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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Riverside has been a very festive place to be over the last two weeks. It was great to see so many of you supporting us at the Friends of Riverside Christmas Fair. Many thanks to all of those who make these events happen.

We raised £1162 which is incredible.



This year, Friends of Riverside paid for the children to go to the theatre to see a Christmas show- I know that the children had a brilliant time. It is through your support as a community, that we are able to provide these experiences for our children.

All of the children worked incredibly hard to share with you their wonderful singing and acting skills in their Christmas performances- it was great to see them showcasing their talents. I know that they really enjoyed sharing their Christmas plays and singing with you and I'm sure that you were as proud of them as we were.

On Wednesday we served more Christmas dinners than ever before! We are so pleased that you all came and joined us for this yearly event. The children always look forward to sharing a part of their school day with people from home. The cook and her team put in a huge amount of time and effort to enable this event to happen - a huge thank you to them for all of their hard work.

On Friday, we will be singing Christmas Carols and, weather permitting, heading up to the church to sing them and have a Christmas assembly with Reverend Wilkinson. The afternoon is always very exciting as it is Christmas party afternoon. **The children are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform tomorrow. This can be Christmas jumper, party clothes or whatever they feel most comfortable in.**

Family information service

The festive period can be a time of catching up, seeing loved ones, socialising more and going out more frequently.

While it is often a time many people look forward to, Warwickshire County Council is reminding people of the steps they can take to look after themselves and others during the festive period.

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies.

Dates for next term

Dates	Events
9th January	Pupils return to School
22nd January	Year 1 trip to the transports Museum
22nd January	Year 6 trip to Coventry Cathedral
7th February	Year 3 trip to London to see Matilda
7th February	Year 4 trip to the British Museum
12 th – 16 th February	Half term
19th February	Teacher training day – No school for pupils
29th February	Year 3 Class assembly
8 th March	Whole School Family Lunch

4 th & 5 th March	Parents Evening
14 th March (Date to be confirmed)	Reception Trip to Mini Meadows
22 nd March	Family Easter event – details to follow nearer the time
22 nd March	Whole school Church visit for Easter
22 nd March	Last day of term for Easter holidays.

The children have achieved a huge amount in this first term, and I have no doubt that they will continue to work hard when we come back in January. We have lots of exciting events and learning opportunities planned for 2024 and look forward to seeing the children return to school on **9th January**.

We all wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours faithfully, Beccy Payne and Riverside Staff

