

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Welcome to the second to last newsletter of the academic year. Our parent consultation meetings are underway. These have been set up to allow a face to face meeting with your child's class teacher in a safe environment – we hope you find the meetings useful, as well as the final report that you receive. We were thrilled to welcome Happy's Circus to the school last week. 690 members of the community enjoyed one of the two shows. All money raised will go to Luton Foodbank in memory of our colleague, Louise, who passed away earlier in the year. Next week will be the last week of clubs – there will be **no clubs in the last week of term**. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable last two weeks of school. Best wishes, David Sansom.

Staff

I am pleased to say that we will be fully staffed next year and look forward to welcoming a number of new staff to our amazing team. We also welcome back Farhana Ali, Louise Betts and Rebecca Cresswell (nee Bradwell), who are returning after their maternity leave. Your children met their new teachers today during morning lessons and have come home with a letter telling you which class they will be in and who their teacher(s) will be. New staff have been listed in bold in the table below. The leader for each year group is underlined.

Year	Teachers
EYFS	<u>Rebecca Cresswell</u> , Libby Ahir, Hannah Bollom, Charlotte Brown and Marie Holyhead
Year One	<u>Abada Malik</u> and Victoria Billingham, Razia Akhtar and <u>Maria Turner</u>
Year Two	<u>Fatimah Ahmed</u> , Ambrin Kauser , Louise Gannon, Lindy Gray
Year Three	<u>Monika Sowinska</u> , David Seeley and Farhana Ali, Karen Bailey and Louise Betts
Year Four	<u>Tracy Lee</u> , Rhian Lewis and Shevell Stewart
Year Five	<u>Danny Boardman</u> , Aysha Sheikh, Oli Cresswell and Maaryah Chowdhury
Year Six	<u>Sophie Amos</u> , Emma Ball, Weronika Lass, Lois Anderson and Daria Perzanowska

We are sadly having to say goodbye to some colleagues. Georgia Ansell, Amber Seddon, Alistair Spink and Adam Whelan are moving away to take up challenges closer to friends and family in different parts of the country. Deanne Shah, Charlotte Kelford, Maryam Khan and Jonel Taylor are leaving us to join other local schools. I would like to thank them for their time with us and know you will join me in wishing them every success in the future.

Eco-Club

Last Thursday the 16 members of the year 5 Eco-Club took part in an indoor camp at school. Our evening was filled with cooking our dinner on a fire, making a photo frame with sticks and square lashings, a campfire with lots of toasted sausages, marshmallows and s'mores. The children then spent the night sleeping over in school! Adults and children had a great night.

Uniform in September

As you will all know, we recently asked you about your preferences for our uniform and PE kit arrangements for September. We received responses from 200 families. The responses were quite mixed but there was not an overwhelming majority of parents in favour of a permanent change to wearing PE kit every day. For this reason, our model for September will be:

- Pupils to wear traditional uniform on most days
- Pupils to wear their PE kits on the days they have PE (this will be on two days each week).



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Year Four Kingswood, Overstrand

Year four had a great three days and two nights at Kingswood activity centre in Norfolk. We had a giggle together and took part in activities like high ropes, nightline, archery, Jacob's ladder, leap of faith and outdoor laser. We all had different favourite activities. We got to eat delicious food from the buffet, including hot breakfast, unlimited fruit and salad and a tonne of rice crispies. Miss Anderson could do with some more archery lessons – she kept missing the target! By Ahriella and Hidayah.

Year Five Legoland

Our Legoland trip was so much fun; probably the best trip we've ever had! Everyone really enjoyed themselves on the petrifying rides and rollercoasters. It was the best day ever. By Dia.

Year Six PGL, Isle of Wight

The PGL trip was a great conclusion to the end of year six. From overcoming fears to making new friends, everyone had an amazing time. With all the staff and members of PGL, we all enjoyed the once in a lifetime experience. Personally, I think all the staff and pupils deserved this break from school after the busy year. My favourite activity was 'survival'. This is because we all had to help in thrilling tasks, such as making a fire, helping with a shelter and sharpening tent pegs. By Yousuf.

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 £1480.00 donated. Donations can still be made to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/inmemoryofLouiseMarsden/3>

Midday Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have some vacancies for midday supervisor roles at school. The role will require working 10 hours per week during our pupils' lunch time period; supporting pupils with their meals and supervising them as they play outside. For further information and to apply; please visit:

<https://www.mynewterm.com/school/River-Bank-Primary-School/139782/EDV-2021-RBPS-14139/Midday-Supervisor>

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 or the summer holiday.

Dates for Your Diary

5th-7th July 2021

Tuesday 6th July 2021

Wednesday 7th July 2021

Thursday 8th July 2021

Tuesday 13th July 2021

Wednesday 14th July 2021

Friday 16th July 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Year 6 CSI workshop – details will be sent home soon

Year 4 Go Ape trip

Year 1 Mead Open Farm – details will be sent home soon

Year 2 Clacton on Sea seaside trip – details will be sent home soon

Year 3 Herring Green Farm Falconry Centre visit (Hare)

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End of term

Children return to school

July's value of the month FRIENDSHIP