

NEWSLETTER

21st December 2018

Issue 15

Focus of the Week:

Key Dates coming up

January 7 th 2019	Children return to school
Monday 21 st January 2019	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 22 nd January 2019	Parent Consultations

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Barn Church

A big thank you to all of you who came to watch the KS2 Barn Church performance. I am sure you will agree that the children performed brilliantly, yet again! My thanks also to our fantastic staff and especially to Holly for all of her hard work!



Today, the staff and children took part in the whole school **Christmas jumper day**. Voluntary donations would be hugely appreciated as part of Maisie's marathon fundraising for the NSPCC.

'Blitz' survivor visits Lion Class

On Wednesday, Lions received a visit from Hilda, a resident of Shoreditch in London, who gave a talk on 'living through the blitz'. Hilda stayed on to have Christmas lunch with the children afterwards.



Our thanks to Natasha, an ex-parent, who provided Hilda with transport for the day. This oral history is so valuable for the children – far richer than a YouTube video! It would be great if more grandparents or even great grandparents could come in and work with the children in future. Natasha sent us this note:

Dear Darren

I write to thank you so much for inviting Hilda to your school yesterday. I can't explain how much it meant to her. It was an emotional day for her speaking about the war and her family.

She was flabbergasted the children were so interested and so many had their hands up to ask questions. Hilda is 94 and lives on her own in a flat in a tower block. She is very lonely and is by herself the majority of the time, as her friends and family have died and she did not have children. She volunteers at a St Bartholomew's Hospital once a week, which she has done for 30 years. She has to get a taxi to and from the hospital. She is getting quite frail and it is difficult for her to open and close the security doors into her tower block. She will be alone at Christmas as will so many older people.

Yesterday was an experience she had never had before but she said she will remember forever. She was taken aback by the politeness and friendliness of the children. There was a pupil that went and thanked her for coming and said he loved the lesson, that meant so much to her, as did the other children that wished her a happy Christmas.

She talked all the way home, (90 minutes) about all the questions, she loved the question about the carrots and was pleased that she was able to let the children know that not everyone went in an Anderson Shelter, but a basement of flats.

What she was pleased about is that none of the children will ever experience a war like that.

Hilda would like to come back next year and she will have had some practise!

We posted Christmas cards to Hilda from the children today ☺

Tudor Day



Rhinos had a 'Terrific' Tudor Day this week. A day of history, drama and tudor cooking! Two Tudor queens turned up and the peasants were not happy!

Finally, a last goodbye to Laura, who has spent 10 successful years with the school and was seen-off in style by the children today!

Have a great holiday everyone, see you in 2019!

Darren

Parent Consultations for January

The Parent Meetings with teachers will take place on 21st January 2019 between 2 and 5pm. There are also meetings on 22nd January 2019 between 3.30 and 7.00 pm. The available slots are 10 minutes long and 20 minutes for parents of children with SEND. Also procedures for booking parent meetings and when it will be available to book online.

New LSP roles for January

Giraffes - Lauren and Jessica
Zebras – Josh, Alex, Vanya and Sharron
Elephants - Ben
Monkeys - Christina and Julie
Crocodiles - Leo
Rhinos – No LSP
Lions - Angela and Wendy

We are currently in the process of recruiting two new members of staff.

Home Learning Club

Please note that Home Learning Club will start along with other clubs the week beginning 14th January 2019. This club is 'invitation only' for a small group of children in each class and it is reviewed on a termly basis. Letters will be sent home to the selected children during the first week of term.

Thank you to the PTA who put on a fantastic cinema night on Wednesday!

PATHS Kindness Advent Calendar

Please encourage your child to continue to open the next doors on the Christmas act of Kindness calendar.

<http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/news/?pid=22&nid=4&storyid=1076>

Please visit our E-Safety page on the website to find out more about how to keep your child safe online.

<http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/?pid=202&action=saved>

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

Community Events

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

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Giraffes:

Heights and Weights 28th January

Zebras:

Elephants:

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

All Key Stage 2 - Barn Church 18th December at 10.30am

Monkeys:

Crocodiles

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!

