



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Welcome Back Kew Riverside!

I am delighted to welcome you all back to the new academic year after what I hope was a relaxing and fun filled summer making special memories with family and friends.

We have had a fantastic first three days at Kew Riverside, it has been wonderful to see the children return to school with smiling faces and looking extremely smart in their school uniform. I have been really impressed with how quickly they have settled back in to school routines as well as embracing the changes that have come along with the start of a new school year.

We have many exciting plans for the year ahead, which I look forward to sharing with you in the coming weeks. Thank you for all your positive feedback about the start of term, it really is appreciated by us all.



Be ready

Be respectful

Be safe

A reminder about our classes and staff structure for this academic year:



**WILLOW CLASS**  
 Reception  
 Lisa Melessaccio  
 Dilek Devletoglu



**CHERRY CLASS**  
 Year 1/Year 2  
 Rhiannon Clarke  
 Jessica Tuckey



**MAPLE CLASS**  
 Year 3/Year 4  
 Jo Ward  
 Laura Crittenden  
 Anna Kuzniar



**ASH CLASS**  
 Year 3/Year 4  
 Jaydon Harper  
 Vanya Nikolova



**OAK CLASS**  
 Year 5/Year 6  
 Will Reber  
 Christina Iliopoulou

## Welcome to new staff members and families

A very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us at Kew Riverside. We are delighted that you have chosen for your children to attend our school and know that they will have an enriching educational experience. Our new reception children enjoyed their first "Stay and Play session" with their parents this morning and we are very excited to them joining Willow Class full time from next Thursday following a few more setting in sessions.



I would also like to officially welcome Lesley Chalbot to Kew Riverside, who will be our Deputy Headteacher while Kat is on maternity leave. I know many of you have met Lesley at the gate during the course of the week and Lesley is very much looking forward to getting to know the school community.

I am thrilled to announce that Kat had a beautiful baby girl early in August and both Mum and baby are doing really well!



## Uniform Champions

We expect all of our pupils to wear the correct school uniform as it promotes a sense of pride in our school and also gives pupils a sense of belonging. It has therefore been wonderful to see our pupils return to school looking super smart in their new school uniforms. Please ensure that uniform is clearly labelled. Further details regarding our school uniform can be found on our school website.



# Everything you need to know about...

This half term we would like to invite you to some very important meetings in regard to both the school and your child's class.

The first set of meetings will be, "**Everything you need to know about X Class**". These meetings will take place W/b 16<sup>th</sup> September and will be an opportunity to find out key information about your child's class, meet the class team and understand the rules routines and expectations. These meetings are crucial in allowing parents and teachers to work together to ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential. The meeting will take place as follows:



**Willow:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm

**Cherry:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm

**Maple & Ash:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm

**Oak:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm

The second meeting will be an "**Everything you need to know about Kew Riverside**" evening for the whole school community including parents, staff and school governors. This will take place on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** with refreshments being served from 5.30pm and presentations for the Headteacher and Chair of Governors at 6pm. The evening will provide an opportunity for parents to meet the staff and the governing body, discover the school's most recent achievements and academic success and find out more about the school's development priorities for this academic year.

This will be an invaluable opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate our parent partnership and our commitment to continuous school improvement. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Polite Reminders



- If necessary only children in Year 5 & 6, who walk to and from school on their own, may bring a mobile phone into school. Phones need to be switched off before they enter the school gates and then handed in to the class teacher who will lock them away until the end of the day. Children should wait until they are off the school premises before switching their phone on.



- Once children are dismissed at the end of the day, they must be overseen by the adult collecting them to ensure that they are safe.
- To keep everyone safe on the playground please can we ensure that children do not ride their bikes and scooters on the playground at drop off and pick up.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

## PE Days

To maximise on learning time, we have decided to continue with children coming into school dressed in their PE kits on PE days. The class PE days are as follows:

**Willow:** Monday (Starting 16<sup>th</sup> Sept)

**Cherry:** Monday & Thursday

**Maple & Ash:** Monday (swimming) & Friday

**Oak:** Monday & Wednesday



## Dates for the diary

**9/09/24:** Swimming starts for Ash and Oak

**W/B 17<sup>th</sup> September:** “Everything you need to know about your class” meetings – see details above

**17/09/24: No After School Club due to statutory staff training (Rainbow Room & Drama Club)**

**25/09/24 – 27/09/24:** Year 5 trip to Juniper Hall

**01/10/24:** Everything you need to know about Kew Riverside **5.30 – 6.30pm**



## Attendance and Punctuality

This year our whole school attendance target is at least 96% - we know that children who have between 96-100% attendance at school are the happiest and most successful learners; we are grateful to all our parents and carers who are committed to supporting their children in this.

A reminder that the school gates open from 8.40am in the morning and will be closed promptly at 8.50am, which is the start of the school day. If children arrive after 8.50am they will be marked in as late and parents/carers will be asked to sign the late book in the school office.



Starting next week we will be celebrating our top three classes for attendance in both the newsletter and assembly. Classes that achieve their target of 96% and above will get the chance to earn rewards on the Classopoly board. The class with the highest attendance will also get some time on the climbing frame.

# Safeguarding

A reminder that if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please contact the school's DSL and refer to the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding policy. If you feel a child may be in danger, you may contact the SPA directly on the number below or the police.

## Key contacts:

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