

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS UPON US



Riverside Christmas Calendar 2011

28th November 2011

We would like to summarise the activities we are planning for the coming weeks and trust you and your children will be part of them.

Junior and Senior High Concert in the Old Town Square (29/11)



The Junior High and Senior High Choir will perform this year again on the Christmas Stage in Old Town Square. This fabulous show will begin at 7.20pm. We invite all Riverside families to come along to the Square and give them your support.

Decorating the Primary School for Christmas (30/11)

This is your opportunity to transform our school into a Christmas wonderland! On Wednesday 30th, two teams of parents will help decorate. The first team will prepare the decorations after drop off at 8.30am. The second team will begin putting up the decorations throughout this day. Snacks, nibbles and drinks will be provided. Please see Graeme Chisholm for more information.

Decorating the Early Years School for Christmas (01/12)

Please come and join us as we get into the "Christmas Spirit". Drop in for a coffee or tea and help to decorate our school from 8:45 am.



Bake Sale - Early Years & Primary School (02/12)

Christmas is very nearly here and it's time for us to celebrate with our 'Christmas Bake Sale'. Please come along and join in this "Great Community Event". This will take place in the Primary school dining room on Friday 2nd from 2:15pm onwards.

We will have a great variety of stalls, including:

- ◆ Kiddie craft corner
- ◆ Cake stall and refreshments
- ◆ Face and nail painting with the help of our Junior High School students



Key Dates

29/11	JH & SH concert in the Old Town
30/11	Decorating the Primary School
01/12	Decorating the Early Years
02/12	Bake Sale in Primary
02/12	Senior High Bake Sale
02/12	Junior High Christmas Disco
03/12	Senior High Christmas Banquet
02/12	Toy and Gift Collections Begin
02/12	EY Angel Tree Begins
05/12	EY & PS Christmas Post Box
06/12	PS Years 1-3 Christmas Tree Decorating and Years 4-6 Decorating Classrooms
08/12	JH & SH Concert in the Church
09/12	Santa's Grotto at the JH
09/12	End of Primary School Clubs for Term 1
13/12	Primary Christmas Carol Concert
14/12	Early Years Christmas Concert
14/12	Students Christmas Lunch
15/12	Early Years and Lower School Christmas Parties
15/12	Upper School Disco
16/12	Last Day of Term - school ends at 12.00pm for all students

- ♦ Christmas gifts....an opportunity for the children (and parents) to buy small Christmas gifts for Mums, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Grandmas, Granddads, Aunties, Uncles, etc.
- ♦ Christmas Games
- ♦ Lucky Dip
- ♦ Guess the names of the Christmas Bear and Dog

Please see Mrs. Jo Daish for more information.



Early Years - Angel Tree (starts 02/12)

Once again, we are happy to join with St. Thomas Church -Mala Strana, to provide special Christmas gifts for individual orphan children. Please see the "Angel" tree in the EYS entrance for an opportunity to help this very worthy cause. See resident angels Mrs. Clarke or Mrs. Jelinek, if you have any questions.

Senior High Bake Sale (02/12)



Senior High with a 'Taste of Christmas' Bake Sale to mark the beginning of the Christmas season and to raise funds for student activities. The bake sale will take place on the afternoon of Friday 2nd December.

We would love to have donations of international festive items to sell to them: Gingerbread, Cookies/Biscuits, Cakes etc. If you are happy to bake and donate, items may be delivered to school on the afternoon of Thursday 1st or the morning of the 2nd. We are also willing to collect items from the Junior High office if you would prefer to drop them off there. Please label them - Senior High Bake Sale.



Junior High School Christmas Disco (02/12)


Put on your dancing shoes! This year's Junior High Christmas Disco is sponsored by the Student Council and is at the Natal Boat. Students should come dressed smart with a bit of red and green. Be ready to party from 6.30pm until 9.30pm.

Senior High Christmas Banquet (03/12)

Students in Years 10-13 (Grades 9-12) are looking forward to their annual student council organized Christmas Banquet. The banquet will be held at Restaurace Černý Orel. Be prepared for a fun evening with good food, wild dancing and great friends.



Toy Collection - Primary & Junior High School (05/12–16/12)

 This is an opportunity for the Riverside community to support those less fortunate during the Christmas period. If you have any toys that are either used, but in good condition or new that you would like to donate to a home for abandoned or orphaned refugee children (<http://www.opu.cz/en/>) please wrap them and place them under the Christmas trees in the Primary dining hall. You can also leave them in the JH Office. Please indicate on the package whether the toy is suitable for a boy or girl and the age of suitability. A representative from the refugee camp in Prague will be presented with the gifts on Friday 16th December. There has always been an incredible response to this collection over the years and the generosity of Riverside families has brought much happiness to many children.



