

Dear River Bank parents and carers

I hope you all had a restful half term break and enjoyed the early spring sunshine. I have enjoyed welcoming all of our wonderful pupils back to school and have been impressed with their approach to their learning this week. Pupils have been kind, considerate and have worked extremely hard. As we look to recognise acts of kindness in the school and further into the community; please look out for 'kindness coins' – a separate letter will explain everything following the launch in the next few weeks.

I would like to let you all know, especially parents of children in Fox class, that Mrs Dynek will be leaving to go on maternity leave at the end of March. We are really excited for her but will miss her incredibly. Miss Gannon will teach Fox Class for the remainder of the year. She will be working with Fox Class in the next few weeks so that she gets to know the children well.

Sporting Success

Well done to the following pupils who have represented River Bank Primary in sports competitions this month:

Key stage 1 Sports Festival: Ezel, Hamzah, Kyia, Lina, Liya, Muhammad, Saarah, Sajid, Tala and Qasim
Cricket Competition: Aimee, Ahmer, Alijah, Christo, Harjot, Muhammad, Sumaya and Roxana

Year 4 - British Schools Museum

Year 4 visited the British Schools Museum where they learned about what it was like to go to school during the Victorian era. Complete silence and instant obedience was expected. They took part in a workshop where they learned about what life was like for people from different classes in 1880. Overall it was a very interesting experience and pupils certainly had an enjoyable day.

Year 2 – Florence Nightingale

Year two had a visit from Florence Nightingale as part of their history topic of 'Wonderful Women.' The workshop provided the children with a performance by an actress explaining the life and achievements of Florence Nightingale and the Crimean War.

World Book Day 7th March

As you will be aware we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children have been asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Ideas can be obtained from <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

Book Sale 7th March

Also, on World Book Day we will be holding a book sale where children will be able to buy a book for **£2**. We will also be selling books after school until 3:45. If you would like your child to buy a book please send their money to school in a named envelope with their class on it.



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Book Token

On World Book Day each child will be given a £1 book token. Book tokens can be used at your local bookseller and supermarket (there are lots of them out there) and swap it for one of the **TEN** exclusive, new and **FREE** World Book Day books. Or, you can use the book token to get **£1 off** any full price book instead. **Please note, these can't be used on our own book sale.**

Comic Relief 15th March 2019

We will be supporting Comic Relief again this year, look out for a letter being sent home very soon giving you further information.

Appointments during school time

As every minute of your child's education is valuable, we expect parents to make their child's routine medical, dental and optician appointments out of school time, e.g. after school or during school holidays. We fully understand that hospital appointments are the exception, but we do not expect children to be taken from school to accompany parents or other siblings to appointments. Your support in this matter will be appreciated.

Car park reminder – no access to school car park

There are **FIVE** school weeks remaining before our school car park will no longer be available to parents. Growth in our staff team means there will only be limited space available. This facility has been a privilege for parents up to now but we can no longer sustain the number of cars coming on to our site. Please begin to plan for this when thinking about your journeys to school after Easter.

- Do walk to school if at all possible. A walk of 20 minutes, even in the colder weather, has many benefits.
- Do park in Wardown Park car park and walk across – this takes two minutes.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5 th March	Parents' evening
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th March	Badger Class assembly
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 26 th March	Otter Class assembly
Wednesday 28 th March	Year 2 visiting Whipsnade Zoo
Thursday 29 th March	Pupil reports to parents
Friday 5 th April	End of spring term
Tuesday 23 rd April	Summer term starts

Value for March: EQUALITY