

# The Christmas Season Is Upon Us



## Riverside School Christmas Calendar 2015



25 November

*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 High School Disco Cruise (27/11)

Put on your dancing shoes! The JH disco will take place on the Czechie Boat. Students can arrive from 18.45, we will set sail 19.15 and we will return by 21.30. Parents can drive by and drop - opposite Nemocnice Na Frantisku at Dvorakovo Nabrezi. The dress code for this year is Smart/Casual!



### Junior High Door Decorating (27/11)

Junior High Students will decorate their Tutor Room door. You are welcome to pop in on the run up to Christmas and admire their artwork.

### Senior High Hot Chocolate and Door Decorating (27/11)

On Friday, 27 November, the Senior High students will mark the beginning of the Christmas season with the traditional decorating of the classroom doors.

### Primary School - PTA Decorating the School (30/11)



Please come and join the Primary PTA as we decorate the Primary School. You are welcome to join us for as much or as little time as you have available. We will start decorating at 8:40am.

### Primary School Tree and Classrooms Decorating (30/11)

Our Primary students will spend some time throughout the day decorating their classrooms (Years 4-6) and the Christmas tree in the lower school (Years 1-3).



### Key Dates

27/11	Junior High Disco Cruise	
27/11	Junior High Door Decorating	
27/11	SH Hot Chocolate and Door Decorating	
30/11	Primary School Christmas Decorating	
30/11	Primary School PTA Decorating the School	
30/11	Christmas Post Box starts	
30/11	Decorating the Early Years	
30/11	Gift Collection Begins at Senior High	
01/12	Gift Collection Begins at Primary School	
01/12	Early Years Angel Tree Begins	
02/12	Concert in the Old Town Square	
04/12	Santa's Grotto and Bake Sale	
03/12	End of EY, PS and JH School Clubs for Term 1	
05/12	Junior High Soup Kitchen	
08/12	Primary Christmas Carol Concert	
09/12	Early Years Nativity at the Arts Centre	
09/12	Students Christmas Lunch	
09/12	PS Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Parties	
09/12	Primary Upper School Disco	
09/12	End of Senior High Clubs for Term 1	
10/12	Early Years Christmas Parties	
10/12	Lower School Christmas Market	
10/12	Junior & Senior High Concert	
11/12	Last Day of Term - school ends at 12.00pm	
04/01	First Day of Winter Term	

## Gift Collection - Senior High School (30/11–11/12)

The Senior High Student Council in cooperation with the PTA is collecting Christmas gifts for children living in difficult circumstances. This year we would like to support the Angel Tree programme which distributes Christmas gifts to children of prisoners.

More details about this programme will be sent home with the students in the near future.



## Early Years - Angel Tree (01/12–11/12)

Once again, we are happy to join with St. Thomas Church Mala Strana, to provide special Christmas gifts for children. Please see the "Angel" tree in the Early Years entrance, choose an angel and take the opportunity to make a Christmas wish come true for a child in need.

See Mrs. Lenka or Mrs. Evans, if you have any questions.



## Decorating the Early Years School for Christmas (30/11)

Please come enjoy some morning goodies as you spend time with other parents helping to make our building a magical place for the children to be during this holiday season. From 8.45 am.

## Christmas Post Box - Primary School and Early Years (starts 30/11)

From Monday 30th November children can start putting their Christmas cards, for Riverside children and staff, in the Christmas post box located in the Primary or Early Years hallway. Children will collect their class' post at the end of each day.

## Gift Collection - Primary & Junior High School (01/12–11/12)

This is an opportunity for the Riverside community to support those less fortunate during the Christmas period. If you have any toys, clothes, books, art supplies, games that are either used, but in good condition or new that you would like to donate to children of refugees ([www.opu.cz](http://www.opu.cz)) please choose one of the cards that are hung on the Christmas tree in the Primary Parents Room. You can find a child's gender and their age on it. Please put your presents into a plastic bag or a gift bag and place them under the Christmas tree in the Primary Jidelna. Attach the chosen card from the Christmas tree with the child's information to the bag. Please do not seal the gift bags as the staff at the Refugee Centre may need to check what is inside and make sure that all children get presents of similar value.

