

## BULLETIN

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Issue 2

### Focus of the Week

#### Key Dates coming up

27 <sup>th</sup> September	National Fitness Day (remember your PE Kit)
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher – Zebra Class
4 <sup>th</sup> October	No Pens Day Wednesday
6 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA AGM
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### Message from Nell:

Today the school is awash with blue denim as we celebrate 'Jeans for Genes' day. The JLT has done a fantastic job in leading a whole school assembly to explain the important work that the charity does and they will be busily counting coins later today to find out how much money the school has raised. Thank you to all those who have taken part. We'd also like to congratulate the Monkey and Crocodile class children who took part in yesterday's locality sports day and Neal on the extremely exciting news about our School Games Gold Award (see below). The PTA will be holding their AGM on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am – they are very keen to have more volunteers so please please come along and find out more.

### Staffing updates

Thank you for all your kind messages of support for Darren – in case some of you missed yesterday's letter from our chair of governors, we are attaching it again for you now.

We are delighted to welcome Chris back from Australia to Zebra class - he has been very impressed by how Year-1-ready the children are and how smoothly they have made the transition from Giraffe class.

In Monkey class, Kamila is now working in the mornings instead of Josh, who is in Giraffe class – this is in order to meet the needs of the children in both classes as best we can.

### Uniform

If you are unsure about the correct school uniform, please check the website – we have seen a fair few extravagant hair accessories and brightly coloured socks this week!

### **Children's stationery - donations**

We are asking for voluntary donations from parents of children in years 1-6 of £5 to cover your child's stationery for the year. This will provide your child with a pencil case and its contents. We are hopeful that this will help your child to understand that our learning tools are not throwaway items and that by taking care of these tools they are always ready and able to learn. Any donations can be made directly to the office. Thank you.

### **Parking**

Please can you remember to park safely and legally and not on the zigzag lines outside school, or in the entrance of the Richmond Gymnastics Association or on the pavement as this blocks the route for pedestrians who are forced on to the road. Please use the car park.

**PE** - We are delighted to announce that Kew Riverside has been awarded the GOLD LEVEL for the School Games administered sports mark 2017/18, having progressed from Bronze level in only 2015! We achieved this prestigious award in recognition of the volume and variety of inter-school and intra-school competition that we provide.

Our gold award also recognises the commitment of staff and pupils to the teaching and learning of sport. As well, this award celebrates the initiatives within our school that we use to engage our children in leading a positive, active and healthy lifestyle



**National Fitness Day** on Wednesday 27th September, so we're planning a range of fitness activities on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your children have their kit in school.

**Lunch at the Movies** – The school is having a themed movie lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> October. If your child does not normally have a school lunch but would like one that day, please pay online or Lisa at the office £2.20. Please see menu attached.

**PTA AGM** – The PTA will be holding their AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> October 9:00 (from drop off). If you are interested in being part of the Kew Riverside PTA, please come along.

### **No Pens Day Wednesday**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the whole school will be celebrating 'No Pens Day Wednesday'. This event encourages schools to put down their pens and to run a day of speaking and listening activities. All children will be participating in activities organised by their teacher.

If you are interested in finding out more about this, see the link <https://thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/no-pens-day-wednesday/>

**School Potluck Supper** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 5-7pm, tickets will be available from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, please see below for more details.

**Kew Riverside Halloween Disco** - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 5-7pm

Get your scariest costumes ready!!

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October in the school playground during drop off and pick. More details to follow.

### Library

If you would like to volunteer this year, please let your class rep or Laura in Rhinos know. Some parents may wish to continue to support, sign up, stop helping or change days and times. Volunteers are required on mornings (8.30-8.50am) and afternoons (3.15/30pm-4.00pm) and it would be great if you could commit to a half-term or more. Laura will be providing a training/refresher training for parent helpers in September. The system in place is very user-friendly and a few parents have mentioned that helping out allows them to fulfil some of their childhood dreams by using a scanner and becoming a librarian! Thank you for considering.

### Richmond Park Academy Open Evenings

Richmond Park Academy would like to invite parents to attend their Open Evening on Wednesday 11 October between 6 pm and 8.15 pm. The Open Evening will feature tours of the school and a presentation by Principal, Paul Mundy-Castle. Parents can save time by pre-registering to attend at [www.richmondparkacademy.org/openeveningreg](http://www.richmondparkacademy.org/openeveningreg). Please find the invitation attached. Richmond Park Academy are also offering tours on Tuesday or Thursday mornings during the school day until half term. To arrange a tour contact them at [contactus@richmondparkacademy.org](mailto:contactus@richmondparkacademy.org)

### OPEN EVENTS AT CHRIST'S SCHOOL

At Christ's School, our whole school open evening will take place on Thursday 28 September from 6:30-9pm. There's no need to book, just come along and see the school. We also have an Open Morning on Tuesday 10 October from 9-10:30. There will be a talk by the Headteacher, Mrs Helen Dixon, followed by tours of the School. To book your place, please email [khandle@christs.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:khandle@christs.richmond.sch.uk)

Tours of the school are available year round Monday to Thursdays at 9:30am and 11am. To book a tour, please call Reception on 020 8940 6982. Parents and children are welcome at all events.

