



# KEW RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## BULLETIN

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Issue 1

### Focus of the Week

#### Key Dates for Next Week

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### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school! We are all very excited about the year ahead; not least the chance to enact some of the changes to areas that we feel will enhance the quality of the children's learning from day one.

Behaviour in the school and the safety of your children is a priority for us every year. At the end of the summer, we rewrote the Behaviour Policy and a flowchart is attached which summarises the stages we now go through as a staff when behaviour falls short of our expectations. I have explained these stages to the children in this week's assembly.

We are asking for voluntary donations from parents of children in years 1-6 of £5 to cover your child's stationary 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.

We are also allowing all-black trainers as part of the school uniform as an alternative to shoes. These trainers must not have other colours such

as stripes, 'swooshes', images or lights! A picture list of acceptable trainers was sent out during the holidays by Parentmail but can also be viewed on the website.

The curriculum timetable, as I am sure you understand, is a complex structure. As with other schools, there are many pressures in covering all our subjects adequately. Following a review, I have decided to end Friday afternoon 'options'. Instead, 'Forest Schools' will play a greater part in the science curriculum across the school. We are looking into alternative arrangements for swimming practice for the gala.

### **Staffing**

I would like to welcome Catherine Burri to the staff team as our new French teacher.

We are looking for two lunchtime supervisors for Thursdays and Fridays. If you are interested in the role, please contact the office for details.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Sonia will be expecting a baby towards the end of October and as such will be on maternity leave from next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. I hope you will join with us in sending her and her husband our heartfelt best wishes.

The absence of Sonia will of course, affect the leadership capacity of the school. Therefore, we have requested the secondment of David Colenso, Deputy Headteacher at Heathfield Junior School. David brings great experience of working in a wide range of areas in a very large primary school and he will join us at strategic points during the year. The leadership of the school is as follows:

#### **Darren Norman**

**Nell Webb**

**Laura Martin**

*On secondment:*

*David Colenso*

*DHT Heathfield Primary School*

**Louise Quin**

**School Business Manager**

### **Whole School Information**

#### **Roald Dahl Day**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, the whole school will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day - the 100 year anniversary of Dahl's birth.

All children should come to school in full school uniform as usual (there will be other opportunities to dress up during World Book day in March 2017). Some of the activities in class may include mask-making and other arts and crafts related to some of Dahl's greatest books. Happy Birthday Roald Dahl!

### **Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to those children who were successful in completing the summer reading challenge. As soon as the library sends out the certificates, the children will be congratulated and presented with their award in assembly.

### **Library Update**

The library room has been painted and a new floor has been laid down. It's now a case of furnishing and adding some fancy paintings to the walls. Adding the books will be the final stage. We are looking forward to launching the library this autumn with a special guest author. More information to follow soon.

**Clubs** – Please remember to sign up to the clubs as they may not be able to run due to low numbers. If anyone is interested in running a club, please contact Lisa at the office.

**School Lunches** – The cost will remain the same at £2.20 per meal.

**Lost Property** – There is a large amount of unclaimed lost property from last year. Please check to see if anything belongs to you. If unclaimed, it will be donated to charity next Friday.

### **Music**

Welcome back to school! I'm looking forward to a very musical year ahead. In addition to class music lessons, don't forget the other musical opportunities on offer:

**Kew Riverside Singers:** our choir will be rehearsing every Friday from 12:00-12:30 starting the 16th (children head to the hall for lunch directly after). It is available to all children in Key Stage 2, and children are expected to commit on a termly basis. In addition to school performances we will also prepare for concerts in other venues, such as Kew Sparkle and Richmond Music Trust's singing festival.

**Right on Kew Orchestra:** our orchestra will rehearse Wednesdays from 12:00-12:30 starting the 21st (children head to the hall for lunch directly after). It is available to all instrumentalists at a grade 1 or higher level, with brass players welcome as soon as they start small group/individual lessons with me. Please sign up with Lisa with name and instrument so I can make sure I have the right parts for our first rehearsal. Children are expected to commit on a termly basis and we will be pursuing several exciting performance opportunities.

**Music Lessons:** Children are encouraged to sign up for music lessons. We currently offer lessons for: Piano, Violin, Drum kit, Guitar, Brass and \*Singing.

For piano children can learn in small groups with Richmond Music Trust,

or can sign up for private lessons with me (I only have a few spaces left). All other lessons run through Richmond Music Trust, and are taught by professional musicians during the school day. For information including fees please visit <http://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk>. For information on private piano lessons with me please contact me directly on [holly.bull@hotmail.com](mailto:holly.bull@hotmail.com).

Please remember that learning any musical instrument requires regular practice--your child will need an instrument to practise on at home and will be expected to maintain a practice routine.

*\*we don't currently offer singing lessons but we have several children on a waiting list at Richmond Music Trust. If your child is interested, please do sign up and once there are enough children we will get a teacher in.*

Holly

**Richmond Park Academy (RPA)** has shared its summer half term newsletter, see attachments. It features an introductory letter from Principal Designate, Mr Paul Munday-Castle and stories about the activities, events and experiences that the students have taken part in during this half term.

If you are interested in finding out more, RPA's Open Evening this year is Wednesday 12 October and they will be running tours every Tuesday and Thursday morning in September and October. You can [email the school](#) directly to make an appointment.

### House Points will start next week



### Community Information

**Literary festival in Kew Gardens**, Write on Kew which takes place between September 22nd and September 25th.

Our programme features events for children of all ages across Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th September. Sally Gardner, the award-winning author of *I Coriander* and *Maggot Moon* will be talking about her new detective series *Wings & Co* while comedian turned award-winning children's writer David Baddiel talks about his latest comic novel, *Horrid Henry* creator Francesca Simon introduces her new novel for readers of 9 plus and Roald Dahl's *Word Wizards* present a fun-filled hour, based on Dahl's inventive use of language. Professor Robert Winston will be talking about his new book on the human skeleton and the authors of *Eat Grub*

offer an introduction to Entomophagy (that's eating insects), complete with snacks to sample. For younger readers award-winning author of the Queen's Hat Steve Antony will be introducing his latest book. We also have family events including a session with winner of the 2015 Great British Bake-Off Nadiya Hussain talking to Mel Giedroyc, an evening with the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and a session with Wolfgang Buttress the inspirational artist who created 'The Hive' at Kew. Parents might be interested in the session with Noel Janis Norton on Calmer, Happier Screen Time on the morning of Friday, 23rd September.

The adult ticket price is £13.00 and children's tickets are £8.00 and include entry to the gardens so we welcome guests to make a day of it. We'd be very grateful if you could be kind enough to alert parents to the festival if you think they'd be interested – I've also raised a discount code for you to offer; 'Schools10' will take 10% off the total when entered at the checkout. Tickets and full listings can be found on our website <http://kew.org/writeonkew>.

Do let me know if you have any queries at all or would like further info.

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

#### **Giraffes**

**Meet the Teacher** -13<sup>th</sup> October 19:00 - 20:00

#### **Zebras**

**Meet the Teacher** -13<sup>th</sup> September 19:00 - 20:00

**Library Visit** – 20<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Elephants**

**Kingston Museum** – 15<sup>th</sup> September for new Monkey Class **Meet the Teacher** -15<sup>th</sup> September 19:00 - 20:00

**Library Visit** – 13<sup>th</sup> October

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

#### **Monkeys**

**Swimming Lessons-** Please remember to pay either online or at the office. Lessons will start 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**Science** – 13<sup>th</sup> September the class will be having a walk around the area. If you do not wish your child to go please let Lisa in the office know.

**Library Visit** – 6<sup>th</sup> October

**Meet the Teacher** -15<sup>th</sup> September 19:00 - 20:00

#### **Crocodiles**

**Meet the Teacher** -13<sup>th</sup> September 19:00 - 20:00

**Library Visit – 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Rhinos**

**Meet the Teacher** -14<sup>th</sup> September 19:00 - 20:00

**RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO JUNIPER HALL –** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.

**Lions**

**Meet the Teacher** -14<sup>th</sup> September 19:00 - 20:00

**Transfer to Secondary School**, please see letter attached which gives the details of two information meetings being held in September for those pupils going through the Secondary Transfer process for September 2017. Thursday 15 September 2016 1.00 pm York House, Twickenham and Tuesday 20 September 2016 7.00pm York House, Twickenham.

**Library Visit – 29<sup>th</sup> September**

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20 <sup>th</sup> September	Tower of London – Lion Class
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27 <sup>th</sup> September	Hampton Court – Crocodile Class
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Florence Nightingale – Zebra Class
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Richmond Park Academy Open Evening
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13 <sup>th</sup> October	Meet the Teacher 19:00 - 20:00 Giraffe Class
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths Day – Whole school event

**24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October**

**Half Term**

**31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Inset Day no pupils**

11<sup>th</sup> November

Individual school photos

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**Christmas Holidays**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Inset Day no pupils**

Please check the school website for term dates, including INSET days.

Slips to be returned/Attachments to bulletin			
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Giraffe Class</b>	<b>Zebra Class</b>	<b>Elephant Class</b>
<b>Monkey Class</b>	<b>Crocodile Class</b>	<b>Rhino Class</b>	<b>Lion Class</b>
		Transfer to secondary school	

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>

As you know you are all automatically part of our schools PTA. Meetings and event details can be found in the fortnightly bulletin or on the

website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>

You can also keep up to date via the PTA's Facebook page where you'll also be reminded to send in the library card or a child in dress up! Only current parents/carers of the school can join and you must hold a Facebook account. Please

email [charlottesmith77@me.com](mailto:charlottesmith77@me.com) or [sabinamangosi@gmail.com](mailto:sabinamangosi@gmail.com) for the link.