



December 2018 Newsletter 2 - Welcome to Riverside Pre-school's second newsletter. We ask that you please read this letter carefully and make a note of the dates in your diaries. All newsletters are sent out by e-mail and paper copies are available in the parents' area in the lobby. Further information is displayed daily in the pre-school lobby, where you wait prior to dropping off your child. Here you will find information about what your child may be doing or need that week/signing-up sheets for events/resources we may need such as newspapers. Please look at the two notice boards at the top of the steps as we use these to share important funding and special event information.

Sponsored Find TOTAL - £1087 - If you still have money to bring in, there is still time, thank you so much and well done!

December - upcoming events

Church Visits	Christmas Craft Days & Nativity	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas Parties & Panto
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Management Committee meeting Tuesday 4th December at 6.45pm (held at Riverside Pre-school Bitterne Park) all are welcome.

Church visits – Monday 10th December 12.45pm-3pm and Tuesday 11th December 9am-11am and 12.45pm-3pm – The Church of the Ascension has invited us again this year to take part in some Christmas activities at the church. We walk to the church and so therefore require a lot of adult support to enable this to happen, without your support we will not be able to go. So, if you are free on either of those days, please let Pam know.

Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December – Christmas craft days & Nativity – Morning sessions are 8.40am-11.40am & afternoon sessions 12.20pm-3.20pm. You are invited to stay for a whole session to make Christmas decorations with your child, which you can use to decorate your home. Due to the nature of activities we cannot accommodate any younger siblings. **You need to sign up for these sessions early because we can only cater for a certain number of extra people per session – it's first come first served.** At the end of the sessions the children will be acting out the Nativity and singing Christmas songs. So, if you can't join us for the whole session, why not come just for this, either at 10.30am or, if you are joining us in the afternoon, we look forward to seeing you at 2.30pm. Younger siblings are welcome at the Nativity. **Please bring a named carrier bag with you to collect all the wonderful things your child will make.** If your child stays for lunch club on any of these days, you are very welcome to join them.

Friday 14th December is also Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to support Save the Children. Collection buckets will be available and any donations will be gratefully received for this worthy cause.

Christmas Party days and the Panto are on the afternoon of Monday 17th December, all day Tuesday 18th December and in the morning on Wednesday 19th December. Morning sessions are 8.40am-11.40am & afternoon sessions 12.20pm-3.20pm. If your child does not usually attend on one of the party sessions, then they are very welcome to join us by swapping a usual session or paying for the extra session (£14.50). Please let the admin team know which party session you would like to attend. The staff don't need much of an excuse to get dressed up, so if the children would like to come to the parties in dressing-up clothes/party clothes but **no super hero costumes and no full faced masks**, then they are very welcome. The staff usually put on a panto for the children and this year is no exception: This year's panto is Jack and the Beanstalk. We hope the children enjoy the audience participation and all that comes with a panto!

Children's last day Wednesday 19th December.

Christmas holiday 20th December to 4th January 2019. Returning Monday 7th January.

January 2019 - upcoming events

Management Committee Meeting	Family Week	Riverside Events Group (REG) Meeting
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Monday 7th January. Sign-up sheet for Family week will be out on display ready for you to sign up to this event.

Management Committee meeting Wednesday 16th January 6.45pm (held at Riverside Pre-school Bitterne Park) all are welcome.

Family Week 21st-25th January 2019. This is a similar event to our Ladies days and Big Boys days, however this time **we welcome younger siblings to join us, accompanied by an adult.** We will only be able to open a few spaces for each session, so please make sure you sign up for this to ensure you get a place. We are sorry that we cannot extend an invitation to our younger children not yet attending pre-school to the Ladies days and Big Boys days. We hope to see them during Family Week.

Riverside Events Group meeting (REG) Wednesday 23rd January 7.00pm (held at Riverside Pre-school Bitterne Park) all are welcome.

February 2019 - upcoming events

Chinese New Year Celebrations

Management Committee Meeting

Chinese New Year celebrations - week beginning February 4th. The year of the Pig

The week beginning Monday 4th February we will be enjoying some traditional Chinese foods, this is funded by the contribution you made when you joined pre-school. **If you have opted out of the £30 payment when your child first joined the pre-school, we will require £2 to cover the cost of the food. Please can you make payment by the beginning of February.**

Riverside Dragon Dance Monday 11th February. We are preparing a dance which we will be sharing with our families so if you prefer to see the dance during a **morning** session please wait in the outside area after you drop your little one off. We will complete our register and prepare our costumes as quickly as we can and then dance through our outside play area. If you prefer to watch the **afternoon** dance, then we ask you to return to pre-school for **2.45pm**. You will be able to collect your child shortly after the dance and in plenty of time to collect siblings from school.

Management Committee meeting Wednesday 13th February 6.45pm (held at Riverside Pre-school Bitterne Park) all are welcome.

Half term holiday Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February. Returning Monday 25th February.

Dates for your diary

This is a quick notice to inform you of dates further ahead in the year so you can make arrangements such as booking time off work to attend special events. Further information will be given out nearer the time.

March

Easter party 30th March.

April

Ladies Day sessions. These sessions are designed for mum, aunties, grandmothers etc. to come and play with their little one. We are only able to accommodate one adult per family. You will also find a few extra activities dotted around for you to enjoy.

Ladies Day sessions 2nd April AM and PM sessions.

Ladies Day sessions 4th April AM and PM sessions.

Easter holiday 8th April to 22nd April (includes bank holiday) – returning 23rd April.

May

Fun Day 18th May – our big annual fundraising day.

Half term 27th May to 31st May – returning 3rd June.

June

Big Boys sessions. These sessions are designed for dad, uncles, grandads etc. to come and play with their little one. We are only able to accommodate one adult per family. You will also find a few extra activities dotted around for you to enjoy.

Big Boys sessions 21st June AM and PM sessions.

July

Graduation sessions begin 16th July – more information to follow at a later date.

Children's last day 19th July.

Please remember to inform us about any changes to your contact information such as your address, mobile or landline telephone number.

If you have not brought in your child's birth certificate, please bring it in before the end of term; this is a requirement for the funding and not producing it could result in your child's funding being stopped.

