



## Weekly Newsletter

27 November 2020

### Golden Rule Focus: Be Honest

#### Key Dates Coming up

**Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 December** – online parent-teacher consultations  
(Please note – there will be no Home Learning Club on Tuesday 1 December)

#### Class Christmas parties:

**Giraffes:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Zebras:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Elephants:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Monkeys:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Crocodiles:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Rhinos:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Lions:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas school dinner

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – PATHS Parent Session at 4pm via Zoom

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper day! (Last day of term – day finishes at 2pm)

### Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Today, our Christmas tree arrived, generously donated to us by Dan at Kew Gardener in Kew Village (please do thank him in person if you're in the area.) The children will be making decorations for the tree and you will be able to see the fruits (or perhaps stars) of their labour via video link at the end of term.

#### Congratulations!!!

The golden certificate winners this week for consistently **Being Honest** are:

**Giraffes:** Marton

**Zebras:** Fatima

**Elephants:** George

**Monkeys:** Celia

**Crocodiles:** Molly

**Rhinos:** Emery

**Lions:** Noah



**Class with Highest Weekly Attendance:** 100%



**Classes with Best Weekly Punctuality:**

#### Staffing News

We are sad to inform you that Sarah (one of our Crocodile Teachers) will be bringing 11 years at Kew Riverside to a close at Christmas. Sarah will be taking up a new challenge (and promotion) at an independent school. We will be giving her a proper send-off at the end of term but want to thank her whole-heartedly for all her hard work, dedication and multitude of contributions to life at KRPS during her time here. On a happier note, we are delighted

that Marie will be extending her hours and will be teaching Crocodile class full-time from January.

### **Packed Lunches on Tuesday 1 December**

Please note that on 1 December, the school hall will be out of use at lunchtime. Children will therefore be having lunch in their classrooms. If your child has a school dinner it will be a school packed lunch.

### **Parent-Teacher Consultations**

Today you will have received a letter with Zoom links for your parent-teacher consultation next week. Please read through the guidance carefully. This is obviously the first time we have attempted these meetings online and it is really important that we all work together to enable them to run as smoothly as possible. In particular, please ensure that you join the 'waiting room' 5 mins beforehand and that you use your child's name when signing in.

### **PATHS – Parent Session via Zoom on Thursday 17 December, 4pm**

As you may know, we follow a whole school social/emotional curriculum called PATHS®. This is programme linked to the charity Barnardo's and the aim is to help empower children to develop problem-solving and self-regulation skills and improve social competence and self-esteem. To find out more about this approach, we will be hosting a parent session via Zoom. More details to follow of how to join, but please put the date in your diary.

### **Christmas Covid-Friendly Class Performances**

We are now busy preparing class Christmas performances that will be brought to you via video on Google Classroom at the end of term. Please note, that if you have not given permission for your child to appear in videos for school use or not returned the permissions form, then your **child will NOT appear in their class Christmas video** (but they will take part in all the rehearsals and the performance itself – just out of camera shot). If you think you have not yet completed the consent form for photos/videos or would like to amend it, please contact Lisa in the school office.

### **Christmas Covid-Friendly Class Parties**

As is the KRPS tradition, classes will be having Christmas class parties at the end of term– see dates above, but with some tweaks to the traditional format:

- Children should come to school in their party clothes – there will be no changing of clothes on the day
- **There will be NO food**
- Children will play socially distanced party games (eg musical statues) that class staff will organise
- The parties will take place in the hall and doors and windows will be open throughout to ensure good ventilation

### **Christmas Covid-Friendly Dinners**

Children will be able to have a Christmas school dinner on 17<sup>th</sup> December – see the menu attached. If your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like a Christmas dinner, the cost is £2.30 – please let Lisa know by 1 December. NB 16<sup>th</sup> December will be Pizza day.

**Twitter**  **@KewRiversidePS**

As parents/carers are not able to come into school at the moment, we are trying to bring a little piece of the school to you via our school Twitter page. Obviously we will only include photos or videos of children if we have parental consent to do, so if you have not returned your permissions form and would like us to be able to share photos/videos of your child on Twitter then please get in touch and we can send you another form. Please do follow us and help spread the KRPS love!

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
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>
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Rachel Roberts	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:rachelroberts@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">rachelroberts@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
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

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### 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)

