

BULLETIN

17th November 2017

Issue 6

| Focus of the Week | |
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| Listen and show respect | |
| Key Dates coming up | |
| 1 December | Kew Sparkle |
| 3 rd December | Epsom Cross Country – Running Club |
| 8 th December | Mufti Day – Bring a bottle |
| 8 th December | School Christmas fair |
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Dear Parents and Carers

The festive season is truly upon us at Kew Riverside, with a decorated lobby and classrooms, Christmas music and staff decoration of the tree this evening.

The parking issues around the school continue. Chevrons and yellow lines are there for a reason and mounting the kerb or pulling over into the RGA driveway, not only blocks access but puts children and adults with buggies in danger. I understand that sometimes children are running late but we would all rather have late children than injured ones, or worse. I have spoken to some parents this week and will continue to monitor the situation.

Congratulations to Ayla Qader-Parsons is joint winner of the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition! Ayla's design will be printed as one of 3 cards as the Mayor's official Christmas card this year. The Mayor has also invited Ayla and 2 family members to a tea party in the Mayor's Parlour.

During this colder weather, we must insist that children bring and wear a coat at school during break times. No coat, no play!

Also a thank you for being so supportive following the incident last weekend regarding photographs and school funds. Your patience and

understanding have been welcomed during a very difficult week. Investigations are continuing!

Finally, I have spoken to the older children today about being approached by strangers on their walk to and from school. We have spoken before about being safe in a group and not being on their phones, but there was an incident this morning where a group of our children were spoken to by a man near the M&S pond near Melliss Avenue. They were very sensible, but scared, and reported this to me this morning. We have contacted their parents and the police. There is nothing to report further on this and no evidence of anything sinister at this stage.

Please see the message from Neal below regarding filming permission of your children.

Have a good weekend!

Darren

Pack Lunches –please be note that you cannot put the following into your child's lunch box, shell fish, nuts, chocolate and crisps.

Christmas Faye - 'Excitement is building for this year's Christmas Fayre on 8th December. Entrance and raffle tickets will go on sale on **Monday 4th December** and the auction will be live online tonight -

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/kewriversidprimaryschool>

There are lots of ways to get involved - from baking, manning stalls and selling tickets. Please also keep an eye out for posters around the school and a booklet in your child's bag tonight.

Finally, don't forget there will be a mufti day on **8th December** in exchange for a bottle for the tombola.'

Read all about it!

To help encourage the children to read a range of genres and visit the school library more often, we are introducing a new and exciting Reading Bingo Reward Card. Each child will bring home a reward card today. Every time your child reads a book on the card, they need to take their card to the library to be stamped once. From Giraffes to Elephants, the children need to read 12 books and receive 12 stamps to earn a small prize. From Crocodiles to Lions, the children need to read 20 books and receive 20 stamps to earn a small price. Books on the reward card can be read in any order. Please see the class teacher or Laura in Rhinos if you have any questions.

Nativity and Barn Church Tickets from 1st December 2017

Tickets for both Key Stage 1 and 2 performances will be on sale for £2.00 from Friday 1st December. Please remember 2 tickets per family for Key Stage 1 and children will not be allowed to sit on adults' laps, due to health and safety.

Christmas Post Box

The post box is in reception for children to post their Christmas cards. Postmasters from Lions and Rhinos will sort the letters and hand deliver them to each class.

Christmas Dinner – 20th December, see menu attached if you wish your child to enjoy the festive lunch, instead of their pack lunch the cost will be £2.20 please pay by the 11th December online.

Individual Photos – Please return by 8th December.

Guinea Pigs – are looking for a home over the Christmas Holidays, if anyone wish to look after them please contact Lisa in the office.

Important information "The Kids Run Free Marathon – A hard copy of the consent form for filming will be in your child's bookbag this evening. Your child will only be able to take part in the filming if the consent is returned to Lisa in the Office by Monday 4th December 17.

On behalf of Discovery Education and the charity Kids Run Free, we will be filming a short educational film for online use to introduce other teachers and schools in the UK to the benefits of participating in the Marathon Kids programme, which Kew Riverside Primary School pupils participate in. Marathon Kids is an exciting programme aiming to encourage all children, regardless of fitness or ability, to run or walk the distance of up to four marathons throughout the school year.

Help Setting Parental Restrictions on your child's electronic device, see the attached.

Library Opening Times -

Monday 08.30-08.50 and 3.30-4pm

Tuesday 3.30-4pm

Wednesday 3.30-4pm

Thursday 3.30-4pm (for the next 6 weeks)

Friday 3.30-4pm

Children from all year groups are welcome to visit on any day. Children in Giraffes to Crocodiles must be accompanied by an adult; Rhinos and Lions can visit by themselves.

House Points



2111



1691



1906



2041

Community Events

Frozen-Sing-Along – the mayor would like to invite you, see attached leaflet. TICKET SALES: £8 per ticket (£6 for concessions) available now by booking online:

www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/event/frozen-sing-along/

ASD and Asperger Syndrome Parent Support Group, see leaflet attached.

New research to help with the transition to secondary school – message from University of Surrey researchers

We are looking to recruit girls aged 10 and their parents for a new project which focuses on emotional competence during the transition from primary to secondary school. This project will be conducted at the [University of Surrey](http://www.universityofsurrey.ac.uk).

