



**Welcome Back!** We are now fully in the swing of things at Riverside School and have been delighted to see how the children have settled back into school life. A huge welcome to our new pupils and staff – we are sure this will be the start of an exciting adventure for all of us.

Looking back over 2017, there were so many things to celebrate:

**January started joyously** sharing the Mannequin challenge at our Annual Conference focussing on the Pursuit of Happiness. No Business Like Show Business Show and Art exhibition wowed staff and families alike.

**February focused on friends and family** with family Makachat sessions and celebrating World Religion Day.

**March made memories** with the Colourscape Project and with World Book Day celebrations and Easter Eggs hunts.

**April amazed** with the Co-Motion Performance and with the launch of our Pop up shop.

**May moved us** with the Muddy Puddle Walk and Outdoor Classroom Day encouraging exploration.

**June's jollity** continued with Teddy Bear's picnic, Sports days and the Summer Fair.

**July just shone jewel like** with Riverfest, Isle of Wight Trip and Leavers' celebrations

**August was awe inspiring** for families at the Summer Playscheme

**September shone with smiles** welcoming the new academic year and special new starters

**October was outstanding** with Harvest celebrations and World Party Day.

**November never failed to impress** with the Spooky Spectacular, Shakespeare for Schools and Christmas Fair.

**December dazzled and delighted** with a journey on the Polar Express, through the 12 days of Christmas, to the Food Bank, the Jack Petchey awards and the delectable staff pantomime.

So, what can we expect from 2018 ...? Well, to whet the appetite, keep your eyes open for ...

**Exciting Early Years Developments; The Stupendous Swiftkey rollout; The Stunning Sensory Pod; Hooray for Happiness Passports; Perfect Pop-Up Shops; and Step Back in Time – A Celebration of Musical Legends**, amongst a number of exciting other initiatives.

**Here's to an irresistible 2018!**