

NEWSLETTER

6th September 2019

Issue 1

Focus of the Week: Listen and Show Respect

Key Dates coming up

Monday	9 th September	New Giraffes Home visits
Wednesday	11 th September	New Giraffes 'Stay and Play'
Monday	16 th September	Rhinos 'Meet the Teacher' 6 – 7pm Lions 'Meet the Teacher' 6-7pm
Tuesday	17 th September	Monkeys 'Meet the Teacher' 6 – 7pm Crocodiles 'Meet the Teacher' 6 - 7pm
Wednesday	18 th September	Zebras 'Meet the Teacher' 6 – 7pm Elephants 'Meet the Teacher' 6 - 7pm
Wednesday	18 th September to 20 th September	Rhinos to Juniper Hall (Residential)
Friday	20 th September	Jeans for Genes Day (Jeans not full-muffi)

Giraffe and Zebra

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to all of you and a thank you for all of the wonderful gifts, cards and donations to the school received at the end of the summer term!

I understand it feels strange returning on a Friday, but the children have settled well into their new year groups. We have discussed rules, expectations and I am sure it may be a little overwhelming for them so please chat through any issues raised at the weekend and speak to us next week if you feel your child needs that bit of extra support to settle in.

On that note, a reminder that we can address any concerns or questions you may have by contacting the class representative, class teacher and member of leadership rather than relying on *WhatsApp* or other social media platforms. Rumours and mistruths can spiral out of control on these forums because the school cannot respond officially. This results in further discontent. My door is always open and I am happy to talk through any concerns you have.

This year, we are aiming to push standards in the school even higher. Please take some time to read the new **School Development Plan** for 2019-20 which sets out our three priorities. We also publish a **School Evaluation Form** with which we show how well we are doing and which areas we need to develop further. You can access this by clicking this link [SDP and SEF 2019-20](#)

Please ensure your child is wearing FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.

A reminder that Kew Riverside hats are now part of the uniform expectations and are available online via Scopyay at £5 each.

As mentioned in July, **the cost of School meals has** increased by 5p to £2.35. This is due to an increase cost from the provider.

Dinners for Autumn Term:

Key Stage 2

Monkeys, Crocodiles, Rhinos and Lions

£84.60 – (1st half of term)
£70.50 – (2nd half of term)

Total: £155.10

I apologise, but I am going to be a bit of a grouch about end of day birthday cakes. Whilst we do not want to deprive children of celebrating with their friends, we would ask that birthday cakes are pre-cut and handed out outside of class so that parents can see what their children are eating. This applies to all edible birthday treats handed out. For working parents, please arrange for a friend to hand this out for you. It is not the responsibility of the school staff. Sorry.

I am attaching two documents you may wish to refer to during the year. One is our behaviour flowchart which sets out the procedures we follow with children. Further details can be found by following this link: [Behaviour Policy](#)

For children in Crocodiles, Rhinos and Lions, the **Head's Award** is an effective way of building life skills alongside their academic achievements. The children generally work towards Bronze in Year 4, Silver in Year 5 and Gold and Platinum in Year 6. The success criteria is attached. This is an independent activity although children will be assisted in school. The awards evening for Year 5 and 6 only, will be confirmed at a later date.

PTA – A reminder

You are all members of the PTA once you join our fantastic school! The PTA do such amazing work every to support funding across a range of school projects. Again, we have a big year of events and fundraising planned so please sign-up to help in any capacity you can this year. Renata Barbosa (Monkey Class) is our new PTA Chair.

Have a great weekend!

Darren

Governors

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

Community Events

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

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Giraffes: Monday 23rd September - Giraffes 'Meet the Teacher' 6 – 7pm

Zebras: Weds 18th September - Zebras 'Meet the Teacher' 6 – 7pm

Elephants: Weds 18th September - Elephants 'Meet the Teacher' 6 - 7pm

All: 4th October – Flu vaccinations – consent letters will be sent out today

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

Monkeys: Tuesday 17th September - Monkeys 'Meet the Teacher' 6 – 7pm

Please note that school dinners must be paid for in KS2.

Please can your child bring a healthy snack for break time.

Crocodiles: Tuesday 17th September - Crocodiles 'Meet the Teacher' 6 - 7pm

Rhinos Monday 16th September - Rhinos 'Meet the Teacher' 6 – 7pm

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

Lions Monday 16th September - Lions 'Meet the Teacher' 6-7pm

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