



Birches Primary School Christmas 2020

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Children can bring in Christmas Cards / presents for members of their class which will be sent home at the end of term.



Christmas at the Birches

At this time of year, we would usually be busy preparing for Christmas performances and Carol Service. A special part of this is being able to invite you into our school to enjoy this with us. This year will, of course, be different. However, Christmas is still very much evident and we will be celebrating it together in our classrooms through stories, music and verse over the next few weeks. We hope to be able to share as much of that as possible with you. We will be video recording what we can and also hope to have a Christmas CD message for you all.

We hope it will offer some Christmas cheer and joy at this time!

Christmas School Meals Party Day - Friday 4 December Non-Uniform Day

This year the School Meals Service have produced an exciting Christmas Party Food Box for the children. Details of the party box is on the December Menu on our website.

If your child wishes to take school dinner on this day, it is very important that they let their teacher know on Monday 30 November for catering purposes.



Visit from Santa! - Friday 4 December Non-Uniform Day

We would like to thank Mary McAlinden from SLNRA and the ABC Council for funding gifts for the children. On Friday 4 December we will be having a very special visitor in school. Santa will be visiting each class to drop off a bag of presents for each child. As he is being really careful this year, he will not be going into the classrooms but will wave to the children at their classroom door.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11 December (£2.00)

Children can wear their own clothes, a Christmas jumper or anything Christmassy!

We would like to ask each child to make a £2 donation which will go to Save the Children.



Non-Uniform Days – Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December (£1.00)

Non-uniform days on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December - £1.00 per child for both days.

Each class will have their own Christmas party in their classroom on Thursday 17 December.

A contribution of £1.00 per child will go towards food for the party day.



Money for both of these events (£3.00 per child) can be sent to school on Monday 7 December in a sealed envelope

Early Closing

Friday 18 December - School will close early. There will be no dinner on this day

Older brothers / sisters can leave at the earlier time with their siblings through their normal gate

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| • P1 | 12.00pm | |
| • P2 | 12.10pm | |
| • P3 | 12.20pm | |
| • P4 and P5 | 12.30pm | |
| • P6 and P7 | 12.40pm | |
| • School bus | 12.40pm | available for children who normally travel on the bus |

Please arrive promptly to collect your child to aid congestion in the car park and social distancing. Thank you

P1 applications for September 2021.

Applications are completed via the Portal on the Education Authority Website. The Portal for applications opens on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 12 noon and closes on Friday 29th January 2021. Supplementary information required e.g. your child's Birth Certificate can also be uploaded to the Portal this year.

School starts again on Monday 4 January

