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# Weekly Newsletter

29 January 2021

# Key Dates Coming up

Wednesday 3 February – 'Wear something Inside Out' for Children's Mental Health Week Friday 5 February – 'Dress to Express' Day for Children's Mental Health Week Monday 15 Feb to Friday 19 Feb - Half Term Holiday

# Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

I'm sure you are all aware of Boris Johnson's announcement this week that there will be no reopening of schools for all children until at least 8 March. We are all getting used to these set-backs now and will soldier on and work together to stay positive and support each other through these times. Onwards and upwards!

# Congratulations!!!

The golden certificate winners this week for children showing fantastic engagement with their home/school learning are:

Giraffes: Matilda Zebras: Anaiya Elephants: Tristan Monkeys: Jamie Crocodiles: Jake Rhinos: Yaqub Lions: Teegan



#### Classes with the highest virtual or in-school 'attendance':

**Children's Mental Health Week – 'Wear Something Inside Out' and 'Dress to Express' Days** Highlighting the importance of looking after our children's mental health has NEVER been more important and we are delighted to be marking this national awareness week, which takes place on 1-7 February, with the following activities:

- On Wednesday, we are asking children at home and in school to wear one piece of clothing inside out in their Live lessons as a reminder that how someone looks on the outside doesn't necessarily reflect how they feel on the inside (if they are in school, they can choose one part of their uniform to wear inside out)
- On Friday, we are asking children to come to their Live lessons 'dressing to express' themselves. This can be anything they like a favourite colour, pink hair, fancy dress, a home-made hat....?
- Throughout the week, the focus of our PATHS lessons will be on this year's theme Express Yourself



#### CAI Supporting Reading at Home – Big Cat e-books

We are very pleased to tell you that we have just purchased a subscription to the **Big Cat e-books** to support your child with their reading at home. Teachers will be sending out children's log in details today via Google Classroom, as well as a parent user guide for accessing and reading the e-books. Books will be allocated to your child's account for them to read each week based on the book band they were last reading within. We are able to

monitor the children's engagement with books this way and will confirm at a later date how you/your child are able to record their progress with their reading. For now, the most important thing is that your children have access to some 'books' to read! Happy reading!

### Surrey Outdoor Learning Half Term Activities

For vulnerable children and those of critical worker parents who are currently attending school, there are limited spaces for half term provision. See <u>here</u> for more details.

## Online Learning – Safeguarding our Children

Now that our online learning is well underway, we want to remind you that it is vitally important for us all to work together to ensure that the children are as safe online as they possibly can be. We have therefore updated our **Google Meet Acceptable Use agreements** to include a **Parent section** (you will have already received the Child agreement). The updated document is on the school website. Obviously, at the moment it is difficult for us to collect signed copies of this agreement, but please read it carefully as these are the behaviour expectations that need to be followed by all. Two key points to draw your attention to are:

- A parent/carer should always be within earshot of any Google Meet that their child attends
- Children should be dressed appropriately, ie not in their pyjamas!

There is also an updated **Covid addendum to our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy**, which can be found on the website <u>here</u>.

# 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 **at home and at school** on an (almost) daily basis.

Have a great weekend,

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#### 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	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk

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