

## Dear River Bank parents and carers

January is usually the time of year when we all think about changing things. At River Bank; we too are working towards making positive changes. Based on feedback from parents; our approach to reading and homework will be different this year. I would welcome your feedback on these changes and hope that better routines and a more consistent approach will provide more support for pupils and for you as parents.

## Parent Volunteers

We are now able to welcome parent volunteers into school to help our pupils with their learning, this may involve working with a small group of children under the direction of the class teacher, listening to children read or helping them with their spellings and writing. If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer you will be required to have a cleared DBS. For further information please contact Louise Marsden our Business and Operations Manager.

## Sporting Success – Dodgeball Competition

The year three and four dodgeball team did really well at a competition held at Inspire on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Well done to Muhammad, Saim, Nusrat, Eisa, Ehsan, Ines, Alisha, Siraj, Tanisha, Haider, Asim, Sikander, Tanjim, Moataz, Habiba and Christi.

## Attendance

We continue to see an improvement in our overall attendance from this time last year. However, we have recently seen a slight decline. Although we appreciate that this time of year is when the winter illnesses surface, our staff will always keep an eye on your child if you feel they are under the weather and we will contact you if we feel they should be at home.

## My Maths

We plan to hold a parent workshop on the 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2:45pm for parents who require any support with [My Maths](#).

## Non-uniform Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

We will be holding a non-uniform day to support Luton Foodbank's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite superhero or in non school uniform and bring a £1 donation. The funds we raise will help to make sure no child goes hungry in Luton.

## School Nursing Service

If you have any concerns regarding your child's health, our school nurse will be visiting the school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like the nurse to see your child please complete a consent form available from the school office.

## World Book Day – 1<sup>st</sup> March

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March we will be asking the children to bring their favourite book characters to life for World Book Day. There are ideas to make full costumes or simple props for lots of amazing characters – all from inexpensive items or things you already have at home at <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> We shall be sending a letter out nearer the time with more details about the day.



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## Key Dates:

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

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year two Florence Nightingale workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Wren class Dell Farm visit
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Kingfisher class Dell Farm visit
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Lark class Dell Farm visit
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Robin class Dell Farm visit
7 <sup>th</sup> February	My Maths workshop at 2:45pm
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring half term holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 14:45-15:15	Parents' forum – meet the headteacher
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> May – 01 <sup>st</sup> June	Summer half term holiday
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Training day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer holiday

## From the Family Worker Team

Please note that our Stay and Play sessions have now changed from Tuesdays to every Wednesday from 09:00-10.30am. We look forward to welcoming you at any of our events.

- Fruit Tuck shop every Fridays from 3:00pm
- Coffee morning on Mondays from 09:00 - 10:30am
- Stay and Play on Wednesdays from 09:00 -10-30am

## River Room news

As in all schools, some children need a little extra support with school life, and we are fortunate to have a nurture group run by Miss Scott and Mrs Detnerska, which takes place in our River Room. This term the children who attend have been learning about traditional tales and writing their own fairy tales, working hard on mathematics, while the older children have also been learning interesting facts about volcanoes.

The children who attend our River Room would like to invite their mums/aunties/grandmothers to join them for a tea party on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Year 1 and 2 are invited at 9:00am – 10:30am and Year 3 and 4 are invited at 2:00pm – 3.15pm. A reminder letter will be sent home nearer the time.

## Cleaner Vacancy and Before and After School Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner working 1.5 hours per day, Monday – Friday during term time only. We also have a vacancy for a Before and After School Club Assistant working 7:45am until 8:45am and 3:15pm until 6:00pm. Please contact Louise Marsden for an application pack.

## 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. Alternatively; you can email [info@riverbankprimary.org](mailto:info@riverbankprimary.org) stating your child's name and class in the subject line of the email.

Our Olympic value for February is EQUALITY