



**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 parent's area. 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 and special event information. Further information is displayed on the easel in the corridor near to the name cards and where you wait prior to dropping off your child. Please take some time to

look around this area.

**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 Party & Panto
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**Management Committee meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45pm** (held at Riverside Pre-school Bitterne Park) all are welcome.

**Church Visits – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – we are taking the children to St Denys church in small groups for a Christmas visit.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas craft day & 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 this session 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 and the Panto are on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** The morning session is 8.40am-11.40am and the afternoon session is 12.20pm-3.20pm. If your child does not usually attend on this day, 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 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Christmas holiday 20<sup>th</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.** Returning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**January 2019 - upcoming events**

Management Committee Meeting	Family Week	Riverside Events Group (REG) Meeting
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**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 6.45pm** (held at Riverside Pre-school Bitterne Park) all are welcome.

**Family Week 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Riverside Events Group meeting (REG) Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 started at 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 6.45pm** (held at Riverside Pre-school Bitterne Park) all are welcome.

**Half term holiday Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.** Returning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## Dates for your diary

This is a quick notice to inform you of dates further 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 session 3<sup>rd</sup> April PM session.

Ladies Day session 5<sup>th</sup> April AM session.

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

### **May**

**Fun Day 18<sup>th</sup> May** – our big annual fundraising day.

Half term 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May – returning 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **June**

Big Boys sessions. These sessions are designed for dad, uncles, granddads 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 21<sup>st</sup> June AM and PM sessions.

### **July**

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

Children's last day 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

