

## Dear River Bank parents and carers

Thank you to all parents and carers that have helped make the start to the year extremely positive for all of the children in our school. Pupils have settled in very well and, as normal, are showing excellent learning behaviours in their classrooms.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September we held a non-uniform day to raise money for the flood relief effort in Pakistan. This was supported by our parent governors who ran an event after school, selling cakes and other food. I am pleased to say that we raised an astonishing £1500. This is the most we have ever raised for charity in a day and are so thankful for all of your support and generosity. The money will be sent to an emergency fund set up by Save the Children and will be used for direct work with school aged children – providing blankets, food and hygiene packs.

Our next charity drive is Luton Food Bank's Harvest Hero campaign. You would have all received a letter about the types of food needed to be able to support families in the town who are facing difficulties this autumn. Donated food will be displayed in our community entrance.

Best wishes

David Sansom

## Travel Safety

An incident took place on 28.09.22 that has caused some concern in the community. A school aged child was subject to an attempted abduction on a street in the local area. We do not have many details but know that the police are involved and are investigating. We advise parents to make additional plans for their children when traveling to and from school – especially those children in year five and year six who may normally walk to and from school alone.

## Year Six Transfer to High School

Parents of year six children should have received a letter from Luton Borough Council with information on how to make an online application for a high school place for September 2023. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Parents will receive notification of their child's allocated school on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

If you have not received a letter, please contact our school office.

## Starting School Applications for Children Born Between 1/9/2018 - 31/8/2019

Applications for children due to start school in September 2023 (children born between 1/9/2018 to 31/8/2019) can now be made online through Luton Borough Council.

[https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education\\_and\\_learning/Schools\\_and\\_colleges/School%20admissions/transferring-to-a-new-school-or-academy/Pages/Starting-school-in-September.aspx](https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education_and_learning/Schools_and_colleges/School%20admissions/transferring-to-a-new-school-or-academy/Pages/Starting-school-in-September.aspx)

The closing date for making an application is 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Parents will be notified of their allocated school on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



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## Drop off and pick up times

Children can arrive in their classes from 8:30am and must be in class ready to start their lessons at 8:45am. Any child arriving **on or after 8:45** will be marked as late. Regular lateness can result in a fine being issued by the Local Authority.

We also have a number of children who are late being collected. Children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 finish at 15:15 Monday to Thursday and 12:45 on a Friday. Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 finish at 15:30 Monday to Thursday and 13:00 on a Friday (except days where there is extended day for Y5/Y6). Parents of children who are late being collected will incur a charge in line with our after school club costs.

## Breakfast and Afterschool club.

We still have places in our breakfast club, which runs from **07:45 (doors close at 8:15am)**. Children are provided with a breakfast of cereal or toast and are taken to their class at 8:30 for the start of the school day. Places are FREE and can be booked via your Scopay account, extended day tab.

Our after school club runs Monday to Thursday until 16:45. This is a paid club costing £4 per child (£3 for additional siblings). Places can be booked via your Scopay account, extended day tab. Block bookings can be made, adhoc bookings can be made by midnight the night before, or call the school office if you need to book on the day.

## Birthday Treats

I would like to remind parents that although we love celebrating birthdays with the children at River Bank we are unable to let pupils hand out sweets or cakes on their birthdays. We cannot do this because of allergies children may have, the impact it can have on the children's overall health and the problem it can cause with littering on Bath Road and the school site. We have communicated this in previous terms and ask that pupils bring in something else to share on their birthdays if they want to e.g. simple items of stationery.

## School Photographer

Our school photographer will be coming in to school on Thursday 2nd November and your child will come home with a proof of their photograph on the same day. Unfortunately, this year it will not be possible for siblings to be photographed together.

## Dates to Remember

3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022	Year 6 parent meetings
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Hare Class assembly - parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 3 parent meetings
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 2 parent meetings
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 5 parents meetings
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Mole Class assembly - parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 4 St Albans visit
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 1 parent meetings
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	EYFS parents meetings
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Animal club visit
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Squirrel Class assembly - parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 3 Stone Age workshop
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School closes for half term.
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	- Half term
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School open for autumn term
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	School photographs
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Year 4 parents meetings

October's value of the month EXCELLENCE