



## Weekly Newsletter

8 January 2021

### Key Dates Coming up

Half Term Holiday – Monday 15 Feb to Friday 19 Feb

### Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week I have felt incredibly proud of the whole school community for pulling together and rising to yet another Covid challenge. Once again, the children have demonstrated great fortitude and positivity and, of course, so have all the parents/carers and staff! As we all navigate our way through the next few weeks of Blended Learning, we will continue to review/update/tweak our arrangements as necessary. There is no perfect model but our aim, as always, is to listen and consult before taking action. Thank you so much for so many messages of support and positive feedback – we really appreciate your communication. Please do continue to keep in regular contact with us and let us know what's working well and whether you are experiencing any difficulties.

The Covid section of the school website is regularly updated and copies of letters that have been sent out already can be found [here](#) (scroll down!).

### Congratulations!!!

The golden certificate winners this week for children showing fantastic engagement with their home/school learning are:

**Giraffes:** Daniel

**Zebras:** Harrison

**Elephants:** Vasco

**Monkeys:** Tom

**Crocodiles:** Zeyd

**Rhinos:** Sophie

**Lions:** Yurzaa



**Classes with the highest virtual or in-school 'attendance':**

### Childcare Arrangements for Working Parents

If you are not already aware of this, it is worth noting the following:

The [National Lockdown Stay at Home guidance](#) section on childcare encourages parents to form a [childcare bubble](#) with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, thus enabling parents to work.

### Accessing Google Classroom

You may be interested to know that a **Playstation or Xbox** games console both have web browsers available and, with an attached USB keyboard and mouse, can be used to access home learning.

### Class Timetables

The class timetables will be uploaded onto the class pages of the school website at the end of today. Please note that we are adding an additional opportunity for LIVE interaction with the class teacher/LSP with a **LIVE storytime session** at the end of each day. Please note, this session is optional, but it would obviously be fantastic to see as many children joining as possible.

### Uploading Work onto Google Classroom

We are currently fine-tuning our expectations around the amount of children's work that is uploaded to Google Classroom and will be communicating this to you shortly. In the meantime, please see the 'how to upload work' videos which today have been uploaded to Google Classroom.

### Handwriting help and prizes!

You may have heard in the assembly on Wednesday that during this half term we would like the children to try and focus on improving their handwriting. This will make the writing process much easier for the children so a very worthwhile activity to focus on at home! Teachers will be setting handwriting activities as part of the weekly home learning to support this. At the end of the half term, we will award a **prize** to a child in each class who has shown the most effort in trying to improve their handwriting this half-term! For helpful tips on supporting your child, please see Wednesday's assembly video and supporting handouts.

### Free Workshops from Richmond Borough Mind

To help parents be prepared for any negative mental health effects that their children may suffer during the national lockdown, Richmond Borough Mind have been successfully running zoom workshops with parents across the borough and will be running the last two next week. **For more details and booking information, see [here](#)**

### Another Free Workshop from Gill Hines – Educating your Child at Home

The fabulous Education and Parenting Consultant Gill Hines has a number of free spaces for her upcoming workshop on how to provide a first-rate education for your child at home by 'thinking outside of the box'. See attached flyer.

### Requests for Unwanted Lego Constructions

If anybody has completed lego constructions that they no longer need/want, we would love to have them in school. No need for instructions, just the completed constructions that children in school can then pull apart and reassemble. Many thanks!

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.

Enjoy a restful 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 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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#### PTA News

Watch this space....!

#### Governors

If you have any questions for or about the Governors please send them to:  
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