

# The Christmas Season Is Upon Us



## Riverside School Christmas Calendar 2022

23rd November

We would like to summarize 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 (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 drop-off until about 10:30am.

### Early Years Wintery Family Social (2/12)

Riverside Early Years' families are invited to a PTA social event at the Early Years School. Please bring along a festive snack, cheese or cookies to share and enjoy eating with a warm cup of mulled wine. There will be a second hand uniform, toys and book sale to raise money for the PTA. You are welcome to donate items your children have grown out of.

### St. Nicholas visit at Early Years (5/12)

On Monday, 5 December, the Early Years will celebrate St. Nicolas Day with a surprise visit from St. Nicolas. As part of the Czech Christmas tradition, he will be accompanied by an angel and the devil to deliver treat bags to all the children. We look forward to seeing three of our parents dressed up in costumes to offer the treats.



### Early Years Angel Tree (1/12–12/12)

This year we would like to help children from FOD Klokánek. 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. Tereza or Mrs. Falk if you have any questions.

### Early Years Nativity (14/12)

Riverside Early Years' production of „The Reason for the Season“ will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45am at the Riverside Arts Centre at Hradčanská. Please bring your favourite Christmas goody to share after the programme.

### Key Dates



#### EARLY YEARS (page 1)

- 30/11 Decorating the Early Years
- 01/12 Angel Tree begins
- 02/12 Winter Family Social
- 05/12 St. Nicholas Visit at Early Years
- 08/12 End of Early Years Clubs for Term 1
- 14/12 Early Years Nativity at the Arts Centre
- 14/12 Christmas Lunch at Early Years
- 15/12 Christmas Class Celebrations



#### PRIMARY SCHOOL (page 2)

- 28/11 Old Town Square Concert
- 01/12 Primary School Christmas Decorating
- 02/12 Primary Angel Tree begins
- 05/12 Usborne Books Fair starts at the Primary
- 08/12 End of Primary Clubs for Term 1
- 09/12 Santa's Grotto and Christmas Market
- 13/12 Primary Christmas Nativity Show
- 14/12 Christmas Lunch
- 15/12 Primary School Disco for Year 3-6

#### JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH (page 3)

- 28/11 Old Town Square Concert
- 30/11 Senior High Show
- 01/12 Senior High Show
- 02/12 Junior & Senior High Christmas Decorating
- 05/12 Junior & Senior High Christmas Concert
- 08/12 Junior High Disco
- 09/12 Senior High Christmas Disco
- 15/12 End of Junior and Senior High Clubs for Term 1



#### WHOLE RIVERSIDE SCHOOL (page 3-4)

- 28/11 Money Collection for Domov Sedlec starts
- 09/12 Santa's Grotto and Christmas Market at Primary School
- 14/12 Christmas lunch
- 16/12 Christmas Jumper Day
- 16/12 Last Day of Term - school ends at 12pm
- 09/01 First Day of Winter Term 2023



## Primary School - Parents Decorating the School (1/12)

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 9:00am.



## Primary School Students Christmas Decorating (1/12)

Our Year 1 & 2 students will decorate their tree during the morning. The students in Years 3-6 will also decorate their rooms or the tree throughout the day. No parent participation is needed for this event.

## Angel Tree at the Primary School (02/12—12/12)

This is an opportunity for the Riverside community to support those less fortunate during the Christmas period.

We are going to receive a list of wishes from children in foster care and will inform you about the presents collection soon. The hand over is again organised by St. Thomas' Church in Prague 1.



## Usborne Books Fair at the Primary (5/12 - 6/12)

We welcome back Usborne Books, who will set up a Book Fair in the Primary School, where you can come and see the books and purchase them on the day. The fair will take place on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December. Usborne are renowned publishers of children's books, and also have a huge variety of activity and sticker books.

The school will receive a percentage of the total order value back in credit for us to use on buying new books for the libraries, therefore, your purchases also benefit the school, and help us in promoting a love of reading in our students.

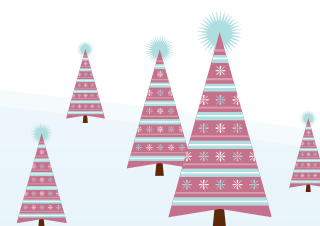
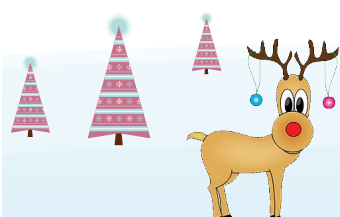


## Primary Christmas Nativity (13/12)

Mark your calendar and get excited for Tuesday 13th December. This year's Primary Nativity show is called "A Christmas Market Miracle". At the bustling Christmas markets of Prague, full of the sounds of carol singers and cheeky market sellers, five excited children come across a very special stallholder who gives them a tatty old book in return for the promise that it will bring them joy this Christmas. The Christmas nativity story comes to life with the help of the Gold Angel, as the children read through the mysterious book that glows and magically appears under their Christmas tree. The show takes place at 17:30 outdoors on a stage set in the Primary playground. Refreshments will be made available by the PTA. More information will soon follow.

