

# The Christmas Season Is Upon Us



## Riverside School Christmas Calendar 2014



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.*

### Christmas Post Box - Primary School and Early Years (starts 24/11)

From Monday 24th 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.

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

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.



### Gift Collection - Senior High School (01/12—12/12)

The Senior High Student Council is collecting Christmas gifts for children living in difficult circumstances. This year we would like to support the work of The Teen Challenge Centre for Children and Youth. Gifts for children between ages 3 and 19 will be accepted from 1-8 December.

To help balance out what each child receives we ask that if you choose to give please bring an unwrapped gift (the staff of Teen Challenge will wrap it).



### Key Dates

24/11	Christmas Post Box starts
28/11	Decorating the Early Years
01/12	Gift Collection Begins at Primary School
01/12	Gift Collection Begins at Senior High
01/12	Early Years Angel Tree Begins
02/12	Primary School Years 1-3 Christmas Tree Decorating and Years 4-6 Room Decorating
02/12	Senior High Decorating & Bake Sale
04/12	Concert in the Old Town
05/12	Junior High Disco
05/12	Senior High Christmas Banquet
05/12	Santa's Grotto and Bake Sale
05/12	End of School Clubs for Term 1 *
09/12	Primary Christmas Carol Concert
10/12	Early Years Christmas Concert
10/12	Students Christmas Lunch
10/12	PS Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Parties
10/12	Primary Upper School Disco
10/12	End of Senior High Clubs for Term 1 *
11/12	Early Years Christmas Parties
11/12	Lower School Christmas Market
11/12	Junior & Senior High Choir Concert
12/12	Last Day of Term - school ends at 12.00pm
05/01	First Day of Winter Term

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



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 name and their age on it. You are also welcome to wrap a present and indicate on the package whether the gift is suitable for a girl or boy and age. All presents should be placed under the Christmas tree in the Primary Jidelna.

*A representative from the refugee camp in Prague will be presented with the gifts, at a special celebration planned for Friday 12th 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.*

## Primary School Tree and Classrooms Decorating (02/12)

On Tuesday, 2nd December from around 8:40am to 9:45am the classes from Year 1 to Year 3 will decorate the Primary dining room and the Christmas tree with decorations made in the classroom. Years 4-6 will decorate their classrooms. Cookies and hot chocolate are served to the children by the parents and Class Representatives.

## Senior High Bake Sale and Door Decorating (2/12)

On Tuesday, 2nd December, the Senior High students will mark the beginning of the Christmas season with the traditional decorating of the classroom doors. The PTA would like to add to the festivities by hosting a "Taste of Christmas" Bake Sale that afternoon.

We would appreciate donations of your favorite baked goods, including international festive items such as Gingerbread, Cookies or Biscuits, Cakes or Mince Pies.



## Riverside Choir Concert (featuring students from Primary School, Junior and Senior High) in the Old Town Square (04/12)

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 6pm. We invite all Riverside families to come along to the Square and give them your support.

## Junior High School Disco Cruise (5/12)

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 - Anything Christmassy!

## 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. Jelinek, if you have any questions.



## Santa's Grotto and Bake Sale (05/12)

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, 5th 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, 5th 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.) \* Czech Christmas Cookies \* Christmas Décor \* Toys \* Books \* Leather goods \* Flowers \* Childrens room décor \* Wine \* Art \* Baskets \* Illustrations and greeting cards \* Travel Agency

Santa also plans to make his annual visit to Riverside School at the Bake Sale! Tickets will be sold from Monday, 1st December 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.



## Senior High Christmas Banquet (5/12)

Students in Years 10-13 are looking forward to their annual Christmas Banquet. This year's banquet - held at the Hard Rock Café - has a "red carpet" theme. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite movie character or actor and be prepared for a fun evening with good food, wild dancing and great friends.

## Primary Christmas Nativity and Junior High Choir (09/12)

This wonderful event will take place in the Primary playground on Tuesday, 9th December. The Nativity is called 'It's a Cracker' 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 5pm, the Nativity at 5:30pm. Refreshments will be made available by the PTA. More information will follow nearer the time.

## Early Years Christmas Concert (10/12)

Riverside Early Years' production of "Busy, Busy Bethlehem".  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am, to be followed by yummy goodies.



## Early Years, Primary, Junior High and Senior High School Christmas Lunch (10/12)

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, 10<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 2nd of December.

*If you would like to help serve this seasonal feast, please contact you class rep.*



### Primary Upper School Disco (10/12)

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

**Primary Lower School Parties (10/12)** From 2.15pm to 3.15pm.

**Early Years Classroom Parties (11/12)** From 9am to 10.30am.



### Year 1 & 2 Market (11/12)

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 11th December at 2:30pm.

### Christmas Concert in the Municipal Library (11/12)

Junior High and Senior High schools will celebrate Christmas plus the musical talent of our students in a combined concert in the Municipal Library Theatre, Prague 1 at 1pm. All our families are invited to attend our 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 (12/12)

There will be no hot lunches served on Friday, 12th 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, 5th January 2015

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

*The Riverside Staff and PTA*

