

Dear River Bank parents and carers

We have had a really good start to the summer term this year. School is starting to feel much more normal again and we are enjoying the fact that most pupils are in school, with only one bubble closure taking place since we returned from the Easter holidays. I have been really pleased to see the huge numbers of pupils getting involved in before and after school activities; especially the Year 5 and Year 6 children who are attending their extended days – willing to learn as much as possible before the end of the academic year. I have also been proud of how determined our pupils have been to improve their fitness; taking part in the daily mile and the many other clubs that we are running. Please continue to pick your children up on time and be sure to follow the one way system as you enter and leave the school site. Wishing you all a lovely long weekend and with my best wishes

David Sansom

Parent Consultation Meetings

This term we have again arranged specific days for you to meet your child's class teacher with each year group being allocated a day. Parents will be allocated an appointment time for a one to one opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Please note the dates below, further information will be sent home in due course.

30th June 2021 Year 1
 1st July 2021 Year 6
 5th July 2021 Year 2 and Year 3
 6th July 2021 Year 5
 7th July 2021 EYFS
 8th July 2021 Year 4

EYFS and the Ducklings

Our EYFS pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience of observing the duckling eggs we had in school, watching them incubate and then hatch. The pupils were able to watch them grow and even have them running around EYFS for a while before going to their lovely new home.

Eco Club

Eco Club participated in a project at Wardown Park. They planted wildflower seeds and by late June you will be able to visit the fully grown wildflower meadow. While there, the children learnt how much carbon trees store and contributed in discussions on plans for outdoor classrooms.

Daily Mile

All children have been participating in the daily mile this half term. The effort levels have been fantastic and there has been a noticeable improvement in fitness levels throughout the school. This will carry on for the whole of summer term so please continue to send your children in wearing PE bottoms and trainers.

School trips

After the year we have had we are in the process of arranging some exciting school trips for each year group. We believe children have missed out over the last twelve months and it is important for them to have these opportunities. Details will be sent home very soon.



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Circus – 23rd June

We are very excited to be having the circus visit us again this year. Louise Marsden, who sadly passed away earlier this year, had arranged and booked the circus, as she had done a couple of years ago. Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 lockdown, it could not go ahead. Louise had done a fantastic job with all the arrangements and it was an event that everyone who previously attended thoroughly enjoyed. Her excellent organisation actually earned her the name of 'circus lady' by some of our children. This year's event will be one of the many things we will be holding in her memory and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Further information regarding tickets will be sent very soon, so keep any eye out for it in your child's book bag.

Luton Foodbank Just Giving Page in Memory of Louise Marsden.

Thank you to those parents who have given so generously to the Luton Foodbank Just Giving Page in memory of Louise, to date there has been over £800 donated. Donations can still be made to

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/inmemoryofLouiseMarsden/3>

COVID-19

As Luton is one of the highest areas in the country for cases of COVID 19 we must continue to do our 'bit' to protect our community.

The best thing we can all do to keep each other safe is:

Hands – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds

Face – wear a [face covering](#) where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet

Space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with

Fresh air – when meeting people, to do so outside

Self-isolate at home if you (or anyone in your household) is displaying symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19; or if you have been contacted by Test and Trace to say you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. Also, we would like to remind parents that if a family or household member shows any COVID 19 symptoms all the household should stay at home (isolate), until a negative PCR test result has been received and the school notified.

Car Drivers

It has been brought to our attention that a number of residents in roads such as Primrose Close are having their driveways blocked by our parents who park their cars while they collect their children and in some cases their driveways are being parked on. Understandably, this is very frustrating for them and has also caused them a considerable inconvenience. Please be considerate to the local community if you have to use your car to bring and or collect your child from school.

Finally

There will always be someone available to contact at school. We will answer your calls and respond to all emails to info@riverbankprimary.org. Please know that you can contact us for anything at all. We will do everything in our power to support our families. Please also remember to use this email to report any positive cases of coronavirus in your family over weekends.

Dates for your diary

Monday 3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 st May 2021	School finishes for half term holiday
Monday 7 th June 2021	Children return
Wednesday 23 rd June 2021	Circus
Friday 16 th July 2021	End of term
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Children return to school

May's value of the month DETERMINATION