

# Weekly Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Focus of the Week:

Be Kind

## Key Dates Coming up

Monday 2 November – INSET day – School closed to Children  
Monday 23 November – INSET day – School closed to Children

## Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a restful summer and are as excited as we are to be able to start the Autumn term with ALL the classes returning. Everyone is adapting brilliantly to all the changes and measures that are in place and the children seem so happy to be reunited with their friends once again. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our fabulous new teachers: Katie (Zebras), Marie (Crocodiles) and Jaydon (Rhinos). It already feels like they are part of the KRPS family.

### Fit for Sport

We are pleased to announce that Fit for Sport (before and after school provision) will be back in operation from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. We have worked with the Fit for Sport team to ensure that their safety arrangements are in line with our own Covid risk assessment. Children will be organised into year groups and will either be engaged in table-top activities at their year group table or outside in the playground (again, just in their year groups). For further details about the safety measures that will be in place, see the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section on the Fit for Sport website. For booking details, please go to [www.fitforsport.co.uk](http://www.fitforsport.co.uk)

### Attendance and Absence

As you know, school attendance is now mandatory for all children. If your child is unable to attend school, it is essential that you contact the school office and state the reason why. Please do not leave a voicemail simply saying your child is 'unwell' as we now need specifics of their symptoms. Further details about absence and attendance can be found in the Attendance policy, available on the website.

### Reminder!! Stationery and Pencil Cases – Year 3 upwards

Please can we remind parents/carers that children in year 3 upwards should bring the following items to school:

- Sachet of tissues (to be kept in trays)
- A simple pencil case
- A set of colouring pencils, rubber, 30cm ruler, sharpener, glue stick and round-end 'safety' scissors

These items will then be kept in school.

### Flu Vaccination Programme

Consent forms will be going home today for children's flu vaccinations. These will take place on 17 November.

### Reading Books

Please could families return any school reading books as soon as possible so that we can start re-distributing them to children. From next week, we plan to send reading books home on a **Friday, to be returned on a Monday**. This timing is to ensure that we can quarantine the books adequately before sending them back home again. We understand that this is a shorter amount of time that children will have the books, but it is worth

highlighting that some schools are not sending books home at all at this time. We will continue to review this as and when government guidance is updated.

### Covid-19 Information for Parents/Carers

There is a Covid-19 page on the school website which will be continually updated.

Best wishes

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### Safeguarding

A reminder that if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please contact the school's DSL and refer to the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (on the school website). If you feel a child may be in danger, you may contact the SPA directly on the number below or the police directly. Key contacts:

Role	Name	Contact Number	Email
Acting Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
Safeguarding Governor(s)	Peter King Denise Long	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
Chair of Governors	Stephen Hyams	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
AfC Education Safeguarding Adviser	Linda Sheehan	07774686362	<a href="mailto:linda.sheehan@achievingforchildren.org.uk">linda.sheehan@achievingforchildren.org.uk</a>
AfC Adviser for Online Services and Safety	Peter Cowley	07595173975	<a href="mailto:peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk">peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk</a>
AfC Virtual School Headteacher	Suzanne Parrott	07827895894	<a href="mailto:suzanne.parrott@achievingforchildren.org.uk">suzanne.parrott@achievingforchildren.org.uk</a>

**Single Point of Access (SPA):** 020 8547 5008    **Out of Hours:** 020 8770 5000

**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO):** 020 8891 7370 / 07774 332675

[lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

### PTA NEWS

#### **IMPORTANT: Urgent Call for PTA Committee**

It is with heavy hearts that the current PTA committee members have to stand down for various reason. With these vacancies **we urgently need two people to step forward to be signatories on the PTA's Barclays bank account.**

We also need to fill the roles of:

- ✓ **Chair** ensures the PTA is run effectively;
- ✓ **Treasurer** ensures accurate financial records are kept and best practice procedures are followed. He or she keeps the committee updated with regular reports, and ensure end of year reports are completed;
- ✓ **Secretary** supports the Chair to build effective communication links between the school and the association and maintains accurate records.

✓ **Communication Officer** prepares notices and announcements to be distributed to the school community and maintains active presence on Classlist, PTA Social Media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and local businesses.

No prior experience is needed, just a desire to make a difference in the school community. There is an existent framework and documents created by previous committee members to support each role.

Please email [kewriversidepta@gmail.com](mailto:kewriversidepta@gmail.com) for more information or to put your hand up.

### **Recycling Update – We Need Volunteers to Help Continue the Success**

With Penny returning to Australia in December, we need some volunteers to learn what to do and who to contact. Everything has been documented in a handover manual so should be pretty straight forward to pick up. If you can spare some time and would like to continue the success of the programme please email us at [kewriversidepta@gmail.com](mailto:kewriversidepta@gmail.com).

### **Uniform Sale**

If you need uniform items, please be sure to visit Classlist marketplace.

### **Follow Us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram**

With all the movements of children to other schools and overseas we need to get the word out about how great our school is and why people would want to join. So please like our pages @KewRiversidePS on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram, like our posts, comment (if you want) and help spread the good word.

Sincerely

Your KRPS PTA Committee

Chair - Renata (Crocodile Parent)

Treasurer - Mehnaz (Crocodile Parent)

Communication Officer - Penny (Elephant/Crocodile Parent)

### **Governors**

If you have any questions for or about the Governors please send them to: [governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk)

