

## BULLETIN

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Issue 18

### Focus of the Week Be Honest

#### Key Dates for Next Week

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### Whole School Information

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to use this final bulletin of the first Summer half term to give a few updates:

Please can I also direct your attention to the Class Reps section of the website that will contain the meeting minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### Assessment Feedback

The results of any testing of children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 during assessment week will filter into the teacher's formative judgements of children's attainment. We do not use the standalone test results, but rather the analysis of correct and incorrect answers. This will also help us plan for the Summer 2 Term. Y2 and Y6 SATs results will, of course, be sent home with reports. Thank you to Sarah and the team in Elephants who have worked their way through the SATs test with Year 2 over the last two weeks and marked them!

### Vision

During the Summer 2 Term, we will be looking to refresh our vision. This is the vision that children, staff, parents and governors have and is, in many ways, shaped by the world that changes around us. Many have asked me what my own personal one is for the school. I joined Kew Riverside because I believe in our current ethos – of children being socially responsible citizens, independent learners and thinkers and having the resilience to cope with life's challenges.

### **Parent volunteers**

We want YOU! Also, from conversations I have had with many of you, it appears that you want to be wanted! I therefore implore you to sign up as a parent reader or other volunteer because when it comes to improving the attainment and progress of our children, we are stronger together!

### **Library**

Unfortunately, the Library 2016 Project will be completed later than originally planned. This is due to some basic painting and carpeting that we want in place before the wonderful plans are put into action. As a PFI school, this means waiting for a date for the work to be done. I am sorry to all of you who worked so hard to fundraise for this but we will strive to have the best library in our area by the end of September and will celebrate accordingly!

### **Assembly videos**

We have had some technical issues with the Class Assembly videos from the spring. We can only upload one at a time to our website at present so we are starting with Giraffe Class. If you would like a copy of the raw footage for your own personal use, please contact me at school.

### **Lunches**

We always have some very hungry children in school and sometimes we cannot fill them up with school lunches alone. Therefore, you may give your child a mid-morning snack to eat either at first break or to supplement the lunch. The usual rules apply to those snacks – no nuts, no chocolate – please see website for details.

### **PGL – Osmington Bay**

Our Lions are having a cracking time in Dorset by all accounts. My thanks to all the teachers and staff for organising such a great experience. The sleepless nights certainly prepare you for parenthood!

### **Rhinos' Greek Day**

This week, Year 5 were treated to a Greek Day to celebrate all they had learned this term in one immersive and messy experience. They also presented an impromptu assembly on the subject which was riveting!

We will be consulting on three issues after half term but I wanted to ask you to think about your responses during the break.

- Uniform: all black trainers as an alternative to 'sturdy' shoes. This means no coloured logos.
- A £5 donation, at the start of the year, that will cover a pencil case and all the children's writing requirements for the year (glue stick, pencil, rubber, sharpener etc.). This is for Year 1 to Year 6. There will be a school pencil case for Year 1 to Year 4, after which (from Year 5) the children

can bring one of their own choice if they so wish.

- After our current Y6 and Y5 have left, 'smartphones' would not be allowed in school. From the start of the 2017-18 academic year, children in Year 5 and 6 would be allowed to bring a basic phone to school for the purposes of emergency contact with home. Therefore, if you were planning to buy a phone for your current Crocodiles, phones with APPs and access to the Internet would be banned.

Finally, I would like to announce some staffing changes from September 2016. Unfortunately we are losing Jane Neal, our wonderful Monkey Class Teacher and Art/DT leader. Jane is off to begin another chapter of her life in Greece. We are also losing Froso Stafyli, who will be working to become an ABA tutor. We wish them both our best wishes and will miss them. To replace Jane we have Maria Harnett, our experienced Y5/Y6 booster teacher and Anna Manthopoulou, herself a qualified teacher. Classes and staffing will be confirmed shortly.

Thank you all for a lovely half term. Enjoy the break and stay safe. See you back at school on Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Darren**

**Attendance Letter** – please see attached

**Climbing Frame** – Please do not let your children use the climbing frame before or after school for safety reasons.

**School Lunch – 15th June 2016**

We are celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 15th June. If your child would like to join us with this celebration, the cost of the lunch will be £2.20. Please could the money be in the office by **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016**.

