

## Dear River Bank parents and carers

Thank you for supporting the school during what has been a brilliant year. I have been so grateful to receive your positive feedback and can't wait to get started next year with more children, more staff and even more focus on doing what is right for our children. I pray that you all have a wonderful and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing all of the children again on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. With my best wishes, David Sansom

## Staffing and Classes

We are pleased to be welcoming Mr Cresswell as a year three teacher in September. The children have had the opportunity to meet Mr Cresswell in the last few weeks and we look forward to working with him.

We will be saying goodbye to Miss McGovern, who is moving to Hertfordshire, and we wish her well in her new venture and thank her for her work with our year four pupils.

Last Thursday saw all our pupils spend an exciting day with their new teachers in their new classroom. When the children return to school on the 4<sup>th</sup> September their new classrooms will be in different areas of the school. To help with directions we will have as many members of staff available helping at the front of the school as well as signs.

## School Timings

All parents received a letter confirming that the proposal to the change of school timings will be going ahead from 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please see below a reminder of the new school times from September. If your child will be staying on a Friday afternoon please ensure you fill in the slip on the letter you received last week.

Early Years			
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday		Friday	
08:30-08:45	Doors open	08:30-08:45	Doors open
15:20	Collection	13:00	Collection
Years 1 and 2			
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday		Friday	
08:30-08:45	Doors open	08:30-08:45	Doors open
15:30	Collection	13:00	Collection
Years 3, 4 and 5			
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday		Friday	
08:30-08:45	Doors open	08:30-08:45	Doors open
15:30	Collection	13:00	Collection

## School Uniform

In preparation for next year, please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform and correct school PE kit. Uniform should be worn every day, which includes a pair of black shoes - trainers are not acceptable. Our expectation is that pupils wear the specified PE kit for all PE lessons and any after school clubs that they attend that have a PE focus. Please also ensure that any earrings worn to school are **small studs only**. Earrings that hang down or any type of hooped earring will not be allowed. This is for health and safety reasons.



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## Happy's Circus

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a brilliant circus to the school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 18:00 to 20:00. Tickets will be available soon. This will be an amazing community event so please save the date.

## Wardown Park and Stride

Following the successful launch of our Park and Stride on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, with a special guest appearance from Spike the Hedgehog, it has been good to see so many parents taking the opportunity to park in the car park (Old Bedford Road east entrance) of Wardown Park and walk through the park to school.

I hope that parents who live on the other side of the New Bedford Road will make the most of this opportunity. Parking in a proper car park and walking through the park will take less time than battling through the traffic to get to Bath Road – as well as providing some obvious health benefits. Please park respectfully in the marked bays and do not park on any of the grassed areas.

## Sporting Success - orienteering

Well done to the following pupils who have represented River Bank Primary in an orienteering competition this month - Richard, Kuba, Aliya, Tobias, Tanjim and Jasmin.

## Sporting Success – multi-skills

We are so proud of Warra, Arafat, Musa, Amani, Syeda, Zainab, Teniola, Gurpreet and Yusuf who represented our school brilliantly at a multi-skills competition.

## Summer Fair

This years Summer Fair was another huge success raising a fantastic £500. The school council will meet in the new academic year to discuss how this could be spent. Thank you for all your support in making this years fair such an enjoyable one, although some of us got very wet!

## School and home correspondence

Next year we will be sending home the majority of our school correspondence by email. We will be sending home a letter during the autumn term with further details.

## Paying for School Dinners

From September, we will no longer be able to accept American Express cards as a form of payment for school dinners. Please note, that you will not be able to book or pay for meals ready for September until the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## Classes and drop off/collection points

From September, in order to make sure our children are safe and being collected by the correct adult, we will change the way that they are returned to you at the end of the day. Collection points will change and these are detailed in the table below. Pupils will be lined up in random order and let go **one at a time**. We ask that parents do not call their child's name.

From now on, parents will have to watch to see when their child is at the front of the line. If the child or the teacher cannot see the right adult when they reach the front of the line – the child will return to the back of the line. This change has been made in order to help make the end of the day safer for everyone involved. We ask parents stay back from the doors so the teacher is able to carefully supervise dismissal. If parents need to speak to the teacher at this time, we ask that you wait until all of the class have been dismissed. If that is not convenient – please call in at the office and leave a message for the teacher to call you back.

All children in **reception, year one** and **year two** classes should be dropped off and collected from the external classroom doors.

Year	Class	Teacher	Drop off	Collect
3	Hedgehog	Miss Totty	Pupils to be dropped off at the bottom of the stairs next to Kingfisher class. A member of staff will be supervising this area. Pupils to go up the stairs to their classrooms where they will be supervised by their teacher	From the back sports hall door facing Bath Road.
3	Squirrel	Mrs Sowinska		From the back sports hall door facing Bath Road.
3	Mole	Mr Creswell		From the playground side of the community entrance
3	Hare	Mr Seeley		From the playground side of the community entrance
4	Fox	Miss Dynek		From the main hall doors (right) from the playground
4	Otter	Mrs Betts		From the main hall doors (left) from the playground
4	Badger	Miss Kozowy		From the double doors on the playground next to Kingfisher class
5	Willow	Miss Amos	Pupils to be dropped off at the bottom of the stairs at the front of the school next to the car park to the right of the main school office.	From the Bath Road side of the community entrance
5	Sycamore	Mr Spink		From the Bath Road side of the community entrance

## Medication

Please collect from the school office any medication that we have that you will need over the summer holidays. Any medication that will expire over this period will be sent home.

## Lost Property

Please check the lost property racks before the end of term. Any items of uniform (school uniform or PE kit) left in the school over the holidays will be kept to use as spares for children. Anything that is not usable by the school will be donated to a clothes bank.

# Term Dates 2018-2019

SEPTEMBER 2018					
Monday		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

OCTOBER 2018					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

NOVEMBER 2018					
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

DECEMBER 2018					
Monday	31	3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	3	1	8	15	22
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

JANUARY 2019					
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27	

FEBRUARY 2019					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	

MARCH 2019					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31


APRIL 2019					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	


MAY 2019					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	


JUNE 2019					
Monday		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

JULY 2019					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

AUGUST 2019					
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

 School Holidays

 Bank Holidays

 Training Day