**Primary Year 1 and 2 Disco (15/12)** From 2.15pm to 3.15pm in the in the Jidelna.

**Primary Years 3-6 Disco (15/12)** From 3.30pm to 5pm in the Primary Jidelna/Dining room.



## Junior and Senior High Door Decorating (02/12)

On Friday, 2nd December, the Junior and Senior High students will mark the beginning of the Christmas season with the traditional decorating of the classroom doors. The PTA is going to serve hot chocolate and cookies at both schools. You are welcome to pop in on the run up to Christmas and admire their artwork.



## Junior & Senior High Concert (5/12)

The Junior High and Senior High schools will celebrate Christmas together, combining their musical talents in a concert at the Municipal Library Theatre (Marianske Nam. 98/1, Prague 1). All Junior High students will be performing along with the Senior High musicians, Choir and Orchestra. Parents are invited to attend the concert which will begin at 13:00 and a video with some of the performances will be made available on YouTube for parents and the wider Riverside community to enjoy. The concert video will be released to parents in the final week of the term.

## Junior High School Disco (8/12)

This year, the Junior High disco will take place at the Czech Inn (Francouzská 76, Prague 10) from 6.30pm to 9pm.



## Senior High Christmas Disco (9/12)

Senior High students are looking forward to their annual Christmas Disco which will take place on one of the Prague Boats, whilst cruising on the Vltava River, from 8.00pm - 11.00pm. Students must be ready to board the boat by 7.45pm.

## End of Junior and Senior High Clubs for Term 1 (15/12)

The last day for Skills for Life activities in Junior and Senior High will be on Thursday, 15th.



## Money Collection for Domov Sedlec (starts 28/11)



Riverside School is raising money for the day care centre for adults in Sedlec ([www.sdmsedlec.cz](http://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!

## Riverside Choir Concert in the Old Town Square (28/11)

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 5:00 pm. We invite all Riverside families to come along to the Square and give them your support.

## End of Early Years & Primary school Clubs for Term 1 (8/12)

The last day for Skills for Life activities in Early Years and Primary School will be on Thursday, 8th December.

## Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto (9/12)

A great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts, enjoy live music while sampling some homemade treats and fresh coffee. This will take place in the Sports Dome on Friday, 9th December from 3pm to 5pm.

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:

Craft Items \* Stationery \* Toys \* Books \* Photos \* Baskets \* Food and Wine \* Handmade accessories \* Paintings \* Christmas Decor \*

Santa also plans to make his annual visit to Riverside School at the Christmas Market! Tickets are going to be on sale at the Early Years and Primary School Offices.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, you may pick them up from their classrooms before the end of the school day 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.

## Early Years, Primary, Junior High and Senior High School Christmas Lunch (14/12)

A traditional Christmas lunch will be available for all children and staff on Wednesday 14th December

- \* In the Early Years Jídelna and Reception Room,
- \* in the Primary Jídelna or Riverview Jídelna
- \* in the Jordan Building Cafeteria for Junior High students
- \* In the Senior High Gallery in take-away boxes

Students who order hot lunches every day will be automatically included if there is a sufficient balance on the account unless you decide to cancel. Students who order irregularly need to place the order online or via email. Online orders need to be placed by Friday 9th December noon. All other students/staff are welcome to participate on this occasion and lunch orders should be sent via email to [eva.kulhankova@zatisigroup.cz](mailto:eva.kulhankova@zatisigroup.cz) no later than on Thursday 8th December noon. There will also be a vegetarian option or an allergen free option. More details will follow soon.

## Christmas Jumper Day (16/12)

On Friday, December 16th Riverside staff and students at all schools will join thousands of people from around the world and put on a Christmas jumper for a great cause - to help create a brighter future for children. Participants donate 30 CZK to Save the Children, a charity that promotes children's rights, provides relief and helps support children in developing countries. <https://christmasjumperday.org/>



## Last Day of Term (16/12)

There will be no hot lunches served on Friday, December 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 start collecting their children from Early Years at 11.45am.

## First Day of Winter Term Monday, 9th January 2023

### 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/>



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

*The Riverside Staff and PTA*



**Happy New Year!**