



### Children In Need update



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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November saw us mark Children In Need day in school with some fantastic fundraising.

Our children looked very sporty and thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Also, big thanks to our Year 6 pupils for all their hard work in the afternoon co-ordinating dozens of stalls. We raised over £1200 for Children In Need!

### Staffing News

#### Lunchtime Supervisors—(MSAs)

We would welcome any applications for

#### **Lunchtime supervisors.**

Hours of work are 11.50-1.10 pm and your duties would include assisting the children with their lunch as well as playing and leading games in the playground. If you have some free time, and are interested, please contact the office for an application form—We would love to have you on our team!



### School Council chosen charity

Every year the School Council choose a charity to support at Christmas. This year they have chosen "Children with Cancer UK" More information can be found here by following the link <https://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk/>

All of our Nativity and Christmas Service collections will also support this chosen charity.





### Reminders for Christmas events:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December will be Christmas dinner in school - with a special 'dress Christmassy day' - Christmas jumpers, reindeer antlers, Santa hats, etc. £1 donation with 50% going to our chosen Christmas charity this year (Children with Cancer UK) and 50% to FOR funds.

Our Christmas menu this year is roast turkey with all the trimmings followed by a chocolate coated Christmas tree ice cream, with a vegetable filo parcel as the vegetarian option. Because of Christmas Lunch on Thursday, the menu for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December will be sausage (including veggie alternative), beans and chips with a crispy bun for pudding.

**Christmas in the Nursery** - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in the Hall.

You are invited to join us in the Hall for the Nursery Nativity—if your child does not normally attend this session you are welcome to come and join in with the fun! Please let Mrs McCombe know if you will be coming along.

**Early years and Key Stage 1** will have their parties on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - party food will be provided by the school kitchen that day. The menu for parties will be: assorted sandwiches, (jam, cheese and ham) sausages, pizza, veggie crisps and chocolate iced buns.

**The Reception classes** would like to invite parents to celebrate Christmas with them on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the hall from 2.45pm performing a range of Christmas songs.



**Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)** are performing jointly this year with a performance of "Babushka" This will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm, with parents welcome to join their child in the classrooms afterwards and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.30am. The shows will last about 20-30 minutes.

**Key Stage 2** will share their Christmas performance in St Mary's Church on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm and on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.30am. The doors at St Mary's will be open from 1.00pm on Tuesday and 9.00am on Wednesday - please do not be late as this is a church service and late arrivals do disrupt the children and the atmosphere in the church and as such we will turn you away if you are late! Because we are a growing school and with limited space in the church, please can I urge families to only attend one of the Key stage 2 services. Some parents and relatives will undoubtedly end up having to stand and/or have a restricted view - apologies in advance, these really are very busy services.

*For your information, throughout all of our Christmas events we do allow parents, carers and family to take video and photos, but PLEASE if using social media only post photos of your own child online.*

**Please come to the courtyard doors for the afternoon performances on arrival .**





### Friends News and Events

Several exciting Friends events are coming soon - all dates are on the website or via the 'Calendar' tab:

**Christmas Outfit / Jumper day – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Disco – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Follow the link for the latest Friends newsletter! Click [here](#)

**NB for these discos, please arrive and collect via the courtyard doors into the Courtyard Room—at end of courtyard, not main entrance!**

### Emergency closure information

As usual at this time of year I need to let you know our emergency closure procedures as we never know what the great British weather will throw at us!

Should weather be poor and we need to pass on information, this will normally be done via three routes:

- The Twitter feed on the bottom left hand side of the website will be updated. If you follow @TadRiverside, you will of course get this information directly!
- Text messages to those of you who have up-to-date numbers on file.
- BBC Radio York - both via announcements on air and their website.

Wherever possible we will attempt to remain fully open, but we have the safety of all site users to consider and at times may need to shorten the school day, close to certain classes, or even close completely.

(If you have a mobile but have not been receiving messages, you may wish to update your information with the school office)



Whilst on this theme, please **DO** ensure your child has an appropriate coat, hat, gloves, wellies, etc for the prevailing weather conditions, as well as a pair of indoor shoes ( usually pumps- children need a fresh air break and we try and get out for at least part of a daytime unless the weather is awful (please ensure all items are named).



## Dates for your Diary!

### December 2018

- Monday 10th December Key Stage 2 'Selection Box' activity day
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December KS2 panto
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Christmas show - 2.45 pm in school hall
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas lunch
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December KS2 practise at church during morning
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December KS1 nativity 2pm in hall
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December KS1 nativity 9.30am in hall
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December KS2 church service at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December School discos
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 church service at 9.45am
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS1 party day and Santa in school
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December Sherry and Mince Pies AM
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December school closes for Christmas holidays

### January 2019

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January Training Day - school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Spring Term begins for pupils

## Contact us

The school office email is: [SchoolOffice@rs.starmat.uk](mailto:SchoolOffice@rs.starmat.uk)

For more sensitive School Office enquiries please contact Mrs Borradaile our School Business Manager using the admin account: [admin@rs.starmat.uk](mailto:admin@rs.starmat.uk)

Should you need to contact Mr Yapp/Miss Woodward directly, the addresses are [headteacher@rs.starmat.uk](mailto:headteacher@rs.starmat.uk) and [a.woodward@rs.starmat.uk](mailto:a.woodward@rs.starmat.uk)

*Ian Yapp*

Executive Headteacher

**We wish you a happy  
Christmas from  
everyone at Riverside!**

*Alison Woodward*

Head of School

