

BULLETIN

19th January 2018

Issue 10

Focus of the Week 'Look After Property'

Key Dates coming up

31 st January	Kingston Museum – Crocodile Class
24 th January	Parent Reader – 3.30pm
2 nd February	Cake Sale
5 th to 9 th February	Cycle Training – Lion Class
6 th February	Pensford Field – Lion Class
8 th February	Relationships and Sex Education – 6.00pm
22 nd February	Head's Award Evening – Rhino and Lion children
1 st March	World Book Day – Slumber Evening
7 th March	Maths Mastery Parent Workshop 7.00pm
19 th and 20 th March	Parent-Teacher meetings

Dear Parents and Carers

Golden Certificate Winners in Spr 1 Week 3

Giraffe Class – **Adam**

Zebra Class – **Lois**

Elephant Class – **Ilham**

Monkey Class – **Matilda**

Crocodile Class – **David**

Rhino Class – **N/A**

Lion Class – **Lewis**



Parking

Thank you for all of the supportive comments regarding the new no-parking signs. We are seeing some success but shall continue to patrol and speak to those who have not quite got the message yet!

Vision

We are still looking for your input on the school's vision looking ahead to 2023 and beyond. Once we have gathered all views in, we will organise an evening meeting to formalise this. Last week I met with Class Reps and this week with the PTA. Part of the vision will include developing the outdoor learning space, specifically the field. I would like to invite you to become a member of a steering group to help us see this major project through a series of phase builds starting with the gardening area this

year. Please send me your details if you can commit to an **initial evening meeting on Tuesday 30th January at 7.00 pm.** At this meeting, we can discuss any further commitment and optimum meeting times.

Class Assembly Dates (9.15 a.m. start)

Date	Class
Friday 9 th March	Monkeys – Y3
Friday 16 th March	Crocodiles – Y4
Friday 23 rd March	Zebras – Y1
Thursday 29 th March	Elephants – Y2
Friday 27 th April	Giraffes – YR
Friday 4 th May	Rhinos – Y5

Please put the date in your diary! **(Y6 have an end of year leavers' assembly)**

A Reminder! When your children join our fabulous school, you also join the community and as such, the PTA. All parents and carers are invited to meetings and your input is vital to the success of the school. If you would like to help out at a school event, please let us know, and we will put you in touch with others just like you! Thank you!

Calendar

I have been through the website calendar to check all of our events are there. If you feel that something is missing, please contact Lisa or myself and we will include this.

Catering

This week, unfortunately, our wonderful cook Jacqui and her assistant Becky have been absent through illness and there have been a few changes to the menu. We have been in daily contact with ISS to ensure the quality we have come to expect is maintained.

Have a good weekend

Darren

Safeguarding

The NSPCC has updated their PANTS campaign there is now a pack for parents to use to help with the conversation that maybe uncomfortable. Please follow the link for more information for the parents' PANTS pack: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>

Relationships and Sex Education in the Primary School - A Workshop

We are lucky enough to have education and parenting consultant Gill Hines run a workshop for our school around the delivery and teaching of Relationship and Sex Education. It is becoming increasingly important with the changing needs within society today that children have the necessary information, and you as parents are able to support them in their understanding of RSE. Parents are invited to attend the workshop

which will take place on Thursday 8th February 6.00-8.00pm. The workshop is being funded by school and therefore completely free for parents to attend. Spaces are limited to 30 parents so please sign up with Lisa at the office by Monday 5th February. If you have any questions please speak to Sarah in Elephant Class.

Governors.

One of the core roles of the governors is to keep an eye on the finances of the school. Last week we had a meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee (F&R). Here we check on income and expenditure and value for money both in terms of best buys and the results of the expenditure. We were shown that at the moment the school's financial position is managed well. But if you think this is all dull and rather boring we also discussed the possibility of Prevent training for parents, the school's Business Continuity Plan, whether or not some pupils could find the layout of classrooms distracting (the general answer was it is more of a help) and an upcoming school Health and Safety check. So lively were some of the discussions that the meeting lasted three quarters of an hour longer than planned.

Hopefully this gives you some idea of what the governors have responsibility for.

John Grant. Chair of Governors.

Spelling Challenge - The development of the school's teaching and learning in spelling is a key area for this academic year and beyond. In recent years, the Government has placed huge emphasis on children's ability to spell so we have been using a spelling programme in school which is beginning to have an impact on our children's abilities. There is no doubt that some children really enjoy spelling while others find it very challenging and it is our job to try and help all learners.

