

Dear River Bank parents and carers

It was excellent to see so many families supporting our school council led bake sale to raise money for the One Nation charity last week. The school council are being led excellently by Mrs Khanom and we are so proud of everything they have already achieved this year. Please see below for more details.

Miss Gray will be leaving us very shortly to start a period of maternity leave. We know that you will join us in wishing Miss Gray all the best for the arrival of her first child. Hare Class will be taught by Mrs Betts, who will be returning from maternity leave this week. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Betts back (Wednesday to Friday), who will share the class with Mrs Saleem (Monday and Tuesday). Miss Amos (Assistant Head) will be overseeing the work in Year 3.

Thank you all for your ongoing support, David Sansom

Thank You!

The school council raised an amazing total of £1800 for the civilians of Gaza through the bake sale they organised. Thank you for your incredible support; we truly have an amazing community. We will be donating to One Nation who have a 100% donations policy. They have been providing food packs and supplies to those in need on a daily basis. We appreciate your support and generosity.

School Events

Year 6 welcomed Prime VR for a workshop, where they explored both the North and South Pole through virtual reality. The children loved being up close with the wildlife such as polar bears, arctic foxes and gentoo penguins. Experiencing the sights and sounds of these incredible parts of the world will have a fantastic impact on their creative writing this term.

Sporting Events

A number of our pupils have represented our school at sporting events. Well done to you all.

Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football: Victoria, Amira, Tabita, Nafisa, Laila, Samaa, Mariya and Daisy

Year 3 and 4 Multi Sports: Adeeb, Freya, Ali, Yasmin, Ibrahim, Nina, Iyaas and Mariya

Year 5 and 6 Multi Sports: Nathan, Lillie, Yanis, Hassan, Hadiya, Mahbeer and Simrat.

Year 1 and 2 Multi Sports: Cristian, Alaina, Shahdat, Wivina, Zarah, Yasmina, Adam, Larisa, Ishmail and Zoya.

Online Safety Day

Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all. This year it will take place on the 6th February. As part of this annual event, we encourage everyone to join together to make the internet a safer place. Encourage the children to talk about the rules for staying safe online and what we can do to make sure we use the internet safely.

Shine Bright Wear Bright. Friday 9th February non school uniform day.

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2024, we will be taking part in CHUMS Charity's Shine Bright Wear Bright 2024 campaign to raise awareness and vital funds to support the mental health & emotional wellbeing of children and young people across Luton & Bedfordshire.

On Friday 9th February we will be encouraging all children and staff to use clothing and colour to express themselves. Their outfit can be as simple or as elaborate as they like, it will be an opportunity for self expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. We also kindly ask for a suggested donation of £1 on that day to support the charity's work. .



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Parent Consultation Meetings

This term we will be holding parent consultation meetings on the below dates. Our online booking system will open on the 4th March at 07:00am to enable you to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. We will send out a reminder notification when our booking system becomes live.

Tuesday 12th March 2024 – Lark Class (held separately due to Mr Eddings being called for jury service)

Tuesday 19th March 2024 – EYFS, Year 3, 4 and 6 (excluding Hare Class)

Thursday 21st March 2024 – Year 1, 2 and 5 (including Y3 Hare Class)

Appointment times, subject to availability, will be between 13:20pm – 18:20pm

School Term Dates

Our school term dates for the academic year 2024-2025 have been published. You can find all term dates on our website: <https://www.riverbankprimary.org/page/?title=School+Term+Dates&pid=30>

School Events

Year one pupils were fortunate enough to meet some incredible animals up close and we were even allowed to handle some of them! The children absorbed lots of interesting information about animal groups and their habitats. It was a brilliant experience for all of us. We met Twiggy the Indian stick insect, Cinnamon the curly headed tarantula, Mr Jangles the snake and Naughty Norman the Australian tree frog.

Late arrivals

It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child/children attend school regularly and punctually. This encourages habits of good timekeeping and lessens any possible classroom disruption. **Children are able to go to their class from 8.30am and must be ready to learn at 8.45am.** If you are experiencing any difficulties with your child arriving at school on time, our family team would welcome the opportunity of meeting with you to discuss this.

Children who arrive after the register has closed are recorded as an unauthorised absence and regular lateness may result in a penalty notice being issued. Please ensure that your child attends school regularly and punctually.

We ask parents to arrange for routine medical/dental appointments for their child around school times. Where this is not at all possible, parents will be asked to provide evidence of the appointments. This will also apply arriving late for school following appointments.

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 1st February

Friday 9th February

Wednesday 14th February

Friday 16th February

19th – 23rd February

Monday 26th February

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Year 2 Dog visit to support non-fiction writing

CHUMS Shine Bright Wear Bright – **non-uniform day**

Badger class assembly – parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start.

School closes for half term

Half term holiday

Children return to school

Science week, further information will be sent out nearer the time.

February's value of the month **EQUALITY**