



Friends of Riverside Christmas Newsletter 2018

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy festive season! All the money Friends raises goes to the school for your children to benefit from, and your continued support is always appreciated. For more details, please check out our Facebook page.

The Halloween Disco was well attended with some fabulous fancy dress, raising around £544 so thanks to all who came and supported and to those who helped run it!

Bonfire night was a great success and we've had lots of positive feedback. Over £1400 was raised with more than 600 people enjoying the outstanding firework display, delicious BBQ, curry and mulled wine! A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated their time and skills – we could not have done it without you!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

Tadcaster Christmas Market – Sunday 2nd December

Friends of Riverside will have a stall at this years' Tadcaster Christmas Market THIS SUNDAY. We will be running a fun straw game with prizes to win and some lovely home baking for sale so do come down and show your support for the school and the town.

Presents for Parents – Monday 3rd December

This annual event where children can choose presents for their adult family and carers will take place on **MONDAY** so if your child/ren have ordered more than one present, please send them with a carrier bag to help carry them home. The event takes place during the school day in the Play Place and we now have enough volunteers to run this so thank you to those that have offered to help.

Christmas Outfit / Jumper day – Thursday 13th December

Please send your child with £1 in their Christmas jumper /outfit. Christmas lunch is also served on this day and really adds to the festive atmosphere!

This year we are dividing the funds raised between Friends of Riverside and Children with Cancer UK a charity chosen by the School Council as Riverside's charity for this year. The Christmas Cup donations and any donations from any of the school Christmas performances will also be donated to this charity.

Christmas Disco – Wednesday 19th December

Infants / KS1 6pm-6.45pm Juniors / KS2 7-8pm £1 entry - Christmas Fancy Dress Optional!
Hotdogs, sweets, snacks, drinks and glow-sticks to buy!

COULD WE PLEASE ASK THAT ALL CHILDREN AT THE INFANTS / KS1 DISCO HAVE AN ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM AT ALL TIMES.

Entry to the disco will be via the school office. Exit will be via the COURTYARD at the end of the discos to help with congestion and ensure every child is collected by a responsible adult. Parents are welcome to wait in the courtyard room for collection. No child will be allowed to leave without an adult collecting them in person. **Helpers to clear up after the Discos are also very welcome!**

A note from The Chairperson of Friends of Riverside:

As you may know, membership of the group is open to all parents of children at Riverside School. However, given the size of our school, relatively few parents get involved in the group. Our aim is to organise events and activities which raise much needed funds for the benefit for all the children at the school such as new playground equipment, ice lollies after sports day etc.

Presents for Parents and the Christmas Card order is entirely organised by parents as well as events such as Discos, Bonfire Night, Quiz Night and the Summer Fayre. The school staff are not involved in running or organising any of these events.

It is the parents involved with Friends of Riverside that organise and run all the events. This takes considerable time and effort which we fit in, around our busy working and family lives.

Of course, many hands make light work so if more parents were involved this would help. We will always welcome new parents to come and help – if you would be interested in helping us please contact myself, Clare Hirst on: 07936646556 or Taz Brock on: 07980013058

Regards

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Chair of Friends of Riverside