### House Points



### Community Information

**Children's Centres** – Autumn term timetable for the Richmond area, please see attached.

**Calling all aspiring inventors Competition** – please see the attached leaflet and follow the link for more information.

**[www.youngimagineers.statoil.com](http://www.youngimagineers.statoil.com)**

**The Voice Kids 2018** is returning to ITV and we're looking for super talented singers aged 7-14\* who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage.

Applications for our second series are now open and can be submitted via the following link: <http://www.itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply>. They must be submitted by a parent / legal guardian and auditions are set to take place this September and October. See attachment.

**Do your children love books?** We run Chatterbooks groups, aimed at Years 4 and 5, in all of our libraries and new groups will be starting in September/October this year. All are welcome!

They are a great vehicle for children to meet up with other children of the same age with the same interests and develop their communication skills. These groups encourage a love of books and reading and provide a safe environment for children to get involved with a range of fun activities that will foster and develop a love of books.

Contact your local library for more details and a joining form.

Chatterbooks groups are free to join.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/chatterbooks/>

### Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

#### Giraffes

**Meet the Teacher** – 11<sup>th</sup> October

#### Zebras

**Flu Immunisation** - 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Meet the teacher** – 28<sup>th</sup> September

#### Elephants

**Flu Immunisation** - 12<sup>th</sup> October

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

#### Monkeys

**School Lunches** – If your child is having a school lunch, the cost will remain the same at £2.20 per meal. Please remember to pay either online or at the office. If you wish your child to have a snack, please provide one for breaktime.

**Flu Immunisation** - 12<sup>th</sup> October

#### Crocodiles

**Flu Immunisation** - 12<sup>th</sup> October

#### Rhinos

**Mobile Phones** - To ensure everyone's safety, if your child brings a mobile phone to school, please could you remind them that it must be turned off at the gate before entering the school grounds and placed inside pockets or bags. School staff will also be reminding children. If your child

needs to contact you to let you know they have arrived safely to school, they should call or text you before they enter the gates. Phones can be turned on again once the child has left the school grounds at the end of the day. If phones are being used in the playground, they will be confiscated and may no longer be allowed in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Lions

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### Transfer to secondary school 2018

The leaflets below highlight key information relating to the secondary transfer process. Further detailed information can be found in the Admission to Richmond's secondary schools brochure which is available on the website.

[Richmond leaflet](#)   [Richmond brochure](#)

Please be aware of dates and timescales.

Leaflet and Brochure are attached.

**PGL May 2018** – This PGL will be after the May half term from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please note 4<sup>th</sup> May is an **inset** day, but will be the start of PGL.

#### Key dates for your diary

25 <sup>th</sup> September	Giraffe stay all day
27 <sup>th</sup> September	National Fitness Day (remember your PE kit)
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher – Zebra Class
28 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Curriculum Evening Cancelled</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> October	No Pens Day Wednesday
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Lunch at the Movies
6 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA AGM 9:00 (straight after drop off)
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Meet the teacher – Giraffe Class
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisation – Zebra, Elephant, Monkey and Crocodile Class
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Class Rep Meeting 9:00 (straight after drop off)
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths Day
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Potluck Super 5-7pm – Event
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photo
18 <sup>th</sup> October	New parents open morning – 9.30 – 10.30am
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco 5-7pm – PTA Event
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Inset Day No Pupils</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Meetings

14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Meetings
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Kew Sparkle
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity KS1 – 9:30am Dress Rehearsal (Grandparents and siblings)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity KS1 – 9:30am
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto – KS2
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto – Giraffe Class
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity KS1 – 1:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto – Zebra and Elephant Class
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Barn Church – KS2 10:30am
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School starts all children</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School starts all children</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL Osmington Bay – Lion Class
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School starts all children</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Please check the school website for term dates, including INSET days.	

<b>Slips to be returned/Attachments to bulletin</b>			
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Giraffe Class</b>	<b>Zebra Class</b>	<b>Elephant Class</b>
Menu RPA open day Children Centre The Voice			
<b>Monkey Class</b>	<b>Crocodile Class</b>	<b>Rhino Class</b>	<b>Lion Class</b>

### **PTA**

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.

You can keep up to date on school news via the school's website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/> on twitter @KRPS2039 or our Facebook page which if you want to become a member of please

search for us at "Kew Riverside Primary School PTA" and you'll be asked by admin to verify your child's name and class before you are approved.

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

**School Potluck Supper** – a banquet made by you for everyone to share  
Parents, carers, children are all invited.  
Free to all – free tickets will be available on the school gate & with Lisa at Reception  
Friday 13 October from 5 – 7pm at Kew Riverside Primary School Hall

Bring your favourite food dish to share at school – perhaps a country or regional specialism or one that you simply enjoy eating and sharing. A main dish, a side dish, salads or puddings. Anything goes.  
You will be encouraged to place your food on a long buffet table and label your food so everyone knows what they are eating. We'll provide the stickers and pens. (KRPS has a no nuts policy so no dishes with nuts in please.)  
There'll be tables set up for everyone to sit together and try each other's specialist dishes, mingle and get to know each other.  
It's a new school year. We're a small school. Some of us are new to the school and some have been at the school for a while. Let's all get to know each other whilst enjoying our favourite dishes.  
You are welcome to bring your own drinks and there will also be a low cost bar.