

NEWSLETTER

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Issue 16

Focus of the Week: Work Hard

Key Dates coming up

For more key dates please follow [this link](#)

Golden Certificate Winners this week



Dear Parents and Carers

An action-packed first week back but lovely to see all the children and their families return safely!

Parent Consultations

You will be able to book 10 minute meeting slots with your child's teacher online. The school's online payment system, *Tucasi*, will be live from Saturday 12th at 12pm until Friday 18th at 9pm. Parents with children with SEND can book their slot with Lisa directly.

League Tables

Having spoken to many of you over the last few years, I think we share the belief that it is not solely a school's position on the national league tables that draws parents to a school! However, you may be pleasantly surprised at how well the Kew Riverside are doing in our immediate locality and in the local authority as a whole, especially in writing and maths. We are especially pleased with our position in writing, as this was a whole school development area following Ofsted in 2017. Please visit the [school's website](#) for more details.

Chicken Pox

We have had a case of chicken pox in Monkey class. As she is pregnant, Sarah will not be in until we can ascertain that it is safe for her to be in class.

Cycling helmets (again!)

Unfortunately there are still children in Rhinos and Lions riding without helmets on their bikes to and from school. As a school, we have a duty of care towards all of our pupils and we are unwilling to allow children to leave the school grounds on bikes if they have no helmet. Children that persistently come to school without helmets will no

longer be allowed to bring their bikes to school. We would be very grateful if you could support us in keeping the children safe.

Parking

We have had a request from Richmond Gymnastic Association not to park in their car park or overspill car park. I am still reminding some parents and other members of the public not to park inappropriately. Sometimes they respond positively, sometimes quite rudely. Despite your good intentions, I would ask that you not get involved trying to move people on and let me deal with them directly as a representative of the school! Thank you.

Admission into Primary School

Please remember the closing date for applications to start Reception class and transfer to Junior school is **Tuesday 15 January 2019**. Parents need to apply online.

Website

You may have noticed that we are making an effort to change aspects of the website following feedback. A working party of four governors and 2 staff will review our site from the perspectives of different users and then ensure action is taken to make it the main hub for school information and celebration.

Update: Garden and 'Calm' pods for Playground

Unfortunately, due to injury and availability, we have had to further postpone the building of the school garden and 'calm' pods until February half-term. Believe me, I share your frustration. No-one is more infuriated than I at present.

Choir parents: Singing Festival will take place on March 26th (timing TBC, likely around 3:30pm start). Holly will send home information regarding tickets when we have the information.

Can you Help

We are collecting (clean) **denim/jeans** for a sewing project in Lions.

We are collecting (clean) **socks and leggings** in Crocodiles for a sewing project

We are collecting **cardboard tubes** from paper towels in Zebras and Elephants for making rain sticks.

Please note these will **NOT be returned**.

The School Development Plan (SDP) and Self Evaluation Form (SEF)

Please refer to the link below to see our progress against the School Development Plan 2018-19.

<http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Development+Plan+%28SDP%29+%26amp%3B+Self+Evaluation+Form+%28SEF%29&pid=149>

Governors

If you have any questions for or about the Governors please send them to:

governors@kewriverside.sch.richmond.uk

Weekly Maths and Word Challenge for Children & Parents

<http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/?pid=1398&action=saved>

Community Events

Parent workshops – Supporting you anxious child and Managing behaviour under 8s.

Please visit [this link](#) for more community events

Parent Carer Forum survey

If you are a parent/carer of a child with special educational needs or disabilities in Kingston or Richmond, Contact would like to hear from you. They are conducting a survey to get feedback on and register interest in establishing a parent carer forum to

make your voice heard with the local authorities. You can complete the survey [online here](#), and find out more on the [Local Offer website](#).

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Giraffes:

Heights and Weights 28th January

Zebras:

Elephants:

Scooter training 7th February letter has gone home today.

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

Monkeys:

Swimming - Please remember to pay either online or at the office.

Drumming workshop 23rd January letter has gone home today

Crocodiles

If your child would like to carry on learning brass, please have letters in by Tuesday January 15th.

Rhinos

Lions

PGL Osmington Bay 20th - 24th May

KRPS PTA Committee

All parents and carers are automatically part of Kew Riverside's PTA and being involved in any way you can is a great way to meet new people and raise money for our fantastic school. We have regular meetings and are always planning the next event so if you can help in any way or have some great fundraising ideas then please talk to your class reps.

Lots of great events happening throughout the year and we all look forward to seeing you and your families getting involved!