*A representative from the refugee camp in Prague will be presented with the gifts, at a special celebration planned for Friday 11th 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.*

## Riverside Choir Concert in the Old Town Square (02/12)

The Primary, Junior High and Senior High students will perform this year again on the Christmas Stage in Old Town Square. This fabulous show will begin at **5.45pm**. We invite all Riverside families to come along to the Square and give them your support.



## Santa's Grotto and Bake Sale (04/12)

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 Sports Dome on Friday, 4th December from 2.30pm to 5pm. Please note, there will be no Early Years, Primary and Junior High School clubs / skills for life activities on Friday, 4th December due to the Bake Sale and Grotto.

There will be an opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts for the children (and parents) for Mums, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles ....

We will have a great variety of stalls, including:

Jewelry (silver, glass, handcrafted, etc.) \* Christmas Cookies \* Christmas Décor \* Toys \* Books \* Leather goods \* Flowers \* Childrens room décor \* Wine \* Illustrations and greeting cards \* Fashion \* Beer \* Photography

Santa also plans to make his annual visit to Riverside School at the Bake Sale! Tickets are on sale now at the Early Years and Primary School Offices costing 85Kc each. If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, you may pick them up from their classrooms before the end of the school to avoid the queues. Please notify your teacher if you plan to pick up your child early. Parents and students from all four schools are warmly invited to take in the atmosphere.



## Soup Kitchen at St Thomas's Church (05/12)

On the 5th December 08.45 - 09.30 Junior High students will visit the Soup Kitchen at St Thomas' Church Mala Strana. For our pre-Christmas visit, we would like to take toiletries and small luxuries. Please donate any of these items and the students will package them to take. You can also donate any amount of money and our Student Council will purchase the required items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Primary Christmas Nativity and Junior High Choir (08/12)



This wonderful event will take place in the Primary playground on Tuesday, 9th December. The Nativity is called 'Straw and Order' and it is an enchanting musical that brings together the traditional nativity story and a typical contemporary family Christmas. The Junior High Choir will start at 5.10pm, the Nativity at 5:30pm. Refreshments will be made available by the PTA. More information will follow nearer the time.

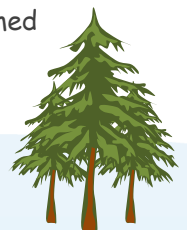
## Early Years Christmas Concert (09/12)

Riverside Early Years' production of "A Miracle in Town" will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am at the Riverside Arts Centre at Hradčanská. Please bring your favourite Christmas goody to share after the programme.

## Early Years, Primary, Junior High and Senior High School Christmas Lunch (9/12)

A traditional Christmas lunch will be available for all children in the Early Years Jídelna and Reception Room, for all Primary and Junior High students in the Primary Jídelna and for all Senior High students in their Common Room on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Students who regularly order hot lunches will automatically be included if you order for that day.

All other students are welcome to participate on this occasion and lunch orders should be confirmed in one of the school offices no later than Tuesday 1st of December.



### Primary Upper School Disco (09/12)

From 3.40pm to 5pm in the Primary Jidelna/Dining room.

**Primary Lower School Parties (09/12)** From 2.15pm to 3.15pm.

**Early Years Classroom Parties (10/12)** From 9am to 10.30am.



### Year 1 & 2 Market (10/12)

The Lower School are working on an exciting cross-curricular 5 week project of planning, designing and running a Christmas market. The children put forward their own ideas of what could be made to sell at a Christmas market and are now working in ten teams to ensure the Christmas market takes place on Thursday 10th December at 2:30pm.

### Christmas Concert at the Dlabacov Centre (10/12)

The Junior High and Senior High schools will celebrate Christmas together combining their musical talents in a concert at the Dlabacov Centre, next to Hotel Pyramid in Prague 6 at 1pm. The Primary Choir and Orchestra students will join them and all our families are invited to attend this final Christmas Celebration!

#### 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/news-events/calendar/>

#### Last Day of Term (11/12)

There will be no hot lunches served on Friday, 11th December 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, 4th January 2016

We wish you and your family a most enjoyable and peaceful Christmas!

*The Riverside Staff and PTA*

