

Dear River Bank parents and carers

We have had a brilliant time at River Bank this term and pupils impress me every day with their positive attitudes. At our most recent parents' consultation evening many of you filled in a parent questionnaire. In the interests of being transparent about those responses; I have added the results below. As you can see; the overall picture is extremely positive. We will use these results to inform our strategic planning for the remainder of the year and for 2018-2019.

154 responses		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Positive or don't know 2018	July 2017
1	My child is happy at this school.	67%	32%	0.5%	0	0.5%	99.5%	92%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	64%	35%	0.5%	0	0	99.5%	89%
3	My child makes good progress at this school.	45%	49%	5%	0.5%	0.5%	95%	82%
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	62%	34%	2%	0.5%	0.5%	96.5%	81%
5	My child is well taught at this school.	59%	34%	5%	0	3%	95%	74%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	47%	44%	7%	1%	1%	92%	77%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	56%	41%	2%	0	1%	98%	74%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	45%	45%	6%	1%	3%	93%	81%
9	The school is well led and managed.	55%	38%	5%	1%	1%	94%	67%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	55%	40%	4%	0	1%	96%	70%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	55%	40%	5%	0	0	95%	70%
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	56%	36%	5%	2%	1%	93%	74%

Parents' Association Meeting

The rearranged parents' and teachers' association meeting has been planned for the 18th April at 14:45-15:15. We hope to see as many of you there as possible to discuss how we can work together to put on events and raise money for our children's benefit.

Sporting Success – KS2 Girls' Football

Our year three and four girls' football team enjoyed their first competitive tournament and did not let us down. They were a credit to our school and performed exceptionally well. Well done to Amna, Amyrah, Lana, Amiyah, Aliya, Habiba, Alisa and Safiyah.

Sporting Success – KS2 Boys' Football

Our year four boys' football team did amazingly well representing our school during a recent competition at Stopsley. Well done to Kuba, Alan, Mikaeel, Musab, Eshan, Rico and Jayden.

Library Books

In order to continue to support our drive to get more pupils reading – we are asking parents to support the development of our library by making book donations. We are in need of **books in excellent condition suitable for children over five years old** and particularly need **non-fiction texts**. If you have books like this at home that you feel you could donate – please bring them in to the school office in a bag or box.



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House Point Winners

Well done to the following children for getting the most house points in their class this half term: Esther (Wren), Alishbah (Lark), Hidayah (Robin), Yash (Kingfisher), Alijah (Owl), Rahmah (Woodpecker), Arfa (Dove), Sulaiman (Starling), Muhammad J (Hedgehog), Siraj (Squirrel), Farhan (Hare), Amiyah (Otter) and Rayyan (Fox)

Key Dates:

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

30 th March – 16 th April	Easter holiday – pupils return on Tuesday 17th April
19 th April	Learn English for Parents – enrolment 9:00am 26 th March
28 th May – 1 st June	Summer half term holiday
15 th June	Training day
23 rd July	Summer holiday

Luton Food Bank

Thank you for allowing your children to come dressed as superheroes in order to support Luton Foodbank. Pupils raised an amazing £295. This will be used to buy up to 555 food items. Salma from Luton Foodbank came to our assembly a few weeks ago to thank the pupils and award the school a trophy.

School Council

In order to develop the pupils understanding of democracy and to further give our pupils a voice in the school; we have recently elected school council representatives for each class. These pupils will meet regularly with Mr Sansom and other school staff to share their ideas for improving our school. We are proud to announce that the following pupils were successful in their class vote: Ayaan (Kingfisher), Ali Abbas (Wren), Safaa (Lark), Sara (Robin), Kinston (Owl), Sulaiman (Starling), Zoya (Woodpecker), Dia (Dove), Danial (Hare), Ines (Hare), Yousuf (Squirrel), Alishba (Hedgehog), Inayah (Fox) and Jayden (Otter).

House Captains

All of the pupils in the school are in Usain Bolt, Mo Farah, Ellie Simmonds or Jessica Ennis house. These Olympians help inspire us; as does healthy competition. Pupils' house points go towards a house trophy. We will now run regular competitions and events in the year to give pupils an opportunity to represent their house. In order to help us do this pupils have voted for a house captain in each year group. Well done to the following pupils who were chose by their peers:

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
Usain Bolt	Hamzah	Azzahra	Ibrahim	Umair
Ellie Simmonds	Sophie	Abdallah	Ayaana	Mikaeel
Mo Farah	Mohammed	Emma Louise	Sabiha	Eshan
Jessica Ennis	Shaffaq	Kylan	Pariza	Ammaar

Women Only Swimming Lessons at Denbigh High – Special Offer

Active Luton's training team has secured funding to offer ten hours of swimming lessons for women over the age of 19 years old in a female only environment. They are designed for ladies wanting to learn to swim and or to develop current skills. There is a special offer of £20 for ten hours of lessons if you meet the criteria, please use the contact details below to find out more. Please contact Rachel Hyde at Rachel.hyde@activeluton.co.uk or ring 01582400272 and quote "training team swim lessons".

Our Olympic value for April is FRIENDSHIP