



Weekly Newsletter

22 January 2021

Key Dates Coming up

Half Term Holiday – Monday 15 Feb to Friday 19 Feb

Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all the positive feedback about the Live lessons and Google Classroom in general. All the staff are working so hard to deliver face-to-face and remote learning simultaneously and it makes an enormous difference to them to hear that the children are responding so well. Thank you also for all the incredible support you are providing at home – we know how hard it is to be teachers/parents/workers all at the same time so we take our hats off to you all!

You will be interested to hear that from next week, in line with DfE expectations, all the staff at the school will be testing themselves twice weekly at home using the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests. Another tool in our Covid armoury!

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: Hugo
Zebras: Aliana
Elephants: Zion
Monkeys: Blake
Crocodiles: Diego
Rhinos: Maria
Lions: Rosie



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

Online Learning – Safeguarding our Children

Now that our online learning is well underway, we want to remind you that it is vitally important for us all to work together to ensure that the children are as safe online as they possibly can be. We have therefore updated our **Google Meet Acceptable Use agreements** to include a **Parent section** (you will have already received the Child agreement). The updated document is attached and also available on the school website. Obviously, at the moment it is difficult for us to collect signed copies of this agreement, but please read it carefully as these are the behaviour expectations that need to be followed by all. Two key points to draw your attention to are:

- A parent/carer should always be within earshot of any Google Meet that their child attends
- Children should be dressed appropriately, ie not in their pyjamas!

There is also an updated **Covid addendum to our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy**, which can be found on the website [here](#).

Children attending School – please read

While it is clear that the vast majority of our families are following National Lockdown Stay at Home Guidance (see [here](#)), and for this we are grateful, it saddens me to say that there have been a few recent cases of children attending school talking freely to staff about mixing with other households. Not only does this compromise the safety of the whole community but it raises staff anxiety levels considerably. We will follow up on individual cases and further incidents will result in the child being asked to stay at home for 10 days and, potentially, losing their school place.

Love in a Box – Thank You!

The Mustard Seed Charity that runs the Love in a Box campaign at Christmas would like to thank all of our families who kindly donated shoe boxes of gifts for Eastern European children who would not otherwise have received a Christmas present.



SPARK book awards – the shortlisted books

We will soon be receiving a set of the books that have been shortlisted for this very exciting award. As a participating school, we are also able to offer families the chance to purchase the books at a discount. Information on how to do this will follow shortly, but in the meantime, please find more information on the Spark website, [here](#).

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 **at home and at school** on an (almost) daily basis.

Have a great weekend,

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 Number | Email |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) | Nell Webb | 0208 487 8437 | nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk |
| Designated Teacher for Looked After Children (LAC) and Post-LAC | | | |
| Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) | Rachel Roberts | 0208 487 8437 | rachelroberts@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk |
| Safeguarding Governor(s) | Denise Long Peter King | 0208 487 8437 | governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk |

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| | Patrick Neave | | |
| Chair of Governors | Stephen Hyams | 0208 487 8437 | governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.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

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Governors

If you have any questions for or about the Governors please send them to:
governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk