

Weekly Newsletter

18th September 2020

Golden Rule Focus:

Be Kind and Helpful

Key Dates Coming up

Thursday 24 September – PTA meeting via Google Meets (all parents/carers welcome)

Thursday 22 October – Hearing test for Giraffe Children

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,

The school is awash with blue denim today, all in aid of **Jeans for Genes** Day. Thank you for your support and if your child has not yet donated their £1, they can do so on Monday.

Congratulations!!!

The golden certificate winners this week who have been consistently **kind and helpful** are:

Zebras: Amarisa

Elephants: Anas

Monkeys: Lana

Crocodiles: Ayla

Rhinos: Georgia

Lions: Rosie



Class with Highest Attendance: Lions (98%)

House Point Winners this week: Phoenix



A special congratulations must also go to one of our consultant headteachers Sophie McGeoch who has just been awarded **Headteacher of the Year 2020** (National Teaching Awards). We already knew she was fabulous but now it's official and we are very proud to have her as part of the KRPS team.

Covid Reminders

You will have noticed that there are already some seasonal sniffles going around. We understand how frustrating it is, but we really do need to reiterate that if anyone in your household has a new/persistent cough or high temperature or lack of smell/taste the **whole household** must self-isolate for 10-14 days or until confirmation of a negative test. If there are no tests available (as seems to be the case at the moment), the 10-14 day isolation is the only option. If your child has been sent home from another school with symptoms, we ask you to inform us and collect your child from our school too. We really do rely on you to do this as it is not possible to receive this information directly from other schools. Further details can be found on the Covid Information page on the school website.

Courtlands Gate Etiquette

Please could we request that parents/carers park in the school carpark and walk round to the Courtlands Gate. We understand that this might be inconvenient but it is a residential street and we are trying to do our best to cause as little disruption to residents as possible. Also, a polite reminder that there should be no 'loitering' at the gate after drop-off. Thank you for your understanding.

Keeping Your Children Safe - Photograph and Video Consent

As you know, we take all matters relating to child safety very seriously. This includes the use of images of pupils. Today, you will be receiving a Photograph and Video consent form, which allows you to state whether you do or do not give consent for us to take and use photographs of your child in different contexts. Please return this to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parent Governors – WE NEED YOU!

Are you interested in helping us to move Kew Riverside forward? Do you have a particular skill set, job role or passion that can enhance our current board of governors? Can you commit to around 6 evening meetings a year? We are keen to recruit a new parent governor. If you think you may be interested please see the pack attached for all the information you need. The deadline for applications is Friday 2nd October.

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.

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)	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Designated Teacher for Looked After Children (LAC) and Post-LAC			
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 Services and Safety	Peter Cowley	07595173975	peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk
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

New Committee Need ASAP

It's coming to critical time now!

As you may have seen from the posts on Classlist we have advertised the available positions on the PTA committee for the past 8 months with weekly requests in the newsletter but unfortunately we have had no one contact us about the positions yet. You may have also seen in the Newsletter that we need 2 people to be signatories on our bank account.

Freddie has now left, Penny is leaving late November, Mehnaz has stepped down and Renata will step down as chair after the AGM next month.

We really need some people to step up to form a new Committee so that PTA is able to continue to work. It would a great loss for the children and the school community if the PTA was forced to disband.

Please come to our next online meeting on 24th September if you would like to know more about the PTA roles, or email us at kewriversidepta@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance
KPRS PTA

Recycling Update – We need volunteers to help continue the success

With Penny returning to Australia in November, 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.

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.

Uniform Sale

As the weather turns a little colder and you need new trousers or jumpers everything is back online and available to buy via Classlist marketplace (<https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/listings/list/>). Simply visit the Marketplace view the list of items available and then message us to let us know what size and items you need.

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.

Easyfundraising

If you shop online and haven't signed up to easyfundraising yet, please do so. It's easy and completely FREE. 4,000 shops and sites will donate when you use @easyuk to shop with them. Sign up now at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/krps/?invite=4NMEB5

Governors

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

