

NEWSLETTER

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Issue 39

Focus of the Week:

Key Dates coming up

Wednesday	4 th September	INSET - School Closed
Thursday	5 th September	INSET - School Closed
Friday	6 th September	Children back

Giraffe and Zebra

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Invoices were sent out last week. Please settle all your outstanding debts with the school.**
- **Please check and return all school Library Books and Reading Books.**

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for another successful year at Kew Riverside. It is the whole community that creates an environment for learning within which children flourish and without your support, we would only be half as good!

This morning, we said a sad goodbye to our lovely Lions. We will miss them and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Next year, we are pushing standards in the school even higher. Please take some time to read the new School Development Plan for 2019-20 and the current School Evaluation Form by clicking this link [SDP and SEF 2019-20](#)

I have attached two letters to this final communication of the year. One, celebrates the school's end of year results in KS1, KS2, Phonics and Early Years. It has been a good year and we have maintained the strong trend in Y6. The second letter is from our Chair of Governors, Stephen Hyams.

In order to keep the communication lines open, can I remind you once again that you will get immediate answers to questions and concerns by contacting the class representative, class teacher and member of leadership rather than relying on *WhatsApp* or other social media platforms. Rumours and mistruths often build on these forums because there is no official response from the school and this only results in further discontent. My door is always open and I am happy to talk through any concerns you have.

Staffing

Sadly, Louise Quin, our wonderful School Business Manager, will be leaving Kew Riverside at the end of the summer. Louise's financial management skills have carefully guided the school through some difficult funding pressures over the last few years. She will be taking on a new challenge at a large secondary school closer to home. Louise will also support our school in the first few weeks of September, whilst we recruit her successor. We will all miss her and wish her every success in the future.

Another valuable member of our support staff team, Alex, will also be leaving us to pursue her studies in psychology. We wish her all the best and thank her for her valuable support in Year 1.

We have also just learnt that another valuable member of staff, Leo, will be leaving to move to a new and exciting opportunity in Finland. Over the years, Leo has supported many children on a one-to-one basis and again, he will be missed!

Unfortunately, the new Year 4 teacher we had recruited, has decided to change her plans and will no longer be starting in September. The great news is that Annie has agreed to stay on to help the children with transition whilst we recruit a new teacher. The current Monkey class parents were informed earlier this week.

New support staff for 2019-20

Giraffes	Zebras	Elephants	Monkeys	Crocodiles	Rhinos	Lions
Lauren Christina	Jess Katharine	Josh Tjasa	Ben	Angela Vanya	TBA Wendy Ben	N/A

PTA News

Our new Chair

Congratulations to Renata Barbosa who has taken up the role of PTA Chair. Please show your support and thanks when you see her. On behalf of the PTA Committee (and the whole school), we would like to say a big thank you to Fiona Parker for her role as Chair. We wish you all the very best for the move and hope it all goes smoothly.

A big thank you for all the donations towards the production bar and to the PTA for organising both nights and giving up their time. Renata (Otavio's mum), Freddie (Chloe's dad), Jennifer (Alex's mum) and Soo (Alexander's mum) in particular. They managed to raise over £200!

New Uniform – Summer Hats

Please note, school summer hats are available online via Scopay at £5 each. These will be uniform from September.

Sports Day - correction

Unfortunately, there were a couple of errors in the final placements in running races this year. As I am sure you will understand, we are all human and sometimes these things happen. I apologise if any distress was caused to the children involved. I am happy to confirm that the winner of the Zebra girls race was Avyaya and she received her gold medal last week.

School meals from September lunch will increase by 5p to £2.35 this is due to an increase cost from the provider.

Finally, thank you for all of the wonderful gifts and cards.

Have a wonderful break and we will see you on September 6th (yes, it is a Friday!)

Darren

Fit for Sport will be running camps on the Inset days 4th and 5th September.

Governors

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

Community Events

Kew Horticultural Society's 75th Flower and Produce Show 2019

Calling all children! Do you have an amazing idea for a miniature garden in a seed tray? Have you ever wanted to make a creature out of fruit and vegetables? Why not have a go, bring your creation along and see if you can be a winner at the Kew Horticultural Society's 75th Flower and Produce Show!

It's taking place at St. Anne's Church Hall, Kew Green on Saturday 24th August 2019. Please find poster and entry form attached, and take a look at the other categories and cups to be won. There are sections for Under 7s and 7-11 years, and there's even a sunflower category for all the family. It's the perfect little project for the end of the summer holidays. We hope to see you there!

The Kew Horticultural Society

Please visit [this link](#) for all the summer activities and more community events

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Giraffes:

Zebras:

Elephants:

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

Monkeys:

Crocodiles

Juniper Hall 18th September to 20th September 2019, this is the annual residential trip for new Rhinos.

Rhinos

Lions

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