

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Thank you all so much for your amazing support this term. We have achieved so much and are so proud of all of your children. Ofsted came and went in a flash and although we are delighted with the report – we constantly remind ourselves that everything we do at River Bank is designed to encourage your child's learning, support our families and improve our community. Our teachers work as hard as they do to get the very best out of your children because it's the right thing to do – not because Ofsted, me, or anyone else has told them to! Please continue to share your encouragement and ideas with me when you see me outside and do remember that we hold a parent's meeting every half term for you to come in and give feedback on what we are doing. I have put the dates for the remainder of the year below. I hope you all have a restful and fun filled Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th January 2020!

Best wishes, David Sansom

Parent's Forum

Wednesday 12th February at 14:45

Wednesday 01st April at 14:45

Wednesday 20th May at 14:45

After School Club

Following a period of consultation last summer term and experimenting with new times for after school club this term we would like to share our plans for January. As you will know, after school club was making a significant loss up to July. This was because the second session (16:45-18:00) was not being used by many families. Changing the times of the club (15:30-16:45 with no provision on Fridays) has been a success and we will continue in this format for the foreseeable future. Children must still be pre-booked in to the club using our online system.

School Council

There has been big election news recently, and River Bank has been joining in with the political debates and voting. The following children have been elected (and in some cases re-elected) as the school council representative. Well done to the following children; we hope you are able to make a positive difference for your class and the rest of the school:

Dragonfly	Mohammed Uzair	Starling	Zakariyah	Badger	Suhana
Bumblebee	Haaris	Dove	Alisha C	Deer	Jibrán
Butterfly	Zayn B	Hare	Ammenah H	Willow	Farhan A
Ladybird	Yousuf A	Hedgehog	Ahriella and Hidayah	Sycamore	Yousaf
Wren	Alex	Squirrel	Ayan	Maple	Ibrahim A
Kingfisher	Izmaa	Mole	Alina	Oak	Jasmin K
Lark	Harjot	Otter	Dia	Ash	Jayden
Woodpecker	Sofiyah A	Fox	Arfa C		

New Staff in January

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Haywood to the school in January as an additional deputy headteacher. He will be helping us to improve the quality of education by working with teachers and pupils. Please introduce yourselves when you see him.



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School Trips

Year One Church Visit

Year one recently visited Blenheim Baptist Church. They got to explore the features of the church and listen to the Christmas story.

Choir at Luton Airport

On Thursday 12th December, our school choir, the River Bank Rockers, went to Luton Airport to sing festive favourites. The choir sang their hearts out and had fun! Members of the public enjoyed watching and listening, and donated generously to MacMillan Cancer Research.

Collecting on Time

It is vital that parents and carers pick their children up on time. Children who are not picked up on time become worried. It is not fair on them, or the teachers that have to wait with them. We allow a ten minute grace period for collecting because we understand that sometimes you are delayed and it cannot be helped. However, after that ten minute period; children will be placed in to after school club and you will be charged for this child care.

Pantomime

Years one, two and three went to see Peter Pan at the Grove Theatre Dunstable last week. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were keen to participate. I'm sure years four, five and six will have a great time on Friday. We are already getting excited about booking next year's pantomime (Cinderella at the Grove) and will be sending you details about this after the Christmas holidays.

Parking on Bath Road

If you were a parent who picked their child up after the pantomime last Tuesday, you will appreciate how chaotic it was with 5 coaches, 300 children getting off the coaches, cars parked on the zig zags and double parking. The actions of an inconsiderate handful of drivers put the safety of our children at risk. This Friday we will have the same number of coaches and children from higher up the school doing the same at 1:00pm. Please consider parking away from the school, use Wardown Park or walk. This will help us dismiss children and see those returning from the pantomime get back into school quickly and safely.

Charity Fund Raising Week – Home Start

Fundraising week- as a school we were able to raise an amazing £2,450! This amount will have a positive impact on the children and families the charity supports in Luton. Well done and thank you to all the children and staff who took part in their activities and were able to help contribute to the total amount. Once again we have shown that to River Bank "Kindness is King".

Starting school September 2020

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 it is time to apply for a school place for September 2020. Applications should be made to Luton Borough Council by 15th January 2020, applications can be made online at www.luton.gov.uk/admissions

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 rd Dec–2 nd January	Christmas Holiday
Friday 3 rd January	Training day – school closed to pupils
Monday 6 th January	Spring term – children return to school
Wednesday 15 th January	Badger class assembly 09:35 – 10:00
Wednesday 29 th January	Otter class assembly 09:35 – 10:00
Wednesday 13 th February	Hare class assembly 09:35 – 10:00
Monday 17 th – 21 st February	Half term holiday

Value of the month DETERMINATION