

6th DECEMBER 2016



Dear Parents & Carers

As we enter the last couple of weeks of this term and the excitement of Christmas builds, I must say a huge thank you to Interserve, who for the fifth year running have donated a lovely Christmas tree for our entrance. I must also thank the local Co-op who, once again, have donated lemonade and crackers for our Christmas lunch next week.

Over the last few days the rehearsals for our Year 2, Foundation and Nursery performances have been taking place and the sight of forty angels walking down the corridor to rehearse is now becoming quite normal at Riverside!



Homework

At the start of the year we decided to change our system of homework to encourage pupils and parent engagement. Over the term I have seen numerous examples of photos, short videos, models and even cake brought into school. Over the next couple of weeks parents are encouraged to come into school to observe the homework completed by the pupils. The prizes for taking part will be drawn out during the afternoon with a selection box for each class winner and a week's free breakfast club for the year group winner.

Library Award

I am delighted to announce that we have been successful in a charity bid to improve our Library resources. The award of £8,000 will be spent on purchasing new books for our Library.



Riverside on the Radio

On Wednesday before school, listen to Radio Devon to hear two of our children talking about the school being chosen to be judges in the Blue Peter Book Competition.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part in coming to school in spots this year for Children in Need, Riverside raised £593.17 for this worthy cause. Well Done!!

Christmas Draw

Raffle Tickets are still available to buy from the school office. First prize is £100!!



Carols around the Christmas tree – 4:00pm Tuesday 13th December

Please wrap up warm and join us on 13th to get into the Christmas spirit by joining us to sing some traditional Christmas carols.

Heights & Weights – Foundation & Y6

The Heights and Weights team will be in on **Wednesday 14th December** to measure and weigh Foundation and Year 6 pupils. To opt out of this you will need to return the slip attached to the letter which went home earlier last month.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day for a silver coined donation.



Merry Christmas

Mr B Jones
Head Teacher (06.12.16)