

The Christmas Season Is Upon Us



Riverside School Christmas Calendar 2023

16th 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.

Angel Tree at the Primary School (16/11–05/12)

This is an opportunity for the Riverside community to support those less fortunate during the Christmas period. You can choose a child from [this list](#) and fulfil his or her Christmas Wish. The presents collection will be at the Primary Office. The hand over is again organised by St. Thomas' Church in Prague 1.

Primary School Students Christmas Decorating (27/11)

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.

Money Collection for Domov Sedlec (starts 28/11)

Riverside School is raising money for the day care centre for adults in Sedlec. It is a non profit centre for people with mental disabilities (www.sdmsedlec.cz). Collection boxes will be located in all school offices. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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

Please come enjoy decorating the Early Years School with the Early Years children and other parents. You can help the children make Christmas balls and hang them around the school. The PTA will also be serving hot chocolate and home-made cookies. We will begin at drop-off time.



Primary School - Parents Decorating the School (01/12)

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. If you want to join us, please sign up [here](#). We will start decorating at 9:00 am.

Key Dates

- 16/11 Primary Angel Tree begins
- 27/11 Primary School Students Decorating
- 28/11 Money Collection for Domov Sedlec starts
- 28/11 Early Years Christmas Decorating
- 01/12 Early Years Angel Tree begins
- 01/12 Primary School Christmas Decorating
- 01/12 Junior & Senior High Christmas Decorating
- 01/12 Junior & Senior High Choir live
- 01/12 Senior High Disco
- 04/12 Usborne Books Fair starts at the Primary
- 04/12 Junior High Disco
- 05/12 St. Nicholas Visit at Early Years
- 05/12 Junior & Senior High Christmas Concert
- 06/12 Old Town Square Concert
- 07/12 End of Early Years and Primary Clubs for Term 1
- 08/12 Santa's Grotto and Christmas Market at Primary School
- 12/12 Primary Christmas Nativity Show
- 13/12 Early Years Nativity at the Arts Centre
- 13/12 Christmas Lunch
- 13/12 End of Junior and Senior High Clubs for Term 1
- 14/12 Early Years Christmas Class Celebrations
- 14/12 Primary School Party for Year 1-2
- 14/12 Primary School Disco for Year 3-6
- 15/12 Christmas Jumper Day
- 15/12 Last Day of Term - school ends at 12pm
- 08/01 First Day of Winter Term 2024



Early Years Angel Tree (1/12–13/12)

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.



Junior and Senior High Door Decorating (01/12)

On Friday, 1st 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 and Senior High Choir live at Charity Advent Market (01/12)

Our Junior High and Senior High choir have been invited to perform a short concert of Christmas pop songs at Charity Advent Market ([more information](#)). Join us in the Mozart Hotel courtyard (Karoliny Svatle 34, near Charles Bridge) for some music and mulled wine. The concert will last approx. 20 minutes.



Senior High Christmas Disco (1/12)

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. The theme this year is 'Silver'

Usborne Books Fair at the Primary (4/12 - 5/12)

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 4th and Tuesday 5th 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.

Junior High Christmas Disco (4/12)

The JH Student Council would like to present the 2023 Junior High Christmas Disco. The disco will be held at the Czech Inn in Vinohrady. It will be on Monday 4th December from 18:00-20:00. All junior high students are invited. There will be a DJ, photo booth, Christmas decorations and food, drinks and snacks will be provided.

St. Nicholas Visit at Early Years (5/12)

On Tuesday, 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.



Junior & Senior High Concert (5/12)

The Junior High and Senior High schools will celebrate Christmas together, combining their musical talents in a concert the Congress Hall in Hotel Olšanka (Táboritská 1000/23 , Prague 3). High School musicians will present a selection of Christmas favourites, with appearances by our Musicians for Life ensembles, year group orchestras, IGCSE and IB Music classes, and the all-new Riverside Vox Choir. Parents are invited to attend the concert, which will start at 13:00.





Riverside Choir Concert in the Old Town Square (6/12)

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 17:00. We invite all Riverside families to come along to the Square and give them your support.

End of Early Years and Primary Clubs for Term 1 (7/12)

The last day of clubs at Primary will be on Thursday 7th December. From 8th December on, there will be only the 1st round of buses at 3.35pm.



Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto (8/12)

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, 8th December from 3pm to 5pm. You can help us as a volunteers or bring baked goods donation.

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.

Primary Christmas Nativity School Show (12/12)

Mark your calendar and get excited for Tuesday 12th December. This year's Primary Nativity show is called "The Nativity Express". A Young girl, Rebecca, is beginning to lose faith in the spirit of Christmas. The clock strikes midnight on Christmas Eve and suddenly a mysterious and magical train appears outside her bedroom. After much doubt, Rebecca decides to take a risk and embarks on what turns out to be an extraordinary train ride. As the magical journey comes to an end, having witnessed the birth of Jesus and the love and hope he brought to all, she is reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.

The show takes place at 17:00 outdoors on a stage set in the Primary playground. Refreshments will be available. We welcome volunteers who will help at the PTA hot drinks table. More information will soon follow.

Early Years Nativity (13/12)

Riverside Early Years presents to you 'Christmas Counts'. The story revolves around the first Christmas night in Bethlehem. A group of census-takers are carrying out Caesar's urgent decree that everyone in his empire should be counted. They count the people of Bethlehem, the wise men and their camels and nearly fall asleep counting sheep with the shepherds. Then, a countless host of angels appear with the good news of Jesus' birth, which sends the shepherds running right to the stable to meet Mary and Joseph and one special baby. The show will take place on Wednesday, 13th December at 10:45am at the Riverside Arts Centre at Hradčanská.



Early Years, Primary and Junior High School Christmas Lunch (13/12)

A traditional Christmas lunch will be available for all children and staff on Wednesday 13th 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



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 8th 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 no later than on Thursday 7th December noon.

More details [here](#).





Early Years Christmas Celebration (14/12)

Nursery and Reception classes will be having class Christmas parties. We will play party games and enjoy a festive snack together. Children are welcome to bring a seasonal snack to share with the class and are encouraged to wear party clothes.

Primary Year 1-2 Party (14/12) From 2.15pm to 3.15pm in the Jidelna.



Primary Years 3-6 Disco (14/12)

From 3.30pm to 5pm in the Primary Jidelna/Dining room. PTA will serve refreshments. You can help as a volunteer.

There will be a provision for Year 1 and 2 students if their siblings are attending the disco so that parents can pick up all their children after the disco. More details to follow.

Christmas Jumper Day (15/12)

Celebrate Christmas Jumper Day with us on Friday, December 15th! We invite Riverside staff and students to join in the festive spirit by donning their favourite Christmas jumper or sweater. As part of this joyful occasion, participants are encouraged to make a donation of 30 CZK to contribute to the valuable efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross.



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 (15/12)

There will be no hot lunches served on Friday, December 15th 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. There will be only one round of buses at 12:20.

First Day of Winter Term - Monday, 8th January 2024

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

The Riverside Staff and PTA



Happy New Year!