To further support this development, on Thursday 25th January, an exciting whole school 'Sponsored Spell' event will begin. The event will be introduced with an assembly led by some children from Rhino class on Monday 22nd and on Thursday 25th, each child will bring home a list of words to learn and a sponsorship form. The words chosen are linked to the National Curriculum. Giraffes will take part in their sponsored spell in the summer term.

The idea is for the children to learn the words at home and then be tested in school. Children have 3 weeks to learn as many words as they can; this includes the February half term holiday. During this time, children are encouraged to ask parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and family friends to sponsor them for each word they get correct or for a fixed total amount for trying their best. Once the 3 weeks is up, a spelling challenge will take place in school during the week commencing 19th February.

Once the spelling challenge has been completed, your child will bring a

copy home so that you can see how well they have done and also to identify which words still need some work. All children will take part in the spelling challenge regardless of whether they get sponsorship.

Sponsorship money will be due in by Friday 2nd March. Each teacher will allocate a small prize for the following categories: effort, score and highest amount of sponsorship money raised. All children will receive a mini-certificate in recognition of their efforts. All money raised will go towards new spelling resources for the school and will support the funding of a parent workshop on... spelling!

Going forward, a 'spelling bee' competition may be introduced where children can compete in year groups or key stages.

The spelling list will take the place of home learning spelling until half term. It is your family's choice as to how and when you learn the words. Some may prefer little and often practice (my preference) while others may learn a large amount at once. Date reminders will be communicated via the children's home learning sheets and the bulletin.

Thank you for your support. Please see Laura in Rhinos or your class teacher if you have any questions. Happy spelling!

Poetry Competition

All children in Key Stage 1 are invited to write a poem as part of a competition led by Young Writers. A hand-out will go home today explaining the task. The deadline for work to be handed in to the office is **Friday 9th February** so that they can be posted to reach the judges by Friday 16th February. Prizes for winning entries include bookmarks, stickers and work being published in a book. See the link for further details. <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/little-riddlers/>

All children in Key Stage 2 are invited to write a poem as part of a competition led by Young Writers. A hand-out will go home today explaining the task. The deadline for work to be handed in to the office is **Friday 9th February** so that they can be posted to reach the judges by Friday 16th February. Prizes for winning entries include bookmarks, stickers and work being published in a book. See the link for further details. <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/rhymecraft/#>

Would you like to volunteer as a parent reader?

Reading attainment and progress at Kew Riverside is strong, but we can always do more! Being a parent volunteer can be a very rewarding experience and is hugely beneficial to the children. If you would like to spend 20/30 minutes a week reading with children in school, please sign up with Lisa at the office. For interested parents, there will be a further brief training session with Laura on Wednesday 24th January at 3.30pm.

In order to volunteer in school, this training needs to be attended and you will be required to sign a 'Guidance for Parents' document.

All parents who attend the training will also need to have a statutory safety check also known as a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) carried out before beginning to help. It is an easy process that can be carried out online. If you have a valid DBS, you will not need to reapply for another, but still need to attend one of the training sessions. Thank you for considering.

Laura

The exciting 'World Book Day' 1st March is nearly upon us! This year we will be celebrating during the day in class and then holding a storytelling slumber party in the evening which parents are invited to attend.

World Book day during school hours:

- Please send your child in to school wearing a costume or mask related to their favourite book. If they have PE, they will still need to bring in their kits. Each class will be walking down a costume catwalk and a prize will be awarded for the best costume.
- If you would like your child to take part in a book swap to permanently swap one of their books from home, please bring in a book on the day.
- We will provide a special book inspired lunch menu on the day at the usual cost. More info will follow nearer the time.
- Finally, your child will receive a £1 book token to spend at certain book stores. For more information about World Book Day, please see <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

Storytelling slumber party (5.30pm-7pm):

- Children need to buy a (golden!) ticket for £1.50 per family. Tickets will be on sale after school on Friday 23rd February in the playground. The JLT will be collecting money and this will be sent to support the charity, Book Aid International.
- Wearing nightwear, children and parents go to their classroom at 5.30pm (nightwear is optional!). Children can bring blankets and sleeping bags if they wish.
- All families will be provided with a small 'midnight feast' snack in class and attend a storytelling session led by a special guest in the hall

Parent-teacher Meetings

These will be held on Monday 19th March (2-5pm) and Tuesday 20th March (3.30-7pm). Booking details will be sent out shortly.

