

# NEWSLETTER

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Issue 19

## Focus of the Week:

### Key Dates coming up

7 <sup>th</sup> February	Elephants	Scooter Training
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Elephants	Kew Gardens Trip
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Mental Health Day
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Monkeys	Class Assembly – 9.15am to 9.40am
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Q Factor – No parents, sorry!
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Crocodiles	Class Assembly – 9.15am to 9.40am
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	PATHS Coffee Morning for parents/carers
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	World Book Day Parents/Carers welcome between 9.00 and 9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rhinos	Class Assembly – 9.15am to 9.40am
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Zebras	Class Assembly – 9.15am to 9.40am
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Giraffes	Class Assembly – 9.15am to 9.40am
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir	Choir at Rose Theatre
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Elephants	Class Assembly – 9.15am to 9.40am

For more key dates please follow [this link](#)

## Golden Certificate Winners this week



Dear Parents and Carers

As you will read, we are well and truly lining-up the dates for the next few weeks. Make sure you have recorded your child's class assembly date in your diary. We are still looking for volunteers for all aspects of school life, including PTA, library helpers and reading volunteers. Your feedback remains highly valuable through surveys and questionnaires so keep those coming in! Also, we will be looking for a parent governor soon so watch this space for election details. Thank you!

### **Q-Factor**

This year's Q-Factor competition will be held on Friday 15 February. Auditions for all those budding singers, dancers, gymnasts, musicians, magicians and comedians will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, so please encourage your children to GET PRACTISING!

### **Library Volunteers**

We would love more parents and carers to get involved in our library so that children and families can really make the most of it. Have you got half an hour to spare on a weekly basis, either in the morning or the afternoon? If you would like to help with the running of the library from 8.30-8.45am or 3.20-3.50pm (or any other time) please let either Lisa or Nell know. Many thanks.

### **World Book Day - Thursday 7 March**

This year's World Book Day theme for Kew Riverside will be POETRY. We would like to **invite parents/carers in between 9-9.30am** to share with classes or groups of children their favourite poems. We are also going to hold class-based competitions for the most impressive poetry or nursery rhyme readings by children, with a special assembly in the afternoon, so please encourage your children to read poems and nursery rhymes at home and start thinking about ones that they might like to recite. As always, children can come to school on World Book Day dressed as their favourite book character.

### **Message from Holly – Choir**

Children in choir will be singing at Rose Theatre on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Ticket information was sent home earlier this week. Parents of choir members (please ask your KS2 child if they are in choir) are allowed to buy one audience ticket per child through Lisa; money needs to be in by Monday February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let Holly know if you have any questions. Thank you!

### **Children's Mental Health Day**

Following the success of last years 'Be Yourself' day we will once again be taking part in Children's Mental Health Day. This year's theme is 'Love Your Body, Love Your Mind' and aims to encourage children to stay healthy inside and out. We will be taking part in this on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. As this is also St Valentine's Day, we are asking children to **come to school dressed in red or pink** to represent love! We will be spending some time in class looking at how to keep our bodies and minds active and healthy with different exercise and mindfulness activities. The children do not need to pay any money towards this day.

### **Parents Coffee Morning – PATHS and Social Emotional Intelligence**

**On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March we are inviting all parents and carers to a coffee morning** at school to talk about the new PATHS scheme we are currently running with the children. PATHS stands for 'promoting alternative thinking strategies' and is linked to the social and emotional aspects of learning. Tess Sullivan, our PATHS school coach, will lead the session on how PATHS works within the curriculum, what is social and emotional learning and what are the effects of children who don't develop this. She will also speak about children's feelings and using self control techniques at home to build better relationships. The session will be straight after drop off at 9am – 10am in the school hall. We would really appreciate as many parents attending to support the school with this new scheme. **Please sign up with Lisa at the school office if you would like to attend.**

### **Mental Health Policy**

I am in the process of drafting a Mental Health Policy for the school. This is a non-statutory policy but we feel that the school is often reacting to parents' concerns and questions about children's mental health and wanted to create a central information point and 'go-to' document where many of that information can be available to the whole school community. The policy will cover how we support children parents and staff and so if you would like to have any input into this document, please e-mail me

through the school at [info@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk) and in the subject line type 'MH Policy Consultation 2019'. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Darren

### **Dance Club**

Dance Club will not be running on the 13<sup>th</sup> February. This session will be covered on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Collecting your child**

Chess – crocodile class

Computing – crocodile class

Yoga – zebra class

French – crocodile class

Lego – monkey class

### **Please collect your child from the playground.**

Cooking – food tech room – music door to **collect via playground**

Karate - hall

Art – hall

Dance – hall

### **Please use side door to hall follow yellow footsteps.**

**Please note there will be no access through the school corridors.**

### **School lunches for this term**

1<sup>st</sup> half of the term £69.00

2<sup>nd</sup> half of the term £69.00

Total for the term: £138.00

### **Can you Help**

We are collecting (clean) **denim/jeans** for a sewing project in Lions.

We are collecting (clean) **socks and leggings** in Crocodiles for a sewing project

We are collecting **cardboard tubes** from paper towels in Zebras and Elephants for making rain sticks.

Please note these will **NOT be returned**.

**Whole School Art Project**, we are asking for each child to bring in a pebble/stone (ideally bigger than 4cm in length but less than 10cm) before the end of this half term. Please give them to your class teacher for collection.

### **The School Development Plan (SDP) and Self Evaluation Form (SEF)**

Please refer to the link below to see our progress against the School Development Plan 2018-19.

<http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Development+Plan+%28SDP%29+%26amp%3B+Self+Evaluation+Form+%28SEF%29&pid=149>

### **Governors**

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

[governors@kewriverside.sch.richmond.uk](mailto:governors@kewriverside.sch.richmond.uk)

### **Weekly Maths and Word Challenge for Children & Parents**

<http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/?pid=1398&action=saved>

### **Community Events**

Half term clubs and events [this link](#)

Helping your Child Manage their Anxiety

Please visit [this link](#) for more community events

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

#### **Giraffes:**

Class Assembly 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9.15am to 9.40am

#### **Zebras:**

Class Assembly 15<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am to 9.40am

#### **Elephants:**

Scooter training 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Kew Gardens– 12<sup>th</sup> February, please remember to pay online or at the office.

Class Assembly 29<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am to 9.40am

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

#### **Monkeys:**

**Swimming** - Please remember to pay either online or at the office.

Drumming workshop, this event was part funded by the PTA. Please remember to pay online or at the office.

Class Assembly 15<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15am to 9.40am

#### **Crocodiles**

Class Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> March – 9.15am to 9.40am

#### **Rhinos**

Class Assembly 8<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am to 9.40am

#### **Lions**

PGL Osmington Bay 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May

### **KRPS PTA Committee**

All parents and carers are automatically part of Kew Riverside's PTA and being involved in any way you can is a great way to meet new people and raise money for our fantastic school. We have regular meetings and are always planning the next event so if you can help in any way or have some great fundraising ideas then please talk to your class reps.

Lots of great events happening throughout the year and we all look forward to seeing you and your families getting involved!