Christmas Gift Collection for Teen Challenge in Senior High (until 09/12)



As in previous years we would like to collect Christmas gifts for children living in difficult circumstances. This year we would like to support the work of Teen Challenge and children between the ages 3 and 16. If you choose to give please; bring an unwrapped gift (the staff of Teen Challenge will wrap it), or attach a note to a wrapped gift indicating precisely what the gift is. Gifts may be dropped off at the SH school office. Thank you for your generosity!



Christmas Post Box - Early Years & Primary School (starts 05/12)

On Monday 5th children will start putting their Christmas cards, written for Riverside children, into the Christmas post box located at the Primary hallway. Children will then collect their class' post at the end of each day. Parents are welcome to sort the mail each afternoon.

Primary School Tree and Classrooms Decorating (06/12)

On Tuesday 6th from around 9am the classes from Year 1 to Year 3 will decorate the Primary dining room Christmas tree with decorations made in the classroom. Cookies and hot chocolate are then served to the children by the parents.

This year the Year 4's - 6's will decorate their own corridors and classrooms. Parents are welcome to serve cookies and hot chocolate upstairs while they are decorating. Please see your class reps for more information.



Junior High and Senior High Christmas Concert at the Church (08/12)

Riverside Junior and Senior High Choir and soloists will perform at the Hussite Church in Dejvice, Wuchtlerova 5. Starts at 2pm. Everyone is warmly invited!

Santa's Grotto (09/12)

Santa plans to make his annual visit to Riverside Junior High School on the 9th of December! Tickets will be sold from the 5th of December from Primary School and Early Years Offices costing 60Kc each. This event will take place in the Junior High School starting at 2.15pm. If your child is in either the Nursery, Reception or Year 1 classes you may pick your children up from their classrooms before 3.15pm to avoid the long lines. Parents and students from all three schools are warmly invited to take in the atmosphere. Junior High students will provide games and face painting for the children while they wait to see Santa.



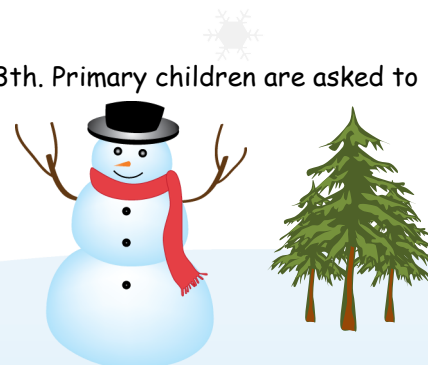
Primary Christmas Carol Concert (13/12)

This year's nativity play is called 'Prickly Hay'.

This wonderful event will take place in the Primary playground on Tuesday 13th. Primary children are asked to be at school at 5.10pm with their portion of the concert starting at 5.30pm.

The Junior High School Choir, Ensemble and other musicians will be performing from 5.10-5.30.

Refreshments will be made available by the PTA.



Early Years Christmas Concert (14/12)

Please join us at 9am as we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Three Kings. This musical program is certain to have you singing along and what a great way to celebrate the importance of Christmas!



We Three Kings



Christmas Lunch (14/12)

A traditional Christmas lunch will be available for all children who order in advance from one of the school offices or online at www.smartlunch.cz. The lunch will be served to the Early Years children in the EY Common Room, to the Primary and Junior High students in the Primary Jidelna and for all Senior High students in the Student Common Room.

Early Years Classroom Parties (15/12)

9.30-10.30am The Nursery and Reception classes will each celebrate with a small party with fun games and yummy snacks. Please see sign-up sheets at Lenka's desk and on each classroom door.



Primary Upper School Disco (15/12)

The Years 3-6's are invited to attend the Upper School Christmas Party on Thursday 15th. This will start at 4pm and end at 5.30pm and will be held in the Primary Jidelna/Dining room. More information to follow.

Primary Lower School Parties (15/12)

LS Parties will take place in the afternoon. More information will be given to you by your class reps. Upper School students are free to celebrate in their classrooms on this afternoon before the US Disco.

Riverside Calendar

Please check out the calendar on the Riverside School web-site. It will be updated with the important events that are taking place at Riverside. You can access the school calendar through the following link:

<http://www.riversideschool.cz/en/our-school/our-school-year/>

Last Day of Term (16/12)

There will be no hot lunches served on Friday 16th and school will finish after the morning session at 12pm for all students. Those who have children in both Early Years and Primary can collect their children from the Early Years from 11.45am to 12.15pm.

First day of Winter Term - Monday 9th January 2012

*We wish you and your families a most enjoyable and peaceful Christmas,
The Riverside Staff and PTA*



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