Mastery Maths Parent Workshop – 7th March at 7pm

This is a one hour workshop exploring what is meant by using a mastery and depth approach to teaching mathematics. This research based approach to teaching mathematics is one we are seeking to adopt at Kew Riverside. We will explore what it means to really understand

concepts in mathematics and the importance of this in preparing children for secondary school concepts. We will consider the key teaching strategies and approaches that will be used and in doing so we seek to address any concerns or questions that you may have. The session will be delivered by Lorraine Hartley who has experience of teaching in Singapore and Shanghai and has been working with NCETM and maths Hubs in a number of schools. She is also Principal lecturer for Mathematics Education at Roehampton University.

Library

Thanks for all your book donations for the library. Please could we request that donations are no longer made to the school as we now have an abundance of brilliant books. You may wish to donate to charity or a friend instead.

If you are interested in helping to run and maintain the school library 'The Book Jungle', please see Laura in Rhinos. Darren recently mentioned how well the current librarians are doing in terms of looking after the library so a big thank you to those of you who currently volunteer.

Library Times

Monday 08.30-08.50 and 3.30-4pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 3.30-4pm

Thursday 3.30-4pm (until Christmas)

Friday 3.30-4pm

Children from all year groups are welcome to visit on any day. Children in Giraffes to Crocodiles must be accompanied by an adult; Rhinos and Lions can visit by themselves.

House Points



4498



3501



4092



4177

Community Events

Parent support group at Grand Avenue will be on Monday 5th February from 9.15 to 10.30. The main topic of this session will be anxiety in children with autism. Please see attached leaflet.

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Giraffes

Zebras

Elephants

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

Monkeys

Swimming – Please remember to pay online.

Crocodiles

Kingston Museum – 31st January, please see letter for payment and more details.

Rhinos

Public Speaking – 21st and 22nd February please pay £1.00 towards this as PTA have donated funds to part supported the event. Please remember without the PTA and your donations events like this may not be able to continue.

Head's Award Evening – 22nd February (7-8pm); individual children and their families will be invited by letter in due course.

Lions

Cycle Training – 5th February to 9th February copy has already gone home in your child's book bag.

Pensford Field on the afternoon of 6th February to complete a variety of habitat and environment investigations. Please can the children bring in suitable clothing and footwear for this time of year (wellies, coats, jumper etc). No permission slip is necessary but please let the office or Rachel know if you do not wish your child to attend.

Public Speaking – 21st and 22nd February please pay £1.00 towards this as PTA have donated funds to part supported the event. Please remember without the PTA and your donations events like this may not be able to continue.

Head's Award Evening – 22nd February (7-8pm); individual children and their families will be invited by letter in due course.

Neasden Temple – 28th February please see attached letter and make payment online or at the office along with completed consent form.

PGL June 2018 – This PGL trip will be after the May half term from Monday 4th June to 8th June. **Please note 4th June is an inset day, but will be the start of PGL.**

Key dates for your diary

31 st January	Kingston Museum – Crocodile Class
5 th to 9 th February	Cycle Training – Lion Class
19 th February	Spelling Challenge Week – Whole School
20 th 21 st February	Public Speaking – Rhino and Lion Class
12th – 16th February	Half Term
22 nd February	Head's Award Evening – Rhino and Lion children
28 th February	Neasden Temple – Lion Class
1 March	World Book Day – Whole School
7 March	Maths Mastery Parent Workshop 7.00pm
9 th March	Class Assembly – Monkey Class Parents welcome

16 th March	Class Assembly – Crocodiles Class Parents welcome
19 th March	Parent-teacher meetings 2.30pm – 5.00pm
20 th March	Parent-teacher meetings 3.30pm – 7.00pm
21 st March	Singing Festival
23 rd March	Class Assembly – Zebra Class Parents welcome
29 th March	Class Assembly – Elephant Class Parents welcome
29th March	Term Ends
30th March – 13th April	Easter Holidays
16th April	School starts all children
27 th April	Class Assembly – Giraffe Class Parents welcome
4 th May	Class Assembly – Rhino Class Parents welcome
7th May	Bank Holiday
28th May – 1st June	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
4 th to 8 th June	PGL Osmington Bay – Lion Class
5th June	School starts all children
20th July	Term Ends
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
Parent leaflet			
Monkey Class	Crocodile Class	Rhino Class	Lion Class
			Neasden Temple

PTA

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.

You can keep up to date on school news via the school's website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/> on twitter @KRPS2039 or our Facebook page which if you want to become a member of please search for us at "Kew Riverside Primary School PTA" and you'll be asked by admin to verify your child's name and class before you are approved.

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