

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Thank you again for your support so far this term. You will have all noticed the significant improvements we are making to the playground facilities. We have invested heavily in making playtimes more interesting for pupils and hope that the climbing equipment will be enjoyed for years to come. The equipment will open soon – we are just waiting for the final site visit from the contractors. The equipment is designed for pupils of primary school age. Please do not let children under five years old use the equipment before or after school.

Places available at River Bank

Although we are nearly full in all year groups there are a few places in the year groups we currently have. For any parent of children who are due to start school in September 2019 parents can apply now. Children born between 01.09.14 and 31.08.15 should apply by the 15th January through Luton Borough Council's school admissions team. Feel free to contact us at school for advice or help.

Traffic and Seat Belts

School staff take the safety of our pupils very seriously. You will all be aware that a large number of staff spend a lot of time helping keep children safe on Bath Road before and after school. It is clearly not our responsibility to manage traffic, direct cars or stop people parking on double yellow lines – but we do it anyway because it could prevent a child from being seriously hurt. Thank you to those that help us keep things safe and orderly in the mornings and understand what a difficult job it is. Please continue to follow this advice:

- Do not park on the yellow lines or zig zags – this is illegal and cars doing this will be photographed and reported.
- Do not turn in the road. This is dangerous for children.
- Do not use your car horn to show frustration – this makes no difference, can scare younger children and causes a disturbance for our neighbours.
- Ensure all occupants of cars are wearing seatbelts at all times – we will be monitoring this.

Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Dynek is expecting her first child in April. We are thrilled for her and her husband and wish them both well as the due date gets closer. We will be advertising for new teachers in January with a view to cover Fox class with an experienced teacher in the summer term.

Names

We have lots of lost property left in the school at the end of each week. The vast majority of these items are not named. Please name ALL of your children's items, including shoes, jumpers, PE kits, lunch boxes, hats, glasses etc. Please check and rename any items where names may be faded by regular washing. All of these things are expensive and we want to be able to return lost items as soon as possible. Please help us do this by naming EVERYTHING.



Sporting Success – Dodgeball

Well done to the pupils who did so well at a recent dodgeball competition. The pupils played brilliantly and enjoyed being allowed to throw balls deliberately at other children! Thank you for taking part Alan, Kamai, Rico, Habiba, Amiyah, Kuba, Eshan, Marcel, Aliya and Inayah.

Sporting Success – Sportshall Athletics

Pupils in year one and two did a fabulous job at this event, held at Inspire. Pupils enjoyed their first experience of competition like this and had a great time. Well done to Aaira, Zarish, Yusuf, Qasim, Aicha, Aafiyah, Jasir, Lexi-May, David, Sawdah, Tala, Rafi, Raheem, Selena, Abdul Aziz, Jaron, Ezel, Sayem and Ameen.

Dates for your Diary

06th December	Y5 trip to Warner Brothers' Studios
10th December	Learning plans reviewed and new plans written
12th December	EYFS craft afternoon
12th December	Mole class assembly
13th December	EYFS craft afternoon
13th December	Y1 visit to the theatre
14th December	Reports home
14th December	Christmas jumper day
17th December	Parents' forum 15:00-15:20
18th December	EYFS Christmas performance
19th December	Christmas dinner for children
20th December	Class parties
20 th December	Christmas Disco
21st December	Last day of school
8 th January	Pupils return to school for the spring term

- Fox class assembly has been moved from the 2nd May to the 29th January.
- Otter class assembly has been moved from the 27th March to the 26th March
- Badger class assembly has been moved from the 13th March to the 12th March.

Sporting Success – KS1 Invasion Games

Well done to the following pupils who performed really well at a recent invasion games festival: Cayden, Umar, Hussain, Rumaysa, Sarrinah, Daniyal, Danyal, Simrat, Samaa and Alisha.

Sporting Success – Tag Rugby

River Bank pupils took part in the years three and four rugby festival held at Stockwood Park in October. The pupils were brilliant and won a good number of their matches. Well done to Emma-Louise, Muhmmad R, Abdallah, Gurpreet, Muhammad J, Elinga, Azzahra, Yusuf and Siraj.

December's value of the month is DETERMINATION