KEW RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Issue 31

Focus of the Week: See below! Acting Headteacher's Message



Created by our Giraffes in school and at home.

Dear parents and carers

The latest government guidance is that primary schools now have 'flexibility' to welcome more children back to school 'if they have space still available within the school and available staff to teach and supervise'. This means that each school will be responding in a slightly different way depending on its unique circumstances (numbers of key worker or vulnerable children; numbers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children who have returned; numbers of available staff). It is very tempting to compare schools' responses but I urge you to try not to for the reasons above. Obviously, at this point in the year we would normally be busy planning transition activities for children as they prepare for the next year group and new teachers and support staff. We are acutely aware that children still need this preparation and some kind of 'closure' to the year and the headship team is in constant collaboration, drawing on guidance from Achieving for Children (AfC) and the DfE, to plan for this. We are also hoping to inform you about staffing for next academic year on Friday 3 July.

Reminder – Stay Alert and Safe

A gentle reminder that there is an expectation that all children attending school are following the latest government guidance around staying safe at home. We have worked very hard to set up clear protective measures in school to minimise risk but the safety of the whole school community is dependent on families following the same government guidance. See <u>here</u>.

Some Uplifting News

We are delighted to inform you that Josh is now the proud father of Isaiah, born on Sunday 14 June and weighing in at a very respectable 8lb 10oz. Many congratulations to Josh and his partner Bo and welcome to the world, Isaiah!

School Reports

For obvious reasons, the end-of-year school reports will look very different in terms of content and format to those that you are used to. Teachers are busy writing them now and you will receive them via email on Friday 10th July.

Term dates and Inset Days

There have been slight amendments to term dates and inset days for the next academic year. Please refer to the website for full details, but the first day of term in September will now be Thursday 3 September (previously Friday 4 September).

Another WIN for the PTA

Congratuations AGAIN to Penny and Lianne for their £80 win from TerraCycle UK for securing a drop-off box in Sainsbury's. There is literally no stopping them. What on earth will we do when Penny returns to Australia in December? Please step forward and contact Penny if you might be interested in taking up the mantle of Communications Officer for the PTA (see below). Your school needs you!!

What parents/carers need to know about schools re-opening

Government guidance continues to be regularly updated – please follow the link here.

Wishing you all a sunny weekend. Nell

Safeguarding

A reminder that if you have any safeguarding concerns during this period, please contact the school's DSL and refer to the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. If you feel a child may be in danger, you may contact the SPA directly on the number below or the police directly. Key contacts:

Role	Name	Contact Number	Email		
Acting Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk		
Safeguarding Governor(s)	Peter King Denise Long	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk		
Chair of Governors	Stephen Hyams	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk		
AfC Education Safeguarding Adviser	Linda Sheehan	07774686362	linda.sheehan@achievingforchildren.org.uk		
AfC Adviser for Online Services and Safety	Peter Cowley	07595173975	peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk		
AfC Virtual School Headteacher	Suzanne Parrott	07827895894	suzanne.parrott@achievingforchildren.org.uk		

Single Point of Access (SPA): 020 8547 5008 Out of Hours: 020 8770 5000 Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): 020 8891 7370 / 07774 332675 Lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk

PTA NEWS

Father's Day Gift Stall

It's not too late to grab a last minute Father's Day gift and have it delivered to you. Please visit <u>https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/kewriversidprimaryschoo-0</u> or email <u>kewriversidepta@gmail.com</u>.

Father's Day Fundraiser

Freddie New has taken on the challenge to be the Captain Tom of the KRPS community and will be running a fundraiser for Father's Day – which he will match with the same amount of push-ups we are already at 589! as well. Donate via facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/kewriversideps</u> or pay via direct debit. Email us to get the details.

Uniform Sale

For those of you returning to school if you need some Summer uniform items, please be sure to visit Classlist marketplace (<u>https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/listings/list/</u>).

Recycling Update

- Keep up the good work recycling during lockdown. Items can be dropped to the bins at the field. Please clean and sort them as much as you can beforehand.
- Plus for every 100g of plastic ring carriers we send in we can get £5! Until end of July! Get drinking!
- New Items now accepted:
 - Cheese packaging
 - o Ferrero Rocher foil and boxes
 - o Hasbro toys

Coin War

As a little bit of excitement and to lift spirits we will let you know the winning class when they (hopefully) all return in September.

Follow Us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

With all the movements of children to other schools and overseas we need to get the word out about how great our school is and why people would want to join. So please like our pages @KewRiversidePS on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram, like our posts, comment (if you want) and help spread the good word.

Easyfundraising

We just received £81 from easyfundraising for 74 people shopping online! That's over £3,000 collected so far. Keep up the good work! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,000 shops and sites will donate when you use @easyuk to shop with them. Sign up now at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/krps/?invite=4NMEB5

We Need You! Join the PTA

Our PTA has open positions for co-chair, co-treasurer and co-secretary and communications. These roles are critical to ensure continued work and a smooth handover.

 \checkmark The **Co-Chair** ensures the PTA is run effectively;

 \checkmark The **Co-Treasurer** ensures accurate financial records are kept and best practice procedures are followed. He or she keeps the committee updated with regular reports, and ensure end of year reports are completed;

 \checkmark The **Co-Secretary** supports the Chair to build effective communication links between the school and the association and maintains accurate records.

 \checkmark The **Communications officer** puts posts on classlist and our social media channels to let the community know about events and news – both PTA and school. They will also be in email contact with local businesses who support our events.

No prior experience is needed, just a desire to make a difference in the school community. There is an existent framework and documents created by previous committee members to support each role.

The work is much easier when you have more the one person in each role. You can share responsibilities and take shifts to attend meetings. Being on the committee is a great way to get to know how the school works and meet other parents. It is very rewarding to participate in school community and to know that all money raised benefits our children's experience at school.

If you would like to know more, please contact one of the committee members.

Sincerely

Your KRPS PTA Committee Chair - Renata (Monkey Parent) Secretary - Freddie (Giraffe/Elephant Parent) Treasurer - Mehnaz (Monkey Parent) Communication Officer - Penny (Zebra/Monkey Parent)

Governors

If you have any questions for or about the Governors please send them to: <u>governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</u>

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