

## Dear River Bank parents and carers

We have had another exciting term here at River Bank with lots of trips and activities happening in school, which you can read about later on. The rules around Covid and isolation are constantly changing. Please note that from the 1<sup>st</sup> April the following advice is being given:

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

I hope that all of our families have a wonderful break and get to enjoy time together as a family. Many of our families will be celebrating Ramadan during this period. We wish all of our families a happy Ramadan and look forward to hearing about and sharing Eid celebrations later on in the month.

Best wishes, David Sansom.

## Otter Class

Miss Stimson will return to teaching Otter Class in the summer term. We look forward to welcoming her back to the class – we know the children will be excited to see her again.

## Willow Class

Mrs Chowdhury will be leaving Willow Class after Easter in order to prepare for the arrival of her first baby. We wish Mrs Chowdhury all of the very best and know that Willow Class will miss her for the final term of the year. Miss Williams, who has been teaching in Otter Class, will take over the class for the rest of the year.

## Sporting Events

During March a number of our pupils attended sporting competitions against other local schools. As always, we are very proud of our pupil's efforts, behaviour and attitude when they are representing our school.

**This Girl Can:** Aafiyah, Aleeza, Amira, Eliyaj, Komal and Zoya.

**Netball and Football:** Adrian, Alex, Fatema, Fatima, Danyal, Halima, Henriks, Insha, Maryam, Rafael, Rida and Tomas.

**Girls' Football:** Alaia, Azzahra, Damilola, Lais, Magdalena and Neila

**Sportability** (boccia, archery, volleyball and polyball): Aadam, Amir, Arafat, Hadi, Ishaan, Julia, Lexi-May and Tanvir

## Red Nose Day

We had a variety of costumes and dressing up for our Be Yourself to support this year's Red Nose Day and thank you, as we raised £440 for this charity.



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## EYFS

This half term EYFS have been learning about superheroes. We visited some real life superheroes at Luton Fire Station. We were very excited to look at different parts of the fire engine, try on a fire fighters' uniform and even got to squirt water from the hose. We learnt about how the fire service help us in an emergency.

As the weather is beginning to change, EYFS enjoyed their season visit to Wardown Park to explore changes and signs of spring. We found beautiful daffodils and saw the leaves growing back on the trees. We truly got to see British springtime as over all our class visits, we saw the sun, rain and snow!

## Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about plants in science. The children have been learning about growing plants from seeds and bulbs, local wildflowers and the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees. We went for a walk to Wardown Park to look for and identify the plants and trees we have been learning about.

## Year 4 Residential – Overstand, Norfolk

Year 4 had a great time in Norfolk. It rained on the first day but on the second and third days we experienced some lovely spring weather. Pupils enjoyed activities ranging from archery, aeroball, Jacob's Ladder and the famous LEAP OF FAITH! 51 of our Year 4 pupils attended and experienced time away from home; learning some independence skills as well as making the most of the two day sleep over with their friends in the dormitories. Our children were excellent for the duration of the trip – photos of the visit can be seen on our Twitter page @riverbankluton.

## Year 5

Year 5 walked around the local area (through Wardown Park and along the River Lea) to see the impact caused by plastic waste to assist us with our climate change topic in geography. A number of our Year 5 pupils have also been working on their cycling skills – learning how to ride bikes safely – thank you to Nathan from Luton Borough Council who has facilitated this training.

## Year 6

Year 6 have been busy! Last week, each class completed a local traffic survey as part of a local geography fieldwork project. This week, year 6 have all visited Luton Foodbank as part of their RE unit 'Poverty and Justice'; they learnt how the Foodbank supports those in poverty locally and what they can do to help.

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	13:00 School closes for Easter holiday
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for summer term.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Wren class assembly, 8:45 for a prompt 8:50 start
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Training day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	ARK farm visiting EYFS
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Sycamore class assembly, 8:45 for a prompt 8:50 start
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 residential to Isle of Wight
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Rowan class assembly, 8:45 for a prompt 8:50
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	13:00 School closes for half term holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens for summer term 2.

April's value of the month RESPECT