

Dear River Bank parents and carers

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have supported us in making the beginning of term extremely successful. Pupils have settled well in to their new classes and routines and are showing excellent learning behaviours. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible in the parent consultation sessions planned for the next few weeks. Please check your emails to see how you can book your slot to meet your child's new teacher and find out how they have started the new academic year.

Finally, we were extremely upset to have said farewell to Mrs Hyde last week, who has moved out of Luton. She served us brilliantly in so many ways and we are already missing her so much. Sadly, next Friday will be Mrs Ahmed's (family worker) last day as she begins her training to become a qualified social worker. Mrs Ahmed has served our community for 10 years and I know you will all join me in wishing her all of the best for this next chapter of her career.

I am also pleased to share the news that Mrs Bailey (Hedgehog) delivered a healthy baby girl at the beginning of the month. Congratulations!

Best wishes, David Sansom.

Sporting Events

A number of our children have already represented our school at various sporting events this term.

Year 3 & 4 Multi Sports

Mazen, Jaelle, Angelica, Kevin, Uzair, Kaja, Yusuf and Barika

Year 5 & 6 Multi Sports

Sonia, Byson, Laila, Mao, Valentina, Salahuddeen, Duaa and Henriks.

Year 5 & 6 Rugby

Nadir, Hamza, Mauricio, Mohamed, Umar, Henriks, Caden and Daniyal

Uniform and Jewellery

Please help us by ensuring that your child is in PE kit on their PE days and in full uniform on the days they do not have PE. School shoes (not trainers) should be worn as part of full uniform. Please help us keep your child safe by ensuring that only one pair of small stud earrings are worn to school. Hooped or large earrings are not permitted because they can easily catch on other children's hair and clothes and be pulled out, causing damage to the ear. Earrings must be removed on PE days before school. If you are unable to do this, please add tape to cover the earring before your child comes to school.

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 2024. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023. Parents will receive notification of their child's allocated school on the 1st March 2024. If you have not received a letter, please contact our school office.

Should your child attend school?

Your child's regular attendance at school is very important to their education. However, there are times as a parent we are not sure if we should send our child to school if they are a little unwell. The NHS have produced an information bulletin which gives advice on whether children could attend school if they are suffering from a common illness, such as a cold, temperature or chickenpox etc. Please see link for full details.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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NEW ARRANGEMENTS - 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).

From October, children who are late being collected will be taken to our **paid** for after school club. Parents arriving late to collect their child will have to call the number on the office window and their child will be brought down by a member of our After School Club team to the community entrance. **A charge of £4, in line with our after school costs, will be charged through your Scopay account.**

Birthday Treats

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.

Harvest Festival

We will be collecting food donations for Luton Food Bank up until our Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 11th October**. This vital organisation is a local charity which is used by many families across the town who are struggling to afford the cost of food. With the rising cost of living, this is becoming more common for many in our local community. Please can you donate anything you can spare including tins, dried pasta, rice, cereal, long-life milk or any other item with a long shelf life.

Dates to Remember

2 nd October 2023	Lark Class - Learning about our locality, local walk
2 nd October 2023	Year 2 Owl, Dove & Starling Firefighter visit to River Bank
4 th October 2023	Deer class assembly – parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start.
5 th October 2023	Sparrow, Robin, Kingfisher and Wren - Learning about our locality, local walk
5 th October 2023	Year 4 parent meetings
9 th October 2023	Year 3 parent meetings (daytime session)
9 th October 2023	Year 5 Warner Brothers, Harry Potter Studio visit
10 th October 2023	Year 2 Woodpecker Firefighter visit to River Bank
11 th October 2023	Year 5 Parent meetings
11 th October 2023	Year 3 Parent meetings (after school sessions)
12 th October 2023	Year 2 Parent meetings
16 th October 2023	Year 1 Parent meetings (daytime session)
17 th October 2023	EYFS Butterfly and Dragonfly class parent meetings
17 th October 2023	Year 6 Duxford Imperial War Museum visit
18 th October 2023	Year 6 parent meetings
18 th October 2023	Year 1 Parent meetings (after school sessions)
19 th October 2023	EYFS Bumblebee and Ladybird parent meeting
20 th October 2023	School closes for half term.
23 rd – 27 th October 2022	Half term
30 th October 2023	School open for autumn term 2
1 st November 2023	Mole Class assembly parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start.

October's value of the month EXCELLENCE