



# Weekly Newsletter

4 December 2020

## Golden Rule Focus: Be Kind

### Key Dates Coming up

#### 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! Bring £1.  
(Last day of term – day finishes at 2pm)

### Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much to all of you who 'attended' our first ever virtual parent-teacher consultations. Thankfully, despite our fears, there were relatively few technical hitches, but for those of you who did experience difficulties, thank you for your patience. I hope you found the meetings informative and constructive. Teachers will be following up with parents/carers who did not manage to attend.

#### Congratulations!!!

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

**Giraffes:** Ariah  
**Zebras:** Rose C.  
**Elephants:** Evelina  
**Monkeys:** Wilfred  
**Crocodiles:** Otavio  
**Rhinos:** Atlas  
**Lions:** Masha



**Class with Highest Weekly Attendance:** 98%



**Classes with Best Weekly Punctuality:**



#### 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.

### Mobile Phones and Whatsapp Use

It's come to our attention that some Rhino and Lion children have Whatsapp 'group chats'. Please can we remind parents/carers that the recommended minimum age for Whatsapp is 16. If your child does have a mobile phone we strongly suggest the following:

- Check the privacy settings on all apps
- Monitor any group chats
- Discourage phones and other devices in bedrooms – the temptation for midnight messaging is just too great and this will only get worse once they're at secondary school – take my word for it!

There is a wealth of advice on our website, under Safeguarding/E-Safety, but for specific whatsapp advice, see [here](#).

### 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

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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!

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)	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
Designated Teacher for Looked After Children (LAC) and Post-LAC			
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	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>

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

**Governors**

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