

BULLETIN

16th October 2015

Issue 4

Next Week's Golden Rules Focus

Listen to people and show respect

Key Dates for Next Week

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Whole School Information

The half term is almost upon us and the staff and children have all been working hard to settle into the new school year and on the whole it has been a very positive start to 2015-16 school year.

One of our key priorities for this year is to encourage greater community engagement with the school. I know that the PTA do amazing things but there is always more we can do to support the children in their learning. We would like to raise the profile of 'parent voice' in the school and next week I will be sending out a skills and talents register to see who is out there in terms of human resources.

Thank you.

Darren

Reminder – Please do not park on the kerbs on Townmead Road as the school has had complaints that pushchairs are unable to use the pavement.

Pupil Parliament - Congratulations to Iris and Duncan for taking part in a Pupil Parliament session at York House in Twickenham. Their speeches and questions were outstanding. You have given the Mayor of Richmond a lot to think about.

Special School Lunch Menu – 22nd October to celebrate Black History Month, if you wish your child to have a school lunch on this day, please pay £2.30 at the office by Monday 19th October. Menu attached.

Extension Swimming – no swimming next week 23rd October.

Uniform sale, Friday 23rd October after school.

The Halloween Disco - Friday, 23 October from 5-7pm

Get your scariest costumes ready!!!

Tickets are £2 per child and will be on sale during drop-off and pick-up from next Monday-Friday. (Sorry, no tickets sales on the night)

The children are more than welcome to come in costume (no masks please). More details will be sent via your class reps very shortly. Please see flier and competition from Chestertons (hardcopy).

Parents Consultations - Monday 16th November between 2.00 – 5.00pm and Wednesday 18th November between 4.00pm -7.00pm. We will be holding individual parents' meetings to discuss your child's progress and their targets. You will be allocated a 10 minute appointment with the class teacher on one of these days. It is important that we stay within these timescales to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak to their teacher. Please see the attached letter/form and return to the office by Friday 23rd October.

E-Safety – Our local authority advisor, Peter Cowley will give a safety talk on all things digital, from Instagram to Facebook, on Thursday November 26th from 3.30 to 4.30pm. (No home learning.)

No Home Learning, please note that there will be no home learning the last week of each holiday.

Sports Events

Richmond Schools Tag Tournament on Wednesday we sent two teams to the Fan Zone for tag rugby, which this year included an attempt to enter the Guinness Book of Records.

Our Years 5 and 6 teams scored plenty of tries and finished second in the Plate group, narrowly missing out on place in the semi final. We ran in 18 tries in 6 games.

Our Year 3 and 4 teams did really well, losing in extra time in the Semi final of the Cup. A fantastic achievement.

The children also met All Black and Toulon player Ali Williams.

The day was rounded off with Kew Riverside playing out the closing minutes of the biggest tag rugby game in the world and entering into the Guinness book of records. Both teams had their photos taken with the official Guinness book adjudicator.

Girls Football Festival 11th November, we have once again been invited by The Richmond Sports Development team to take part in the Primary Schools Competitive Girls Football Festival. If child has been selected there will be a letter in their bookbag.

Art Week, 19th – 23rd October. After the success of last year, we will be having another whole school Art Week and once again the PTA have

sponsored the whole event. The week's activities will be based on the new 'Take One Picture' from the National Gallery - A Roman Triumph by Peter Paul Rubens. During the week all children will be engaged in a wide variety of art activities each day and will also have the opportunity to work with art specialists from Orleans Gallery.

Love in a Box, this year, we will once again be supporting a charity known as 'Love in a Box'. The charity collects shoeboxes filled with small gifts and delivers them to children in Eastern European countries who are from poor families or who are hospitalised or living in orphanages, and who would not usually receive gifts for Christmas.

All you have to do is cover a shoe box with some bright paper or decorations and put in a mixture of basic things like toothbrushes, warm gloves, sponges or soaps and small gifts such as coloured pencils, skipping ropes, books or puzzles. If you feel that you are able to donate a box of small gifts (they need not be expensive), please return your 'Love in a Box' shoebox to the office by **Monday 9th November**. There is a leaflet in the children's' book bags, tear off the slip and return it with your filled shoebox indicating the age and gender you are wishing to donate to. The boxes should only be sealed with an elastic band as all contents in boxes are checked, for security reasons, before leaving the country. Thank you for your support and generosity in giving to this very worthy cause.

House Points



2163



2252



2249



2394

Craze of the Week: Chalk

Community Information

Christ's School Fireworks Evening Friday 6th November 2015

If you would like to purchase some advance tickets, please see Lisa at reception. The school receives a percentage of the sales as a donation. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

RPA school magazine, **Park Life**, which outlines what has been happening in school and answers a number of frequently asked questions that Year 5 and 6 parents ask. I would be delighted if you would share this with your school across all years. Please use the link. <https://drive.google.com/a/richmondparkacademy.org/file/d/0B85eFujlUIVRTW95YIZIMIRIS1k/view> .