Please see the following menu:

Cheese, Egg Mayo and Ham sandwiches

Pork and vegetarian sausages

Cheese and tomato pastry

Coleslaw

Potato salad

Cucumber and carrot sticks

Victoria sponge

Scones, jam and cream

**Battle of the Books** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Elephant Class and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June Crocodile Class. Selected children from these classes will be representing the school at this year Battle of the Books. If your child has been selected there will be a letter in their bookbag.

**Lost Property** – Please could you check the lost property as the trunk is full after 2 weeks. Items not claimed will go to charity.

### **Message from the KRPS Junior Safety Officers, Indy and Evie**

All children are invited to take part in the KRPS Road Safety Poster Competition. Please create an A4 poster promoting road safety by 10<sup>th</sup> June and hand this to your class teacher who will pass it on to us. There will be two winners from each key stage who will receive a small prize. Thank you.

### **Library Update**

Thank you to those of you who have offered your help and support to establish the school library. In order to make the library a focal point of the school, a lot of planning and organisation is essential. Thanks to the library steering group (consisting of parents, governors and school staff), this is shaping up very well. We have faced a few logistical issues that have led to a delay in proceedings, but we are now back on track.

Before the end of the summer term, some volunteers will be helping to catalogue the books we already have in school. During the summer holidays, the library room will be painted and a new floor will be laid and then, when we start back in the autumn term, we will furnish and add the finishing touches before a school launch at the end of autumn term. Exciting times!

### **Sports Events**

**\*\*We're collecting Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers\*\*** the box is in reception.

### **House Points**



**12379**



**13208**



**12703**



**13802**

### **Community Information**

#### **DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS TROPHY TOUR COMES TO PENSFORD TENNIS CLUB, KEW FOLLOWING HISTORIC WIN**

The Davis Cup by BNP Paribas officially arrives at Pensford Tennis Club, Kew on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 (6.30-9.30pm) as part of a national Trophy Tour of Great Britain launched by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) in April this year.

Following Great Britain's historic win against Belgium in the 2015 Davis Cup Final, when Team GB hoisted the trophy for the first time in 79 years, the LTA wanted to celebrate this momentous occasion by delivering the Davis Cup Trophy Tour across the country to thank the tennis community including players, coaches, venues and volunteers who supported the team on its incredible journey. It also wanted to inspire a new generation to pick up a racket and get involved in tennis.

The events are free for all to attend and give people a once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity to see and be pictured with the impressive Davis Cup Trophy up close and personal. The event at Pensford Tennis Club, Kew will include a barbeque and open evening for members of the public to come to see the Davis Cup Trophy and to play tennis with the Club's coaches.

The Davis Cup Trophy Tour will visit over 50 destinations. The full list of destinations for the Davis Cup Trophy Tour can be found at

[www.lta.org.uk/daviscup trophytour](http://www.lta.org.uk/daviscup trophytour)

#### **Information for parents –**

#### **Amazing Stories! May half term at Orleans House Gallery**

Join us for a week of workshops inspired by your favourite stories.

Monday 30 May to Sunday 5 June 2016.

Fill your holidays with creativity! We offer a range of full and half day workshops for ages 0 to 17. Visit the gallery exhibition and work with professional artists specialising in a range of different techniques from drawing, painting and print-making to sculpture and textiles.

We can provide support for children and young people with additional needs. More information here: [www.richmond.gov.uk/holiday\\_activities](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/holiday_activities)

#### **Beatrix Potter workshop at Museum of Richmond - Tuesday 31 May,**

Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 & Friday 3 June, 10am to 12pm

Our next workshops will be celebrating 150 years since the birth of author, illustrator and natural scientist Beatrix Potter. Learn about her early life visiting Kew Gardens and see her drawings of mysterious fungi. Explore her amazing stories and characters.

Sketch then paint the beautiful view of Richmond Hill and add some of Potters animal characters into your painting.

Ages 5-11 years old

£4 p/child, adults free (please pay by cash on the day)

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To book, email: [museumofrichmond@btconnect.com](mailto:museumofrichmond@btconnect.com) or call 020 8332 114

**Pensford Field** – Summer Picnic Party, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 16:00 until 21:00. Please see leaflet attached for more information.

**King's College School** 11+ open day evening Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 18:00.

#### **Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)**

##### **Giraffes**

**Ladyland Farm - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016** We would like to take the children to discover more on our topic 'living things'. We will be leaving school by 8.45am, and returning before 3.00pm. The cost of this will be £12.00 per child. This trip has been partly supported by the cake sale and PTA money. If you are happy for your child to take part please can you return completed slip and payment.

