

Dear River Bank parents and carers

You will all be aware that we were visited by a team of Ofsted inspectors last week. They carried out a full inspection in our school on Tuesday and Wednesday. During the inspection our visitors observed lessons, spoke to teachers, interviewed pupils, looked at pupils' work and met with some parents. Thank you to the parents that took the time to share their positive views of the school through the online survey and to all those who have supported us over the last few years. We have had some lovely feedback from the inspection team and are looking forward to sharing the report with you once it is published. This should take three to four weeks.

River Bank has a great feel about it at the moment. We are really pleased that we now have year six classes as well as a brilliant new group of reception children who have recently joined us. We are now full up in most year groups with a growing waiting list. Pupils at River Bank have started the year with focus and brilliant attitudes. We are really looking forward to another successful year.

Please make a note of all of the dates you'll find in this newsletter – especially the dates that relate to class assemblies and the parents' forum.

Best wishes

David Sansom

New Arrivals

We are pleased to share some exciting news regarding Mrs Trainor and Mrs Bloxham. Mrs Trainor welcomed a baby girl just a week after we returned to school having been in school on our training day on the 2nd September. Mrs Bloxham welcomed a baby boy two weeks ago. Mummies and babies are doing well and we send our congratulations to both families and look forward to a visit soon.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your generous donations and attendance to the coffee morning to support this worthwhile charity.

Luton Foodbank

If you have not yet had the opportunity to see the display in our community entrance, please look through the window when passing. Your contributions to Luton Foodbank have been remarkable, thank you.

Parents' Forum

I will continue to run a parents' forum this year. I really enjoyed meeting with a group of you last year in order to share updates and get your feedback. This is an open event and any parent can attend all, some, or just one of the dates. Please put the following dates in your diary – I look forward to seeing you all then.

1. Wednesday 16th October at 14:45
2. Wednesday 11th December at 14:45
3. Wednesday 12th February at 14:45
4. Wednesday 01st April at 14:45
5. Wednesday 20th May at 14:45



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Car Drivers

If you are a parent that does not walk your child to and from school, as you have no alternative but to bring and collect by car; we would like to remind you that we are fortunate that Luton Borough Council allows our parents to use the car park in Wardown Park. This is a few minutes walk to the school gate. Using this facility prevents the local roads in the area becoming even more congested.

We like to think that we have a very good relationship with our local community, however, we have recently received telephone calls that private driveways are being blocked and private parking bays are being used by our pupils' parents at drop off and pick up times. This has prevented local residents being able to go about their daily business and has involved people being late for work and appointments. This is mainly occurring in the Primrose Close area. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that you are courteous and considerate to the local community, pedestrians and other road users.

School Photographer

Our school photographer will be coming in to school on Monday 28th October. Photographs will be taken in school and your child will come home with a proof of their photograph on the same day. We will send out a reminder closer to the time.

Community School Nurse Drop In

If you have concerns regarding your child's general health and 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 9-12am, 6/3/2020 9-12am and 12/6/2020 9-12am.**

You are required to complete a referral form which are 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 nursing team.

Sporting Events

We have started the new school year with outstanding performances at recent sporting events.

The following pupils took part in a school rugby tournament and all demonstrated their skills, played very well and won six out of their eight matches. We are very proud to share that the team were also awarded medals for outstanding performance and teamwork. Well done Rico, Habiba, Amyrah, Ibrahim, Shaan, Jaden, Amiyah, Mikaeel, Umair and Muhammad.

The following pupils represented the school in a football match against another local school. Ammaar, Jayden, Eisa, Jakub, Muhammad, Musab, Rayaan and Rico all played extremely well and were a credit to our school. Well played team.

Aleeza, Amiyah, Ayaana, Danial, Gabriela and Kamai represented the school in a netball match, despite the wind blowing away some on target goals, we won 8 to 3. An excellent start to our netball season.

Birthday Sweets

I have recently written to you about our change of rules to bringing in sweets for children's birthdays. We have decided to stop this because of a number of serious allergies in the school. We feel this decision will help keep those children much safer and hope that you can support us with this. You are still welcome to send in things to share for your child's birthday but we ask that this are not food items or anything with wrappers.

Settlement Status

As you may be aware, the UK will be leaving the EU. If the UK leaves with a deal there will still be free movement up until December 2020. EU citizens who have been in the UK for five years or more by 31 December 2020 will be able to apply for "settled status". This means they are free to continue living and working in the UK. People who have not lived in the UK for five years must apply for "pre-settled status". Please go to this website <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-settled-and-presettled-status-means> for further information.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7 th October	Starling class trip to Wardown Park
Wednesday 9 th October	Willow class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Thursday 10 th October	Dove class trip to Wardown Park
Monday 14 th October	Woodpecker class trip to Wardown Park
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents' Forum 14:45
Thursday 17 th October	Year 2 visit local churches
Monday 21 st – 25 th October	Half term holiday
Monday 28 th October	School photographer
Wednesday 6 th November	Maple class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Wednesday 20 th November	Kingfisher class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
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
Monday 23 rd – 2 nd January	Christmas Holiday
Friday 3 rd January	Training day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 15 th January	Badger class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Wednesday 29 th January	Otter class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents' Forum 14:45
Wednesday 13 th February	Hare class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Monday 17 th – 21 st February	Half term holiday
Wednesday 4 th March	Hedgehog class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Wednesday 11 th – 13 th March	Year 4 residential to Bawdsey Manor Suffolk
Wednesday 18 th March	Fox class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Wednesday 1 st April	Deer class assembly 09:40 – 10:00
Wednesday 1 st April	Parents' Forum 14:45
Monday 6 th – 17 th April	Easter holiday
Monday 20 th April	Training day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 29 th April	Squirrel class assembly
Friday 8 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
Wednesday 13 th May	Mole class assembly
Wednesday 20 th May	Parents' Forum 14:45
Monday 25 th – 29 th May	Half term holiday
Monday 1 st – 5 th June	Year 6 residential to Isle of Wight
Wednesday 10 th June	Dove class assembly
Wednesday 24 th June	Starling class assembly
Wednesday 8 th July	Woodpecker class assembly
Thursday 16 th July	Pupils break up for summer holidays

October's value of the month is EXCELLENCE