Systemic transitions across schools create stress for children, and their caregivers as well! The transition from primary to secondary school at age 11 is particularly challenging, as it coincides with the onset of puberty, which brings on a range of physical, hormonal and social changes for the individual. Importantly, research has shown that all these changes increase the vulnerability to psychological problems, with the most common problem being anxiety, which affects up to 1 in 4 children. Children with anxiety experience intense fears and worries, leading to problems with friendships, poor school performance, and long-term mental health difficulties.

This research hopes to find some ways of making the transition easier for the children, their parents, and their teachers. If your child and you are interested in participating, do get in touch with research leader Dr Kathrin Cohen Kadosh via email (k.cohenkadosh@surrey.ac.uk) or phone (01483 68 3968) to go over the specifics of participating in this project and to arrange a testing appointment.

Deaf Awareness Training Session

Free Deaf Awareness Training Session delivered by Paediatric Audiology and Achieving for Children. This session will develop participants' skills in communicating with hearing impaired children, including children with glue ear. For further information please see this link <https://afc-document-portal.org.uk/getFile.aspx?fid=41398&nid=8218>

30 hours information video for parents

AfC has launched a 30 hours information video for parents. This is available on the [AfC Info website](http://www.afc.org.uk) and has also been shared via social media.

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

KS1 Christmas Nativity

Please can all children in Giraffes, Zebras and Elephants bring their costumes in for the Christmas Nativity no later than Monday **4th December**. Costumes need to be brought to school in a bag which is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Please refer back to the costume list which was previously sent out to see which costume your child needs to bring in. If your child is playing the part of an angel and you would like to provide their costume yourself, we are

happy for you to do so. If you have any questions or need help sourcing a costume then please come and speak to Sarah, Chris or Emily. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Parties for Giraffe, Zebra and Elephant Class – 20th December
To celebrate the festive season class, will be having a Christmas Party. Children can bring a change of party clothes for the afternoon. We would also appreciate you bringing in some party food for all to share, please ensure the food is not chocolate or sweets and does not contain any nuts due to allergies within school. Suggestions would be popcorn, sausage rolls, carrot sticks, pretzels, mini Cheddars etc.

Giraffes

Christmas Panto – 13th December, Richmond Theatre. This year's panto is 'Aladdin'. Once again PTA has generously paid the majority of the panto. Please remember to make payment of £8.00 either online or at the office and return the completed consent form. Please remember that trips like this can only go ahead if all contributions are received. Also note that the collection will be from the Little Green opposite the theatre.

Christmas Parties – 20th December please see note above.

Zebras

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Elephants

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Christmas Parties – 20th December please see note above.

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

Creative Story Writing - All children in Key Stage 2 are invited to write a creative story about toys. This is competition where children need to write no more than 100 words. From adventures and mayhem to mysteries and flashbacks, there are so many ideas to inspire a mini saga; a story told in **just 100 words!** Pupils can even draw their toy before they plan and write their mini saga. A hand-out will go home today

explaining the task. The deadline for work to be handed in to the office is **Friday 15th December** so that they can be posted to reach the judges by Friday 22nd December. Prizes for winning entries include a £100 toys voucher and work being published in a book. See the link for further details.

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/toy-stories/>

Christmas Parties for Monkey, Crocodile, Rhino and Lion Class

To celebrate the festive season classes, will be having a Christmas Party. Children can bring a change of party clothes for the afternoon. We would also appreciate you bringing in some party food for all to share, please ensure the food is not chocolate or sweets and does not contain any nuts due to allergies within school. Suggestions would be popcorn, sausage rolls, carrot sticks, pretzels, mini Cheddars etc.

Monkeys

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Christmas Parties – 19th December please see note above.

Crocodiles

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Christmas Parties – 19th December please see note above.

Rhinos

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Lions

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Christmas Parties – 18th December please see note above.

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

Key dates for your diary

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| 3 rd December | Epsom Cross Country – Running Club |
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| 15 th December | Panto – Zebra and Elephant Class 4:00pm |
| 18 th December | Christmas Parties – Rhino and Lion Class |
| 18 th December | Cinema Night - PTA |
| 19 th December | Barn Church – KS2 10:30am |
| 19 th December | Christmas Parties – Crocodile and Monkey Class |
| 20 th December | Christmas Dinner |
| 20 th December | Christmas Parties – Giraffe, Zebra and Elephant Class |

21st December

Term Ends

22nd December to

Christmas Holidays

2nd January

3rd January

Inset Day

4th January

School starts all children

12th – 16th February

Half Term

29th March

Term Ends

30th March – 13th

Easter Holidays

April

16th April

School starts all children

7th May

Bank Holiday

28th May – 1st June

Half Term

4th June

Inset Day

4th to 8th June

PGL Osmington Bay – Lion Class

5th June

School starts all children

20th July

Term Ends

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 |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| FFS newsletter | Panto Letter | Panto Letter | Panto Letter |
| Monkey Class | Crocodile Class | Rhino Class | Lion Class |
| Panto Letter | Panto Letter | Panto Letter | Panto Letter |

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!