

The Christmas Season Is Upon Us



Riverside School Christmas Calendar 2016



27 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.

Decorating the Early Years School for Christmas (28/11)

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 drop-off until 10:30am.

Riverside Choir Concert in the Old Town Square (29/11)

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.



Junior High Decorating (2/12)



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.

Junior High School Disco Cruise (2/12)

Put on your dancing shoes! The JH disco will take place on the Czechie Boat. Students can arrive from 18.30, we will set sail 19.00 and we will return by 21.15. Parents can drive by and drop - opposite Nemocnice Na Frantisku at Dvorakovo Nabrezi. The dress code for this year is Smart/Casual with a Masquerade theme!

Key Dates to update

- 28/11 Decorating the Early Years 
- 29/11 Concert in the Old Town Square
- 02/12 Junior High Decorating
- 02/12 Junior High Disco Cruise
- 02/12 SH Hot Chocolate and Door Decorating
- 02/12 Money Collection for Domov Sedlec starts
- 05/12 Primary School Christmas Decorating
- 05/12 Christmas Post Box starts
- 05/12 Gift Collection for Refugee Children begins
- 05/12 Early Years Angel Tree Begins
- 06/12 Junior & Senior High Concert
- 08/12 Lower School Christmas Market
- 08/12 End of EY and PS Clubs for Term 1**
- 09/12 Santa's Grotto and Bake Sale
- 09/12 Senior High Christmas Banquet
- 10/12 Big Draw Exhibition
- 13/12 Primary Christmas Nativity and Concert
- 14/12 Christmas Lunch
- 14/12 Early Years Nativity at the Arts Centre
- 14/12 Primary Upper School Disco
- 15/12 PS Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Parties
- 15/12 Early Years Christmas Parties
- 15/12 Senior High Talent Show
- 15/12 End of JH and SH Clubs for Term 1**
- 16/12 Christmas Jumper Day
- 16/12 Last Day of Term - school ends at 12pm
- 09/01 First Day of Winter Term

Senior High Hot Chocolate and Door Decorating (2/12)

On Friday, 2nd December, the Senior High students will mark the beginning of the Christmas season with the traditional decorating of the classroom doors.

Money Collection for the School for Mentally Disabled - Domov Sedlec (starts 2/12)



Riverside School is raising money for the School for Mentally Disabled in Sedlec (www.sdmsedlec.cz). The donations will be used to buy some sports equipment and gardening tools. Collection boxes will be located in all school offices. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Primary School Tree and Classrooms Decorating (5/12)

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).

Primary School - Parents Decorating the School (5/12)

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.



Christmas Post Box - Primary School and Early Years (starts 5/12)

From Monday 5th December 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 (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, 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) please choose one of the cards that are hung on the Christmas tree in the Primary Parents Room and on the Christmas tree at the Junior High hallway. 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 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 Concert at the Municipal Library (6/12)

The Junior High and Senior High schools will celebrate Christmas together combining their musical talents in a concert at the Library Theatre, by the Old Town Square, Prague 1 (<https://www.mlp.cz/en/branches-and-contacts/branches/central-library/>) from 1pm to 2.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Early Years - Angel Tree (05/12—16/12)

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.



Year 1 & 2 Christmas Market (8/12)

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 8th December at 2:30pm.

Santa's Grotto and Bake Sale (09/12)

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, 9th December from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Please note, there will be no Early Years, Primary and Junior High School clubs / skills for life activities on Friday, 9th 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 * Christmas Cookies * Stationery * Toys * Books * Photos * Children's clothes * Food and Wine * Greeting cards * Handmade accessories * Paintings * Olive products * Pottery * Charity Stall

Santa also plans to make his annual visit to Riverside School at the Bake Sale! Tickets are going to be on sale 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.

The Riverside Choir and Musicians will perform at Santa's Grotto from 14.30 - 16.30.



Senior High Christmas Banquet (9/12)

Students in Years 10-13 are looking forward to their annual Christmas Banquet. This year's banquet - held at La Valmont in Prague 1 from 7 to 11 pm.

Big Draw Exhibition (10/12)

Riverside Big Draw activities which will take place across our schools in November will culminate in an Open Day/Exhibition at the Arts Centre, on Saturday 10th December, from 10am - 4pm.

Primary Christmas Nativity and Junior & Senior High Choir (13/12)

This wonderful event will take place in the Primary playground on Tuesday, 9th December. The Nativity is called 'Light, Camel, Action'. 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, Primary, Junior High and Senior High School Christmas Lunch (14/12)

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, 14th 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 6th of December 1pm..



Early Years Christmas Concert (14/12)

Riverside Early Years' production of "Why Choose the Angel?" will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 9.30am at the Riverside Arts Centre at Hradčanská. Please bring your favourite Christmas goody to share after the programme.

Primary Upper School Disco (14/12)

From 3.30pm to 5pm in the Primary Jidelna/Dining room.

Primary Lower School Parties (15/12) From 2.15pm to 3.15pm in the Jidelna.

Early Years Classroom Parties (15/12) From 9am to 10.30am.



Senior High Talent Show (15/12)

From 5pm at the Arts Centre Gallery. At the talent show students will display various talents representing their houses. There will be singers, musicians and magicians.



Christmas Jumper Day (16/12)

On Friday 16th December the staff and students will participate in a Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Students can come to school for the final day of the term wearing a Christmas jumper or something similar, paying a fee of 30kc for the charity. We will send out more information nearer the time. <https://christmasjumperday.org/>

Riverside Calendar

Please check out the calendar on the Riverside School website. 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/>

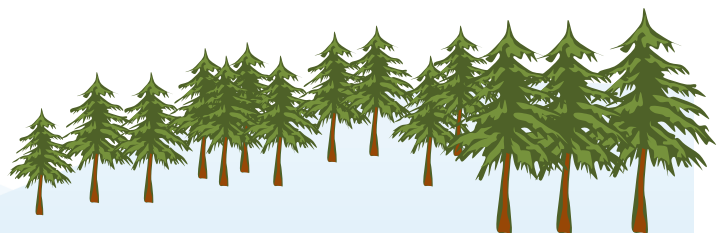
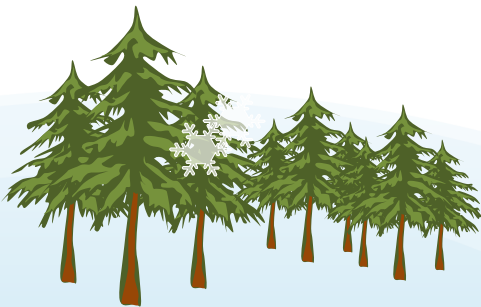
Last Day of Term (16/12)

There will be no hot lunches served on Friday, 16th 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, 9th January 2017

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

The Riverside Staff and PTA



Happy New Year!