

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. We hope that the information you find in here is useful and helps you to celebrate with us all of our wonderful achievements in the year so far. Please take extra care and time to read letters that have been recently sent out, or are due to be sent to you in the next few days.

- Information about our COVID-19 concerns was shared last week. Please keep a check on up to date guidance from Public Health England and do contact us if you have travelled back, or are likely to be travelling back, from any of the affected areas.
- Mr Cresswell will write to you soon with information about the relationship and sex education lessons we will be teaching in the summer term. The letter will explain that we will be hosting information sessions and demonstrations lessons for you to attend. Please sign up using the slip on the letter.
- Final information for year four pupils attending Bawdsey Manor will be with you soon. We are really looking forward to this!

Music award

We are pleased to announce that we have been nominated, and supported by Luton Music Service, to become a Music Mark School Member. The council have recognised the value that we place on music and we are proud of this achievement. We will display our certificate in the reception area and wanted to share this wonderful news. Our thanks go to all of the teachers who have helped achieve this – with special thanks to Miss Ball who has really improved our music since joining the school in 2018.

World Book Day

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020

Don't forget we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The costume doesn't have to be complicated and there are ideas online for easy to make/find costumes.

Caught Reading

We have already received some interesting photographs of our pupils and staff reading in different places. Don't forget to send in your child's photo or email it to Caught.Reading@riverbankprimary.org. **Don't forget to put your name and class on the photograph.** All photographs entered will be placed on display in school and there will be a prize for the most 'extreme' reader in each class. Entries will need to be in school by Tuesday 3rd March. We look forward to seeing your photographs!

Book Sale

We will be holding a book sale on Thursday 5th March. During the day, your child will have the opportunity to buy a book for **£2**. The book sale will continue **after school until 16:00**. If you would like your child to buy a book during school time, please send their money to school in an **envelope** with their **name** and **class** on it.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for jobs in our teaching team, teaching assistant team and midday supervisor team. All jobs can be seen on our website and the Luton Borough Council website. Feel free to come in and have a look around if you want to find out more.



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Eco Warriors

River Bank's Eco Warriors were invited to work with the University of West England, Bristol and many environmental and landscaping organisations working in the Luton area, to plant trees for the new arboretum at Wardown Park. This is the first part of a bigger project called 'Futureproofing Luton'. The morning began with a workshop in school, where the children learnt about the importance of trees for absorption of greenhouse gases as well as their significance as a habitat to many different species. Following this we began planting the trees at Wardown Park. The children took on the task with great enthusiasm and were a credit to the school.

School Trips

Year 2

On 5th February, Florence Nightingale visited year two. The children learnt all about her life and role played cleaning the hospital, washing the sheets, making the soldiers food and putting on bandages. The children were all actively engaged and learnt lots.

Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic time at the British Schools Museum in Hitchin last week. A highlight was participating in a Victorian school lesson, where pupils answered arithmetic questions on slate and practised their handwriting with a pen dipped in ink. Thank you to the year four staff for your hard work and a huge thanks to the parents for dressing your children in Victorian costumes - they all looked lovely!

Poetry Masterclass

On Wednesday, River Bank Primary School were invited to attend a poetry masterclass at Aldwickbury School in Harpenden. Tobias, Konain, Mymoona, Falak and Mikayeel had a great day sharing ideas and working alongside their peers from other schools in the area. The poems that were written were just amazing!

Sporting Events

- Ali,, Amir, Hisham, Ishaan, Ishtiyag, Kevin, Sayf, Shawn and Zyva took part in a Boccia event, a sport that is similar to bowls. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of trying this sport.
- Well done to Amyrah, Habiba, Mikaeel, Saim, Shazaib, Tanisha and Zain who represented River Bank in a cricket competition.

Collecting on Time

Earlier this term a letter was sent home informing parents of our procedures for children that are late being collected at the end of the school day and at the end of clubs. We understand that on occasion parents can be late to collect due to unforeseen circumstances. However, children that are not collected on time will be taken to our after school club and parents will be charged £4.00

Children who are not collected by 16:45 from the After School Club will be charged £5.00 per additional fifteen minutes. For example, if a child is not collected until 17:15 you will be charged an additional £10.00.

Weather

With the recent change in weather, we will only close the school in the event of extreme weather conditions when it is deemed unsafe for our staff and pupils to get to school. If there is such an event we will notify parents on Facebook, Twitter, our school website and the Luton Borough Council website.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th March – Hedgehog class assembly

Thursday 5th March – World book day

Thursday 5th March – Parent consultation for Year 2 and 6

Wednesday 18th March – Fox class assembly

Value of the month **COURAGE**