



## Weekly Newsletter

11 December 2020

### Golden Rule Focus: Be Kind

#### Key Dates Coming up

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Please return all reading books from home

#### 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 and **Christmas Jumper Day and Last day of term**

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

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – **SCHOOL NOW CLOSED TO CHILDREN**

### Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Hopefully you have all received the letter this morning announcing a change to the end of term. As explained, this is in response to a briefing update from the Department of Education that schools received only on Tuesday. After some consideration of the guidance, we have decided to end term on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (normal pick-up times)**. I am attaching the letter again for you now. We do really appreciate that this is a last-minute change that may well impact your end-of-term plans but it is really in the interests of staff health and well-being. Obviously, this change will also mean some tweaks to the Christmas celebrations, as follows:

**Christmas Jumper Day** – This will now be on **Thursday 17 December**. Children should bring £1. If the children have a party that day, we suggest a creative fusion of Christmas jumper and party clothes – there's a challenge!!

#### Congratulations!!!

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

**Giraffes:** Gabriel

**Zebras:** Imogen

**Elephants:** Manuel

**Monkeys:** Felix

**Crocodiles:** Ikey

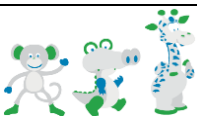
**Rhinos:** Sophia

**Lions:** Lexi



**Class with Highest Weekly Attendance:** 99%

### Classes with Best Weekly Punctuality:



### Congratulations also to our **WONDERFUL PTA** and to all of you....

...for raising over **£1000** in the Silent Auction. Incredible, especially given all the Covid restrictions. See do see below for more important PTA messages.

### Reading Books and the Re-opening of our Library

We will shortly be completing an audit of the reading books which the children bring home. Please can you ensure that your children return any reading books that they have at home by **Monday 14th December**. This will allow us to see where additional books for particular book bands need purchasing. We are also very pleased to announce that we will be opening the library to children in January so that they can borrow books on a weekly basis.



### Spark! Kingston and Richmond Children's Book Award

We are so thrilled to be part of this initiative. Children in local primary schools and libraries will vote on their favourite books published in 2020, from an identified shortlist. Please visit their website [here](#) for full details or follow them on Twitter @sparkbookaward

### Positive Covid Cases after Thursday 17th December

In line with guidance from Public Health England, we will be checking emails for 6 days from the end of term in case any children or staff test positive for Covid. It is therefore essential that you contact the school on [nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk) if your child tests positive in this period so that we can inform other children's families and relevant staff. Please help us to keep our whole school community safe this Christmas.

### 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 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 (or Christmas jumper AND party clothes if party is on the Thursday) – 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

Twitter



@KewRiversidePS

If you are not already following our official school Twitter account then please do so. We aim to bring you photos of your wonderful children and fabulous examples of their work on an (almost) daily basis. It's our way of letting you know what's going on in the inside while keeping you at a safe distance on the outside!

### 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

[lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

### PTA News

Thank you for all donations made on **Giving Tuesday**. We'll update on the amount raised (including the PayPal top-up) once visible in the School account...watch this space.

The Silent Auction was a huge success, and has raised over £1000! Thank you to everyone for donations and purchases.

Please email **kewriversidepta@gmail.com** to arrange collection of any outstanding items.

**Raffle tickets** will be on sale at drop-off and pick-up, until Tuesday 15th Dec with the raffle itself being drawn on Wednesday 16th. Winners will be contacted on Thursday 17th.

Donations for **Christmas Jumper Day** (£1) and **Gift Tags** (£2 for 5 tags) should be brought to school on the last day of term (ie **Thursdady 17<sup>th</sup>**) and handed in to class teachers.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break from the PTA!!!

<b>Governors</b>		
<p>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></p>		
