah Arshad, Kamai Fraser-Christie, Moataz Khamis, Mariya Kamaly, Jasmin Khanom, Nusaybah Hasan, Danyal Qamar, Ammaar Syed, Habiba Rahman, Amna Tariq, Amyrah Khanam, Shane Nduala, Marcel Prokopowicz, Aamna Ishaq, Begum Inayah, Deyvid Eze, Ameerah Amin, Amiyah Fraser-Christie, Arlen Azad, Bilaal Arshad, Eshan Khan, Haleema Zahra, Haneefah Haque, Jasleen Chhabra, Khadija Ahmed, Kuba Szymanski, Musab Abdur Rahman, Mikaeel Kiani, Lana Mahmood, Rico Orcheston, Rayyan Qurashi, Urwah Mehtab, Sikander Mehmood, Umair Nawab, Tobias Malik and Sayf Ahmed.

Sporting Success – Sportshall Athletics

The year three and four athletics team did really well at a tournament held at Inspire on Wednesday 6th December. Well done to Amiyah, Jasleen, Inayah, Habiba, Aliya, Amyrah, Lana, Amna, Falak, Kamai, Mikaeel, Sikander, Ammaar, Eshan, Umair, Rico, Christi and Deyvid.

Christmas Performances

The children have worked so hard in the later stages of this term to produce some special and memorable performances. Thank you to all parents who helped by supplying costumes and for coming to attend. Special thanks must also go to Mr Rehman for donating the brand new staging that we used. This kind and generous donation will help the pupils' performances for many years to come.



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New Uniform Supplier

In order to support parents get the uniform in the most cost effective and convenient way; we have added to our list of uniform suppliers. J S Sports (22 Neville Rd, Luton LU3 2JQ) are now stocking River Bank Primary uniform.

Key Dates:

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

03 rd January	Teacher training day
04 th January	Pupils return to school
10 th January	School dentist visiting EYFS
30 th January	Parent consultation evening
12 th – 16 th February	Spring half term holiday
30 th March – 16 th April	Easter holiday
28 th May – 01 st June	Summer half term holiday
15 th June	Training day
23 rd July -	Summer holiday

From the Family Worker Team

Our new events are proving to be very successful, if you have not yet had the opportunity to attend, please note the details below.

- Fruit Tuck shop every Fridays from 3:00pm,
- Coffee morning on Mondays from 09:00 - 10:30am
- Parent Forum (SEN) Monday 15th January 09:00 - 10:30am
- Stay and Play on Tuesdays from 09:00 -10:30am

New Staff

We will have a number of new staff joining us in January to support our growing and popular school. We welcome Karen Bovell (teaching assistant), Martel Powell (teaching assistant), Charlotte Kelford (EYFS teaching assistant), Jasmin Hussain (teaching assistant) and Paul Golding (site agent) to the team.

Recruitment

As our school grows; we need to recruit more teachers. This is often a difficult task and we, like all Luton schools, must do everything we can to attract a good field of candidates. You will see our adverts in the press and on the Luton Borough website in the coming weeks.

Parent emails and communication

We are in the process of setting up systems that will allow us to move away from sending home paper copies of letters and other information. Using an email system will help parents get instant information, makes communication more reliable and means the information is available in your inbox at all times. To support us in making this move; please provide an up to date email address to the school. We will write in the new year asking for this. Alternatively; you can email info@riverbankprimary.org stating your child's name and class in the subject line of the email.

Our Olympic value for January is DETERMINATION