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# **Weekly Newsletter**

23 October 2020

#### Golden Rule Focus:

Work Hard

# Key Dates Coming up

26 October to 2 November - Half Term Break - School Closed

Monday 2 November - INSET day - School closed to Children (see Fit for Sport message below)

**Tuesday 3 November –** Children return to School

17th November - Flu Vaccinations

Monday 23 November – INSET day – School closed to Children Tuesady 1 and Thursday 3 December – online parent-teacher consultations

Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of the most extraordinary Autumn 1 term ever! We have all been so proud of the children's adaptability to the new rules and timetables and I can happily report that Kew Riverside children are focused, working hard and enjoying each other's company. Thank you to all of you, too, for helping us to keep the school safe and for your continuing kind words of support and encouragement.

# Congratulations!!!

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

**Giraffes:** Yunis **Zebras:** Piper **Elephants:** Shouvik **Monkeys:** Frankie

**Crocodiles:** Evelyn Rhinos: Arielle **Lions:** Michael

Class with Highest Attendance: Zebras (98%

Class with Best Punctuality: Monkeys

and Zebras

House Point Winners this week: Dragon

# **IMPORTANT - Covid Cases - Informing the School**

During the half-term break, we will be checking emails twice daily. Therefore, please inform us immediately via email - nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk and info@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk - if anyone in your household either tests positive for Covid or begins to show symptoms. This is really important as we may need to move into remote learning for affected classes, depending on the timing, and therefore inform parents. As always, please refer to the <u>Covid page</u> on our website for the most up-to-date guidance.

# Remote Learning - 'Blended Learning Policy' - see attached

We have now completed our 'Blended Learning policy' with guidelines around how 'remote' learning works in the event of individual children, classes or the school needing to close. There are procedures for individual children who are isolating and ones for whole

classes. The attached document is detailed but it does include everything you need to know about how the learning will work. Please do read it carefully. If you would like a conversation with a senior leader to explain the policy to you, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we can arrange a phone call.

We have also sent home an **exercise book** today for each child. This exercise book will be their 'blended learning' book. Please encourage your child to look after it carefully and treat is as they would their school books.

# Outstanding School Lunch ££

Invoices for lunches have been sent out by Lisa. Please settle outstanding amounts as soon as possible in order for your child to continue with school lunches next half term.

# No Parking in Courtlands Avenue

Following some complaints from local residents about illegal parking in Courtlands Avenue, we would like to ask you now NOT to park in Courtlands Avenue in the mornings or afternoons. We have a large, free carpark in Townmead Road, from where it is a very short walk to the gate. NB This does not apply to those individual parents who have special agreements with the school to park in Courtlands. Thank you for your cooperation.

# 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 16th 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.

# Fit for Sport

Please note that Fit for Sport are planning to offer spaces on the Inset day – Monday 2 November – if there is enough interest. Please contact them as soon as possible if you are interested in taking up a space on this day. During half term itself, there are spaces available at Barnes Primary School. Again, please contact Fit for Sport directly via their website.

# **Parent-Teacher Consultations**

These will take place remotely in the afternoon/evening of Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 December. Further details on timings and how to book to follow...

Have a restful half term break, 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	Email
		Number	

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 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**

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 - Take 2 - 5 Nov

Thank you for everyone who participated in Thursday's collection. We doubled last years effort and raised £42.50!! The driver couldn't fit all the items into his van so he's coming back on Thursday 5 November.

Like last time there will be a designated area at both drop off gates on the 5 November. Please bag up and bring in household items including:

- clothing
- shoes
- handbags
- soft toys
- belts
- jewellery
- perfume

- cosmetics
- towels
- table clothes
- bedding

Teddy's Cash for Clothes will then pay us 50p per kilo. Get cleaning / clearing.

# 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

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 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

# Governors

If you have any questions for or about the Governors please send them to: <a href="mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>









