

Dear River Bank parents and carers

I am pleased to be able to share with you the results from our Ofsted inspection that took place on the 1st and 2nd October. Inspectors have judged River Bank to be a **good** school. Judgements are made in five areas and each area was awarded a **good** grade by the inspection team; something we should all be very proud of. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have offered our staff their ongoing support, kindness and encouragement - this makes such a huge difference to our work.

Our pupils, your children, are brilliant everyday and make the school a warm and friendly place to be. This was noticed and commented on by the inspectors – who were all pleased to have been given kindness coins during their stay!

The staff at River Bank have worked tirelessly over the past number of years to make our school what it is today. I want to publicly thank them for their dedication and loyalty. They are amazing and I am so grateful they are on our team.

I have put in some of the comments from the report below. You can read the full report on our website and will be able to access it on the Ofsted website by the end of the week.

- Pupils are happy and well cared for. They describe the school as a 'joyful' place to be.
- Leaders are committed to ensuring that all pupils are successful, both academically and with their personal development.
- Reading, writing and mathematics are well planned and skilfully taught.
- The curriculum in most subjects is equally as strong as in reading, writing and mathematics, for example in physical education (PE) and computing.
- The teaching of reading is important in this school. Phonics teaching is strong.
- Leaders and staff have high expectations that pupils will try their best and be considerate to others. Staff lead by example and encourage positive behaviours throughout the school.
- Pupils have positive attitudes to learning. They are happy to come to school and they enjoy their lessons. Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities receive well-structured and personalised support to help them achieve well.
- In Early Years pupils settle quickly because of the good quality of care and the well-planned routines. The environment is bright and welcoming. Most children reach a good level of development at the end of Reception and are ready for the curriculum in Year 1.
- Staff are well trained and understand what to do should they feel a pupil is unsafe. Leaders make sure that vulnerable pupils, and those who are facing additional barriers in their lives, are supported so that they thrive in school.

Best wishes

David Sansom

Thank You 



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Community School Nurse Drop In

If you have concerns regarding your child's general health and are not receiving support from other professionals, our school community nurse, Anna Chouman, will be holding drop-in sessions during this academic year on the following dates - **8/11/2019 09:00-12:00**, **6/3/2020 09:00-12:00** and **12/6/2020 09:00-12:00**.

You are required to complete a referral form available from the school office. The form should be returned to the school office prior to the drop in session to allow sufficient time for the school to forward the information to the community nurse team.

Fridays

Although our pupils finish at 13:00 on a Friday it is still a full day in regards to pupils' attendance with the register taken in the morning and the afternoon like any other day. Therefore if your child is absent on a Friday they are absent for a whole day.

Appointments During School Time

We have noticed a considerable increase in children being taken out of school during their learning time for routine medical appointments, such as doctor, dentist and optician appointments.. Routine appointments should be made either after school or during the school holidays. However, with our pupils finishing at 13:00 on a Friday this gives parents the added benefit of being able to make appointments on a Friday afternoon without having an impact on their child's learning.

Sporting Events

We have taken part in two rugby tournaments recently and our pupils certainly used all of their skills to be strong opposition for the teams we came up against. Well done to the following and keep up the good work.

- Farhan, Hasnain, Muhammad, Rico, Shaan, Siraj, Umar, Ibrahim, Dayyan and Yusuf.
- Aahil, Eesa, Emma-Louise, Gurpreet, Jibran, Khadija, Mohammed, Muhammad and Yusuf.

Agents for Change Program

Year six pupils, Gabriella, Lana, Lily, Mymuna, Obaid and Tobias have represented the school in a program called Agents for Change run by the charity Equaliteach.

They have attended two sessions so far with the most recent being at The Little Red Creative Studio in the town centre working with artist Sophie Cresswell. The art work they produced here, along with 5 other primary schools, will be used in a Luton wide campaign to support equality in our town.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5 th November	Dragonfly and Ladybird dinosaur workshop
Wednesday 6 th November	Dragonfly and Butterfly Wardown Park autumn walk
Wednesday 6 th November	Maple class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Thursday 7 th November	Bumblebee and Butterfly dinosaur workshop
Friday 8 th November	Bumblebee and Ladybird Wardown Park autumn walk
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 6 visit to Luton Hoo
Wednesday 20 th November	Kingfisher class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Monday 25 th November	Deer and Otter class visit to St Albans Cathedral
Tuesday 26 th November	Badger and Fox class visit to St Albans Cathedral
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
Wednesday 4 th December	Wren class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Wednesday 11 th December	Parents' Forum 14:45
Wednesday 18 th December	Lark class assembly 09:40 – 10:00

Novembers' value of the month is RESPECT