

The Christmas Season Is Upon Us



Riverside School Christmas Calendar 2019



25th 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.

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). 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!



Decorating the Early Years School for Christmas (29/11)

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.

Junior and Senior High Door Decorating (29/11)

On Friday, 29th November, the Junior and Senior High students will mark the beginning of the Christmas season with the traditional decorating of the classroom doors.

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.

We would like to invite Junior High parents to join us for the morning (from 8:30am), to help serve cookies and hot chocolate., meet other parents and see the students enjoying time with their teachers and friends.



Junior High School Disco (29/11)

This year, the Junior High disco will take place at the Hard Rock Cafe (Malé nám. 3) from 6.30pm to 9pm.

Key Dates



- 28/11 Money Collection for Domov Sedlec starts
- 29/11 Decorating the Early Years
- 29/11 Junior High and Senior High Decorating
- 29/11 Primary School Christmas Decorating
- 29/11 Primary PTA Christmas Lunch
- 29/11 Junior High Disco
- 02/12 Old Town Square Concert
- 02/12 Christmas Post Box starts
- 02/12 Early Years Angel Tree begins
- 02/12 Primary Angel Tree begins
- 02/12 Usborne Books Fair starts at the Primary
- 03/12 Concert of Soloists at the Arts Centre
- 04/12 Junior & Senior High Concert
- 05/12 End of Primary Clubs for Term 1
- 05/12 End of Early Years Clubs for Term 1
- 06/12 Senior High Christmas Disco
- 06/12 Santa's Grotto and Christmas Market
- 10/12 Primary Christmas Concert/Nativity
- 11/12 Early Years Nativity at the Arts Centre
- 11/12 Christmas Lunch
- 12/12 Primary Year 3-6 School Disco
- 12/12 Early Years Christmas Celebrations
- 12/12 End of Junior and Senior High Clubs for Term 1
- 13/12 Christmas Jumper Day
- 13/12 Last Day of Term - school ends at 12pm
- 06/01 First Day of Winter Term 2019

Primary School - Parents Decorating the School (29/11)

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 - Primary PTA Christmas Lunch (29/11)

Please come along after Primary school decorating to Agora restaurant, Old Town, at 12.30pm to help celebrate the beginning of the Christmas festivities and have fun with Primary parents. Booking details will be sent from the PTA team soon!

Primary School Students Christmas Decorating (2/12)

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.

Early Years Angel Tree (2/12—12/12)

This year we would like to help families in a women's shelter R-Mosty in Mladá Boleslav. 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.

Giving 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. Parents can pick an angel card with a Christmas wish from the Christmas tree in the Primary Parents room and then attach the card to the present when they leave it under the tree. The presents are for children in foster care and the hand over is organised by St. Thomas' Church in Prague 1.

Riverside Choir Concert in the Old Town Square (2/12)

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 **5:45 pm**. We invite all Riverside families to come along to the Square and give them your support.

Christmas Post Box - Primary School and Early Years (starts 2/12)

From Monday 2nd 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.



Usborne Books Fair at the Primary (2/12 - 3/12)



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 2nd and Tuesday 3rd 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.



Concert of Soloists at the Arts Centre (03/12)

Riverside musicians will perform in The Concert of Soloists at the Senior High—Art Centre Gallery from 5pm to 7pm. Refreshments will be served by our wonderful PTA.

Junior & Senior High Concert (4/12)

The Junior High and Senior High schools will celebrate Christmas together combining their musical talents in a concert at Narodni Dům na Vinohradech (Náměstí Míru 9) from 1.00pm to 3pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

End of Primary Clubs and Early Years Clubs for Term 1 (5/12)

The last day for Skills for Life activities in Early Years and Primary School will be on Thursday, 5th December.

Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto (6/12)

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, 7th 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 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 Disco (6/12)

Senior High students are looking forward to their annual Christmas Disco which will take place on Friday 6th December, 19:00 - 22:00 in Blondies Bar (Jungmannova 750, Prague 1).



Primary Christmas Nativity (10/12)

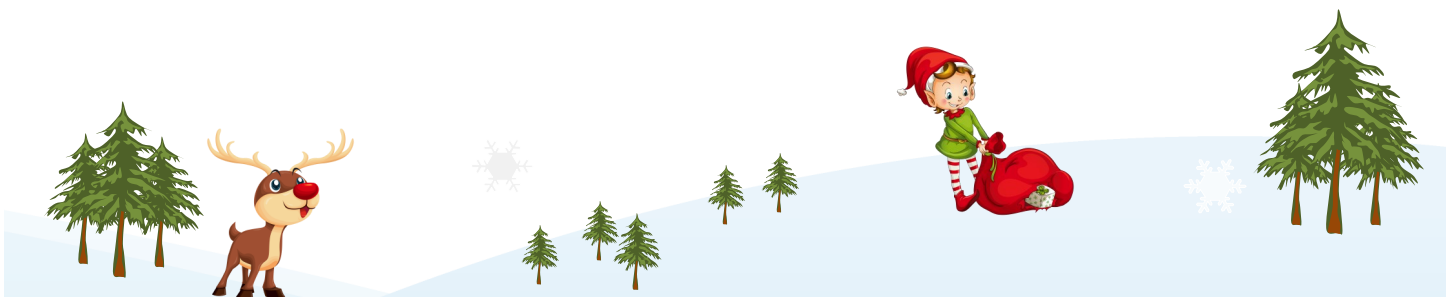
Mark your calendar and get excited for **Tuesday 10th December**. This year's Primary Nativity show is called "Mary Christmas". It's a modern take on the Nativity Story about a child named Mary, who learns about the Nativity Story through a mysterious journey. The show takes place at 17:30 outdoors on a stage set in the Primary playground. Refreshments will be made available by the PTA. More information will soon follow.

Early Years, Primary, Junior High and Senior High School Christmas Lunch (11/12)

A traditional Christmas lunch will be available for all children in the Early Years Jídelna and Reception Room, for all Primary students in the Primary Jídelna and for both Senior High and Junior High students in the Jordan Building Cafeteria on Wednesday, 11th December.

Students who regularly order hot lunches will automatically be included if there is a sufficient balance on the account unless you decide to cancel. You can also choose a vegetarian option.

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 Monday 9th of December 12pm using the Christmas Lunch order form.



Early Years Nativity (11/12)

Riverside Early Years' production of 'A Miracle in Town' will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am at the Riverside Arts Centre at Hradčanská. Please bring your favourite Christmas goody to share after the programme.

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

The last day for Skills for Life activities in Junior and Senior High will be on Thursday, 12th.



Primary Year 1 and 2 Christmas Parties (12/12) From 2.15pm to 3.15pm in the in the Jidelna.

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

Early Years Classroom Parties (13/12)



Christmas Jumper Day (13/12)

On Friday 13th December 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/>



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 (13/12)

There will be no hot lunches served on Friday, 13th 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, 6th January

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

The Riverside Staff and PTA



Happy New Year!