Richmond Mayor's Christmas card competition

Richmond's Mayor is searching for budding artists to design his annual Christmas cards. Two young people will have their designs turned into real cards which will be the official Mayor's Christmas cards for this year. As well as having their design produced into actual cards, the overall

winners will also be invited to have tea with the Mayor in the Mayor's parlour and will receive some arty prizes. There will be a prize for the winners of each age category.

The competition is open to children aged of 5-11 and 12-16 who live or go to school in the borough.

The design theme is Christmas in Richmond upon Thames and entries must be submitted on A5 paper, either landscape or portrait. The card should be creative, but glitter, or any other protruding items, should not be used.

Designs should be submitted to: Michelle Davies, Mayor's Office, York House, Twickenham, TW1 3AA, by Friday 30 October 2015.

Simon Singh talk

Big Bang! The history of the universe in 60 minutes - bestselling author and local resident Simon Singh discusses civilisation's greatest scientific discovery at The Theatre, RACC, Richmond, 7.30pm Monday 9 November.

What is the Big Bang model, who came up with the idea and what is the evidence to support it? This accessible talk will include references to Led Zeppelin, the Teletubbies and electrocuted gherkins. Examining notions of history and time (in the most extreme manner possible), this talk is based on Singh's acclaimed book 'Big Bang'. Tickets £10 or £5 students (18 and under). See attached leaflet or for more details:

www.museumofrichmond.com

Feel Good Fitness membership offer - Join now and pay nothing until the end of the year!

- Two pools, four gyms, 120 fitness classes
- Money back guarantees on all memberships
- Fully staffed state of the art gyms with qualified instruction
- Membership covers five centres
- Complimentary personalised programmes every 14 visits

Phone 020 3772 2999 for more information or visit

www.richmond.gov.uk/sportscentres

Offer is valid until 14 November 2015 and joining fee applies. Terms and conditions apply.

October holiday activities at Orleans House Gallery

Fill your holidays with creativity! We offer a range of full and half day workshops for ages 0 to 17. Visit the gallery exhibition and work with professional artists specialising in a range of different techniques from drawing, painting and print-making to sculpture and textiles. We can provide support for children and young people with additional needs.

More details here: www.richmond.gov.uk/holiday_activities

October Half Term Activities at Albany Park Canoe and Sailing Centre for 8-16 years. During the October half term we are running our popular Multi Activity Days, RYA sailing courses and two Family Adventure Days starting their paddle from Hampton Court.

New to Albany is our late afternoon/early evening, pre Halloween paddle - to get your children in the 'Spirit' for their Halloween weekend.

Please go to <https://uk.bookingbug.com/home/45738-Achieving-for-Children> to view all the activities currently running at Albany Park.

If you have any questions about any of our activities and cannot find the answer to your questions elsewhere, please do not hesitate to contact us at albanypark@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Key Stage 1 - Orleans Gallery will be doing workshops at the school.

Giraffes

Heights and Weights 10th November, please see letter for further information.

Hearing Test, 24th and 25th November - if you do not wish your child to have a hearing test, please inform Lisa.

Zebras

Florence Nightingale Museum 17th November. As part of our topic 'People Who Help us' we would like to take children to The Florence Nightingale Museum on 2015. This trip has been part paid by the PTA, if you are happy for your child to take part please make payment of £8.00 online or at the office and return completed permission slip.

Elephant

Key Stage 2 (Monkey, Crocodile, Rhino & Lion)

Key Stage 2 - Trips to Orleans Gallery

Monkeys

Swimming: Please note no swimming on 19th October 2015.

Crocodiles

V & A Museum - 11th November, please remember to return your permission slips.

Rhinos

Kingston Museum 17th November. As part of our topic 'Invaders and Settlers' we would like to take children to Kingston Museum. If you are happy for your child to take part please make payment of £3.00 online or at the office and return completed permission slip.

Lions

Applying for secondary schools, closing date is **31st October** for online and paper applications.

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10th November	Heights and Weights – Giraffe and Lion Class
11th November	V & A Museum – Crocodile Class

11th November	Girls Football Festival
16th November	Parents Consultations
17th November	Kingston Museum – Rhino Class
17th November	Florence Nightingale Museum – Zebra Class
18th November	Parents Consultations
24th and 25th November	Hearing Test - Giraffe Class
26th November	e-Safety talk for Parents
Please check the school website for term dates, including INSET days.	

Slips to be returned/Attachments to bulletin			
Whole School	Giraffe Class	Zebra Class	Elephant Class
RPA Parklife Simon Singh Christs School Fireworks	Height and Weight	Florence Nightingale Museum	
Monkey Class	Crocodile class	Rhino Class	Lion Class
	V and A Museum	Kingston Museum	Height and Weight

Please remember that you can keep up to date on the school website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>

If you wish to be a member of the Kew Riverside Primary School PTA, for news, updates and information regarding the school. Please ask to join as a new member or email charlottewilliams77@gmail.com or sabinamangosi@gmail.com to be added to the members' list.

Please note that you must hold a Facebook account in order to be eligible and have children at the school.