

Weekly Newsletter

11th September 2020

Golden Rule Focus:
Be Kind and Gentle

Key Dates Coming up

Friday 18th September - Jeans for Genes Day – bring £1 to school and WEAR JEANS!
Thursday 24 September – PTA meeting via Google Meets (all parents/carers welcome)
Monday 2 November – INSET day – School closed to Children
17th November - Flu Vaccinations
Monday 23 November – INSET day – School closed to Children

Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome to all our new families, not only our wonderful Giraffes, who are looking so smart and grown up in their new uniforms, but all those in other year groups who have recently joined us. We are delighted to have you as part of the Kew Riverside family.

Congratulations!!!

The traditional Friday celebration assembly is currently, like all our assemblies, a virtual affair with classes coming together via technology. The golden certificate winners this week who have been consistently **kind and helpful** are:

Zebras: Sienna

Elephants: Astrid

Monkeys: Lily

Crocodiles: Samuel

Rhinos: Kika

Lions: Yurzaa



Class with Highest Attendance: Lions

House Point Winners this week: Phoenix

A special congratulations also to **Zoe in Elephant Class** who has banked yet another Global Terracycle competition win with her recycling video. That's now a staggering third win and **£240** in the account! Well done Zoe – you're a Kew Riverside superstar!

Friday 18th September is Jeans for Genes Day

For those of you who are new to Kew Riverside, Jeans for Genes Day is an annual charity event in which we all wear jeans to school, bring in £1 and raise money for children with genetic disorders. For more information, please visit www.jeansforgenesday.org

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

We are fortunate to have an active PTA that is an integral part of the school community. Over the last years the PTA has raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on resources to enhance our children's educational experience. The association is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It's fun too - just ask any of the Committee members or volunteers. All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of the **PTA** when their child joins our school.

Please see the PTA Section below for all the details, including how to stay informed via Classlist and information about Class Reps.

'Meet the Teacher'

For obvious reasons, we are unable to welcome parents and carers in person this year for our usual 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Instead, we will be sending out a video and powerpoint presentation on Friday 25th September. Any urgent class messages/information before then will be sent out via parentmail.

Bikes and Scooters

We have had a number of bikes and scooters being left at the Courtlands Avenue gate storage area overnight. Please avoid this as they are very much 'on view' to the outside world. If you do need to keep them here overnight, we suggest you lock them up.

Home Learning

Reading books will be going home today along with spelling and arithmetic tasks. Please remember to return the Pupil Online and ICT Acceptable Use forms. Once these are all signed, teachers will be sending home tasks on remote learning platforms (eg Times Table Rockstars and LGFL Busy Things)

Covid-19 Information for Parents/Carers

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

Best wishes
Nell

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
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Designated Teacher for Looked After Children (LAC) and Post-LAC	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Rachel Roberts	0208 487 8437	rachelroberts@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Safeguarding Governor(s)	Peter King Denise Long	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Chair of Governors	Stephen Hyams	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
AfC Education Safeguarding Adviser	Linda Sheehan	07774686362	linda.sheehan@achievingforchildren.org.uk
AfC Adviser for Online	Peter Cowley	07595173975	peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Services and Safety			
AfC Virtual School Headteacher	Suzanne Parrott	07827895894	suzanne.parrott@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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

PTA NEWS

Welcome / Welcome back to Kew Riverside Primary School

Studies show that there's a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do, so why not get involved from the start! This booklet provides you with information about our **PTA (Parent Teacher Association)** and lets you know how you can get involved.

Role of the Committee

Our Committee consists of **Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Communication Officer and Ordinary Committee Members.**

The Committee meet on a regular basis as necessary when planning larger events. All meetings are open, so any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved.

Our next meeting will be held at 10am on the 24 September via Google Meeting. Link will be confirmed via Classlist (see below for details on how to join).

PLEASE NOTE: All committee positions are currently or will shortly be vacant and we also need two signatories on our bank account urgently. Please email us at kewriversidepta@gmail.com for more information.

Join Classlist to keep up to date

We use **Classlist** to enable parents to keep up to date on all things KRPS, communicate easily with each other via facebook style posts or private messages to other parents and RSVP, volunteer and purchase PTA event tickets online. Classlist's system offers high levels of security and privacy, and is designed to comply fully with new data protection regulations. Simply register at www.classlist.com or download the app.

Volunteers

We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends, and have a growing list of volunteers who commit some of their time to helping the association. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at event or wrapping lucky dip prizes or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable. If you would like to join us please speak to a committee member, come along to our next meeting or email us – kewriversidepta@gmail.com

Class Representatives

Our class reps play a very important role, providing a link between individual classes and parents, and the PTA committee. The support from class reps is vital when it comes to organising rotas of help on our main events. We really could not manage without them. This year's Class Reps are as follows:

Giraffes – position vacant. Please email kewriversidepta@gmail.com to take it up.

Zebras – position vacant. Please email kewriversidepta@gmail.com to take it up.

Elephants – Sara Clark

Monkeys – Katy Williams (Class) & Victoria Hillerdal (PTA)

Crocs – Emilie Balande

Rhinos – Samantha Cannon

Lions – Jasmine Jackson

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is held in **October** and provides an excellent opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also when we elect our new committee members and agree on the funding for the school during the current year.

How we raise money

Like most PTAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events in the past years were Halloween Disco, Christmas Fair, May Fair and Camping Night.

Donations

- **Monetary**

As part of the easyfundraising website (see below) you can now donate directly to us or via www.paypal.me/ptakewriverside

- **Goods & Services**

As part of our events a lot of our fundraising is made through raffles and silent auctions and we approach many local businesses for donations. We have received photoshoots, food and beverage vouchers, cab rides, cakes, gym membership and alcohol. If you are able to offer a donation of any sort for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas and/or May Fair please let us know at kewriversidepta@gmail.com.

Online Shopping

Whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a free donation for Kew Riverside Primary School? There are over 3,600 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Bookings.com, thetrainline and Sainsbury's –and it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's really simple, all you have to do is join (sign up is free) and then shop! As easy as that! Sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/krps/?invite=V3N9MF> and we receive an additional £5 donation when you use the referral link.

Amazon

If you shop a lot on Amazon please use **amazon smile** at:
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1107444-0>

Recycling

We recycle secondhand clothing including school uniforms which are on-sale via Claslist, printer ink cartridges and various hard to recycle plastics which can be dropped into the school office. **Please see poster attached.**

We are also **looking for volunteers to help sort items** and send off for payment. If you can spare an hour please let us know at kewriversidepta@gmail.com.

Name tag labels

Order your clothing labels and personalised items at the following places:

- **Stuck On You:** <https://www.stuckonyou.uk/affiliate/fundraiser/KRPSPTA>
- **My Nametags:** Order online at www.MyNameTags.com and use our unique **School ID 72788** at checkout.
- **Stamptastic:** https://stamptastic.co.uk/pages/school-welcome#a_aid=5ccc5e3cc0496

How we spend the money we raise

School Leadership Team provide a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding. As there are usually more things on the 'wish list' than funds available, there is a process of prioritising and voting in order to come to a final agreement.

We also invite input from parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the Committee. We can discuss it at a meeting and feedback. Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not

provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly. In the past years, PTA has provided funds for World Book Day, Science Week, Maths Day, English early reading books, Art resources, trips subsidisation etc.

Support from Parentkind

Kew Riverside School Community is a member of Parentkind, which is a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance to over 13,500 parent associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Membership includes comprehensive insurance cover by Zurich Insurance plc for all our association run events and gives access to support and advice on running the association plus fundraising ideas and good practice hints and tips

Parentkind also provide resources for Parents, if you would like to sign up to their Parent e-Bulletin please visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Signup>

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We look forward to welcoming you to our school and community!

Governors

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

