



## Weekly Newsletter

6 November 2020

### Golden Rule Focus: Working Hard

#### Key Dates Coming up

17<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations

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

**Thursday 26 November** – Individual and Sibling photographs

**Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 December** – online parent-teacher consultations

### Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a relaxing half-term break. Now that it is Autumn 2 we are busy putting our heads together about how best to deliver a sparkly, joyful Christmas experience for the children and all of our families in the midst of national lockdown. We are determined to conjure up something special (and most likely virtual!) so please don't worry – Christmas is definitely NOT cancelled as far as we are concerned.

### Congratulations!!!

The golden certificate winners this week for consistently **Working Hard** are:

**Giraffes:** Lucas

**Zebras:** Lola

**Elephants:** Liliانا

**Monkeys:** Amelia

**Crocodiles:** Lois

**Rhinos:** Louis

**Lions:** Anita



**Class with Highest Attendance:** Crocodiles (100%)



**Classes with Best Punctuality:** Crocodiles



, Giraffes



Monkeys



**House Point Winners this week:** Unicorn



### Parent-Teacher Consultations

Parent-teacher meetings will take place remotely via Zoom in the afternoon/evening of **Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 December (3.30 to 6.30pm)**. This is an important opportunity for you to discuss how your child has settled into the new year group, how they are progressing with their learning and any concerns that you may have.

Please book your 10 minute slot (ie 2 x 5min consecutive slots) by Scopay. The system will go live on **9<sup>th</sup> November** at 18.30 and the cut of date will be **23<sup>th</sup> November** at 09.30am.

If you are having trouble with the Scopay booking system, please contact Lisa by e-mail [lisaharris@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:lisaharris@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk)

We will send out a Zoom Meeting link nearer the time.

### Staffing Updates

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Learning Support Practitioner (LSP), Emily in Elephant Class. Please do say hello to her (from a distance!) if you see her at drop-off/pick up. Also, Lauren is taking on the additional role of ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) in school and will be working with individual children across the school and Holly, as well as being our fabulous music teacher, will also be supporting in class on 3 mornings per week as an LSP.

The result of these updates is that there has been a slight reshuffle of LSPs in other classes. So, just to confirm:

**Giraffes:** Tjasa; **Zebras:** Lauren and Katharine; **Elephants:** Emily and Jess; **Monkeys:** Alison and Holly; **Rhinos:** Christina and Vanya; **Lions:** Christina and Vanya

### Keeping Warm in Our Classrooms

As part of our Covid risk assessment, and in line with DfE guidelines, we are keeping classrooms and windows open throughout the day to ensure effective ventilation. Please could you make sure your child is appropriately dressed, ideally layering up with, for example, a thermal vest to stay warm. Children can, if absolutely necessary, wear a coat in the classroom providing it does not impact on their ability to write. As an alternative, we will allow children to wear a PLAIN (ie no patterns/logos) BLACK/NAVY sweatshirt or jumper over their uniform during these colder months.

### Remote Learning

Hopefully you have had a chance to read and digest the Blended Learning policy that was sent to you before half term. Just a reminder to please encourage your child to look after their Blended Learning exercise book. If they are isolating, they will need to record their work in this book and return it to school for marking. Google Classroom will only be used in the event of a whole class having to close. If you have any questions about the procedures, please do get in touch.

### Love in a Box

This year, we will once again be supporting a charity known as 'Love in a Box'. The charity collects shoeboxes filled with small gifts and delivers them to children in Eastern European countries who are from poor families or who are hospitalised or living in orphanages, and who would not usually receive gifts for Christmas.

All you have to do is cover a shoe box with some bright paper or decorations and put in a mixture of basic things like toothbrushes, warm gloves, sponges or soaps and small gifts such as coloured pencils, skipping ropes, books or puzzles. If you feel that you are able to donate a box of small gifts (they need not be expensive), please return your 'Love in a Box' shoebox to the office by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. There is a leaflet in the children's' book bags, tear off the slip and return it with your filled shoebox indicating the age and gender you are wishing to donate to. The boxes should only be sealed with an elastic band as all contents in boxes are checked, for security reasons, before leaving the country. Thank you for your support and generosity in giving to this very worthy cause.

Have a great weekend

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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
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Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)			
Designated Teacher for Looked After Children (LAC) and Post-LAC	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
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Safeguarding Governor(s)	Denise Long Peter King Patrick Neave	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>

**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

Your new committee is:

**Co-chairs:** Salma Makram & Elisa Olivares (Giraffes)

**Co Secretaries :** Katy Williams & Matt Williams (Monkeys & Giraffes)

**Co Treasurer:** Emilie Balande (Crocs) & Vanessa Del Valle (Monkeys & Rhinos)

**Comms:** **vacant**

#### **Household Autumn Clear-out/up**

Thanks for everyone who got involved in the double clothing drive. We raised a total of £55. We will run another one before summer so please hold on to any other items.

#### **Printer cartridge recycling**

Thank you for continuing to recycle your ink cartridges and toners with us. Our last send off netted £32.25.

#### **Recycling Update**

With the current global situation and not having access to the school for sorting we have made the decision to NO LONGER recycle

- crisps
- biscuits, cakes
- bread bags
- chocolates and sweets and
- toothbrushes and toothpaste ( we will still take the electric toothbrush heads and floss sticks)

We will continue to recycle everything else just not those as they are the ones we need 15kg each before sending and we have no room to store.

#### **Communications role vacancy**

Fancy doing a bit of writing for the newsletter and keeping Classlist up to date with all school events and important dates. If so we need you. Please send us an email to [KewRiversidepta@gmail.com](mailto:KewRiversidepta@gmail.com).

### Join Classlist

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](http://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 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk)