##### **Zebras**

##### **Elephants**

**Assessment Week KS1** – 16<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Key Stage 2 (Monkey, Crocodile, Rhino & Lion)**

##### **Monkeys**

**Swimming** – Starts 18<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> July (no swimming 6<sup>th</sup> June Inset day).

**Library Visit** – 19<sup>th</sup> May

##### **Crocodiles**

**RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO JUNIPER HALL** - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.

##### **Rhinos**

## Library Visit – 30<sup>th</sup> June

### Lions

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16 <sup>th</sup> June	Library Visit – Monkey Class
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Battle of the Books – Crocodile Class
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Sport Days – Whole School</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Head's Award evening
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Library Visit – Rhino Class
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Dress rehearsal 9:30 – 11:00 - KS2 only
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production 19:00 to 20:30 KS2 only
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>E-Safety Evening 7pm</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production 19:00 to 20:30 KS2 only
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Library Visit – Giraffe Class
21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Finishes for Summer Holidays

Please check the school website for term dates, including INSET days.

#### Slips to be returned/Attachments to bulletin

Whole School	Giraffe Class	Zebra Class	Elephant Class
Pensford Field Attendance letter			Battle of the Books
Monkey Class	Crocodile Class	Rhino Class	Lion Class
	Battle of the Books		

Please remember that you can keep up to date on the school website

<http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>

As you know you are all automatically part of our schools PTA. Meetings and event details can be found in the fortnightly bulletin or on the website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>

You can also keep up to date via the PTA's Facebook page where you'll also be reminded to send in the library card or a child in dress up! Only current parents/carers of the school can join and you must hold a Facebook account. Please

email [charlottesmith77@me.com](mailto:charlottesmith77@me.com) or [sabinamangosi@gmail.com](mailto:sabinamangosi@gmail.com) for the link.

## **PTA NEWS**

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting this morning.

An update on the May Fair we managed to raise an amazing total of  
5263.20!!

Which was quite an increase from last year so pats on back all round!

There will be a PTA pop up sale at pick up today so we can raise money for the BBQ we have purchased to make things slightly easier for future events.

Now to our Midsummer's Eve camping night, 24th June, weather permitting. Gates will open from 5.30pm and we ask non campers to leave by 10pm and for the field to be cleared by 10am Saturday morning.

Tickets, pitches and preorders of BBQ food will go on sale at pick up and drop off from Friday 17th June. You'll also be able to view and wet your appetites for an Auctions of Promises if we get enough uptake!

We WILL need your help on selling tickets and at the event so please keep an eye out for rosters which will be available at the pitch selling point or you can always get your class rep to pop your name down.

As you can see we would like to run an Auction of Promises where parents offer their talents and services and others bid! The last time we did this we had cakes baked, family meals for 4 cooked, babysitting offered, a photo shoot and tutoring to name but a few a quick google search has come up with a few other ideas, an afternoon of ironing, house work, a lift to the airport, bike servicing, a car wash, gardening services, computer help, dog walking/sitting, man with a van, and a villa in Italy!! If you can help or obviously have other ideas please let us know!

We have also managed to secure sponsorship from Cherstertons so if you are able to have a estate agent board advertising the Camping event please let Andrea know [rees\\_andrea@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rees_andrea@yahoo.co.uk) We will need 25 addresses so please get in touch as this takes away a lot of the fundraising stress having this amount given to us.

Which moves us on to let you know what we are looking to raise money for from the camping night. Firstly we would love to buy two sturdy outdoor table tennis games. We looked at installing permanent concrete tables but with limited space in the school playground at this time moveable ones seem the better option. The kids will love these across the whole school and because they are transportable they will also be able to be used on the field. They are great for promoting quick thinking, stimulating the brain while improving hand to eye coordination.

We also would like to purchase hi viz waistcoats for the children and staff to wear on school trips to make all children safer and more easily identifiable.

Hopefully this community driven event will raise lots of money for the above proposals.

Andrea Rees [rees\\_andrea@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rees_andrea@yahoo.co.uk) and Charlotte Smith [charlottesmith77@me.com](mailto:charlottesmith77@me.com) are organising Camping night, so please get in touch with them if you have any questions, suggestions or comments.

Just as a side note we are looking for someone to chair/co chair our Halloween Disco which will be held before October Half term...if you are interested please let Lisa in reception know as it would be a shame to have to cancel this popular spooktakular event!!

Date for the diary, next PTA meeting Friday 17th June.