

BULLETIN

17th November 2017

Issue 6

Focus of the Week

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Key Dates coming up

20 th November	Florence Nightingale Museum – Zebra Class
21 st November	Zoolab – Giraffe, Zebra and Elephant Class
24 th November	Mufti Day – Nearly New Stall Donations
28 th November	Ufton Court – Crocodile Class
30 th November	Museum of Richmond – Monkey Class
1 December	Kew Sparkle
8 December	Mufti Day – Bring a bottle
8 December	School Christmas fair

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the parents who attended this week's consultations with the teachers. I have received positive feedback on both the content and timings but, as you know, I am always looking to improve communication. If there are any questions about changes to assessment, we will be planning a new date for the postponed Assessment Evening soon.

Elephant Class visited Windsor this week as part of their new unit on Castles. The children and adults had a great time. Thank you Sarah and team for organising this trip.

Children's Mobile Phones

Please note that the school accepts no liability for the loss or damage of children's mobile phones in school and they are not covered by school insurance policies. We allow the phones on site as we understand that parents want their children to be able to contact them, especially if they are walking to school alone. We would, however, advise cheaper top-up style phones rather than expensive smart phones. The phones are now kept in a secure locked box during the day.

Congratulations to our four Maths 'Magicians' in Lions who entered the Young National Mathematician's Award event at *Explore Learning* in Sheen. They have made it through to the next round! Thank you to Rachel who organised the event and well done to Atal, Timothe, Ana and Sonya!

Our cross-country team represented the school on a lovely morning in Richmond Park against other local schools. We will inform you of the results as soon as we have them.

Online Safety

The 'Think U Know' website has been re-launched and the link appears in our Safeguarding tab on the website. [Think U Know website relaunch](#)
This site contains useful resources to counter online exploitation and abuse for children & young people.

Writing Competition

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Darren

The Governing Body Needs You!

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our Governing Body and wish to invite applications from the parent community. Becoming a governor is a great way to contribute to our local community and improve the lives of our students. We are keen for our Governing Body to reflect our diverse community and welcome applications from parents of all backgrounds, nationalities, cultures and religious beliefs. Further information containing more details about the role and how to apply will be sent out via parent mail. The deadline to submit nominations is 01 December 2017 with elections being held by 15 December. Please have a look at the school's website (governors' section) or contact Denise via email at la_kiwimoose@yahoo.co.uk or in the playground if you have any questions or want more information. Thank you !

Individual Photos – 24th November deadline for photo.

Christmas Faye - is fast approaching. We will also be holding two muffed days in the lead up to the Fayre.

On **24th November**, there will be a multi day in exchange for toys, unwanted gifts (e.g. vases, beauty gift sets, ornaments), books, CDs, party bag toys and wrapped sweets and chocolates.

On **8th December**, there will be a multi day in exchange for bottles for the bottle tombola.

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

"**The Kids Run Free Marathon** programme, that we have participated in for the last 2 years is now sponsored by Nike. As a result, Nike and the charity have improved how it runs. The system for recording the children's running has moved from a spread sheet to a Digital Tracking Tool. In order for the school to record the children's running and issue any certificates we need your permission to comply with data protection rules. If you DO NOT respond, we have to assume you do not want to give permission and we will not be able to record your child's running or celebrate their success. Please return with your child to class or to Lisa. For full policy details visit: <https://dts.kidsrunfree.co.uk/legal>'

Running Club - It's getting cold so don't forget to dress warm; hat, gloves, long sleeves, leggings/tracksuit bottoms, please see the attachment for upcoming events.

Parents' information evening about online safety

On Wednesday 29 November, 6-8pm Ham Youth Centre is hosting an information evening for parents and young people aged 10 to 19 offering practical tips and advice to support young people to be safe and resilient in their use of technology. Including expert speakers and also informal discussion groups to share dilemmas and discuss sensible strategies for the whole family.

