



Weekly Newsletter

17 December 2020

Golden Rule Focus:
Be Kind

Key Dates Coming up

TODAY - Thursday 17th December – PATHS Parent Session at 4pm via Zoom

Friday 18th December – SCHOOL NOW CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Tuesday 5th January – First Day of Spring Term for all Children

Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

On this last day of the Autumn term, I would like to start by thanking all of our children, families and staff for working so hard to keep our school safe during these unprecedented times. It has been challenging for everyone but I'm proud (and very relieved) to report that we have not had a single positive Covid case amongst children or staff and have been able to open the school every single day in all classes since September. It has truly been a joint effort and we really appreciate everyone's determination to follow all the rules and work with us as a community. As detailed below, we ask you please to continue to email us at school between now and Christmas in the event of a positive case. This is so that we can inform contacts (children/staff) who may need to self-isolate.

You will no doubt have read yesterday that our new Headteacher, Liz Strong, will be joining the team in March and, from January, coming in on a weekly basis to get to know the school and work with the current Headship team to ensure a smooth handover and transition. We are VERY excited about her arrival – the whole staff team has been working so hard this year on the school development plan (which we have sent a separate letter about) and we are very excited to share with Liz the fruits of our labour so that she can take us to the next stage of our journey.

It was lovely to see the children bedecked in their Christmas jumpers today and enjoying a candlelit, Covid-friendly Christmas dinner, complete with crackers and lashings of good cheer. And if that wasn't enough, Father Christmas also paid a flying visit to the school (keeping his distance, of course) and delivered a special present for each class. It was, apparently for some, the 'best day of their lives'!! See Twitter for photographic evidence!

On behalf of all the staff, thank you also for all the generous Christmas gifts and cards. We wish you all a restful, safe and merry Christmas and a very happy, pandemic-free new year!

All best wishes
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Congratulations!!!

The golden certificate winners this week for consistently **Being Kind** are:

Giraffes: Afonso

Zebras: Yanki

Elephants: Zion

Monkeys: Stella

Crocodiles: ALL OF CROCODILE CLASS!

Rhinos: Ilham

Lions: Remy

Class with Highest Weekly Attendance: Elephants 98%





Classes with Best Weekly Punctuality:

Positive Covid Cases after Thursday 17th December

In line with guidance from Public Health England, we will be checking emails for 6 days from the end of term in case any children or staff test positive for Covid. It is therefore essential that you contact the school on nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk if your child tests positive in this period so that we can inform other children's families and relevant staff. Please continue to help us to keep our whole school community (and extended family) safe this Christmas.

Class Christmas Performances.....coming your way today via Google Classroom!

We may not be able to invite parents/carers in to see our Christmas performances this year but thanks to the miracles of technology, we can zoom the children into your living rooms via Google Classroom. Children should log into their Google Classroom accounts at the end of today and all will be revealed. All instructions for how to do this are included in our Blended Learning policy, available on the school website [here](#). Please note that these videos **must not** be downloaded and shared via social media. Thank you for your understanding with this.

PTA Brilliance – Christmas Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to the various fundraising 'events' over the past few weeks. The PTA has done an absolutely sterling job in, let's face it, rather testing circumstances. The Auction and Raffle Ticket sales raised an incredible **£1,798(!!!)** and there is also the Christmas Jumper and Gift Tag contributions (totals to follow). The Raffle was drawn last night (and filmed for anyone who wants a laugh!!!) with results on Classlist. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the classes for their gorgeous hampers.

PATHS – Parent Session via Zoom TODAY at 4pm

As you may know, we follow a whole school social/emotional curriculum called PATHS®. This is programme linked to the charity Barnardo's and the aim is to help empower children to develop problem-solving and self-regulation skills and improve social competence and self-esteem. To find out more about this approach, we will be hosting a parent session via Zoom. More details to follow of how to join, but please put the date in your diary.

Thank you to The Cricketers, Kew...

...for kindly donating food hampers for some of our families this Christmas. How lovely and generous!

Twitter  **@KewRiversidePS**

If you are not already following our official school Twitter account then please do so. We aim to bring you photos of your wonderful children and fabulous examples of their work on an (almost) daily basis. It's our way of letting you know what's going on in the inside while keeping you at a safe distance on the outside!

Safeguarding

A reminder that if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please contact the school's DSL and refer to the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (on the school website). 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
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Designated Teacher for Looked After Children (LAC) and Post-LAC	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Rachel Roberts	0208 487 8437	rachelroberts@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Safeguarding Governor(s)	Denise Long Peter King Patrick Neave	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Chair of Governors	Stephen Hyams	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.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

Governors

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