The evening is free please contact Ben Skelton to book a place. 020 8288 0916 Ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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



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1691



1906



2041

Fit for Sport – please find attached the Fitter Families news letter.

Community Events

Holly Lodge - Christmas Concert, which is taking place at Christ Church – East Sheen on Wednesday 6th of December. On behalf of all the Trustees, Staff and Volunteers at The Holly Lodge Centre, I would like to invite you to our ever popular Christmas Concert – an evening of song and festive readings, which will feature choirs from local schools - Clarendon and Sheen Mount, as well as the Barnes Choir, the Kingston Rock Choir and celebrity readers. Tickets are selling fast, so if you do not want to miss out on this event, please book using the following link.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-holly-lodge-centres-annual-christmas-concert-tickets-36830173039?aff=ehomecard>

Help The Christmas Forest plant their 200,000th tree out in the African drylands this Christmas.

Our school raffle Christmas tree has been provided by The Christmas Forest, who is opening their shop in at the Pools on the Park in Richmond on November 20th. They will be selling a fabulous selection of sustainably grown, freshly cut Christmas trees all handpicked for their quality. There will be five different varieties and a huge range of sizes all displayed in a forest-like setting. Holly, wreaths, mistletoe and treats for the kids too. For every tree sold, they donate to plant a tree in the African drylands through Tree Aid. tree aid.org.uk. 205,206 trees planted to date, changing lives for thousands of some of the poorest families in the world. This year they are aiming to reach their goal of planting 300,000 in the next two years. Come and wander through and pick your perfect Christmas tree and enjoy an extra festive glow knowing your trees means something more, not just Christmas. Prices start at £18. Parking and delivery available. Or you can buy your tree online and have it delivered to your door. christmasforest.co.uk 01865 427 067 <https://www.christmasforest.co.uk/stores/richmond> Open 8am- 10pm Monday to Sunday until December 24th.

Kew Gardeners has donated once again a Christmas tree for our

Is adoption right for you? Have your questions answered at our adoption information meeting: 10am-12 noon, Wednesday 22 November in Twickenham. The session will give you the information you need about adopting with us and what it's really like. The sessions are friendly, relaxed and are led by our specialised social workers and supported by adopters.

To book at place, please phone the Kingston and Richmond Adoption Team on 020 8547 4620.

Richmond sports centres membership offer

Join now and pay nothing until the 28 January 2018.

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reception area.

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Phonics Workshop - We will be running a phonics workshop for parents/carers of children in Giraffes, Zebras and Elephants on Monday 20th November. During the session we will go over how we teach phonics at Kew Riverside and how you can support your child with their phonics at home. We will run the same workshop at 9.30 am and 3.30pm in Zebra Class and they will last for approximately 30 minutes.

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

Zoolab – 21st November - Zoolab will be in school for a workshop. The cost will be £2.50 - please make payment either online or at the school office.

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.

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Zebras

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

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Christmas Parties for Monkey, Crocodile, Rhino and Lion Class

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Monkeys

Museum of Richmond 30th November,

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Crocodiles

Ufton Court – 28th November - please make payment and return your consent form. It has been part supported by the PTA funds.

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Rhinos

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Christmas Parties – 18th December please see note above.

Lions

PGL – Please pay your deposit by of £65.00 by 30th November to secure your child's place.

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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.**

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1 st December	Kew Sparkle
3 rd December	Epsom Cross Country – Running Club
8 th December	Mufti Day – Bring a Bottle
8 th December	Christmas fair
11 th December	Nativity KS1 – 9:30am Dress Rehearsal (Grandparents and siblings)
11 th December	Sports hall Athletics – All day
12 th December	Nativity KS1 – 9:30am
12 th December	Panto – KS2 4.30pm
13 th December	Panto – Giraffe Class
14 th December	Nativity KS1 – 12:00 – 4:00pm
15 th December	Panto – Zebra and Elephant Class
18 th December	Christmas Dinner
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 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
4 th to 8 th 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!