



Birches First School

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...to be the best 'me' I can be.

Nursery and Reception Christmas Play Arrangements

Thursday 30th November 2023

Dear Nursery Parents

It is with great delight that I am writing to welcome you and your extended family into school to come to watch Nursery's Christmas Performance. This year Nursery and Reception are performing a play together, we are running a both Nursery and Reception Performance to ensure that everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy this very special occasion.

Hopefully, you may have heard a few songs at home that they have been practising – please do not worry if they haven't that's also fine! We do not send words home as we want it to be a surprise and the most memorable and special occasion for you all to see as their first play with us at Birches.

The EYFS staff work incredibly hard and will ensure that everything is ready including costumes for the play. It may be that we need the odd item and if so, they will be in touch directly.

Nursery's performance is **Friday 15th December at 1.30pm**

We will not be allocating physical tickets for the performances but payment via ParentPay will confirm your allocation and will be added to the ticket list for your chosen performance. **Four tickets** for each performance will be allocated per family at a cost of £3.00 each. We would like to be able to accommodate everyone who wants to attend so a reserve list will be kept for one extra ticket per family. Please complete the survey below if you would like a reserve ticket.

[Reserve Tickets Survey](#)

To be as fair as possible to all parents who request a reserve ticket, names will be placed in a pot and drawn at random.

Please can I remind parents that this performance is an adult only performance and any children with siblings at school will have the opportunity to see Nursery's performance.

At the end of the performance, I will be handing out certificates for selected children. At Birches we award a certificate for 'Gold Expectations' and 'Effort and Improvement' at the

end of each term for children who staff believe deserve this extra special recognition. Please note as a nurturing school this isn't always for the one who is the most able, it can be a child who has worked incredibly hard, a child who has found something very difficult and persevered, it is for those children staff feel truly deserve it, not just ability recognition. You will be notified personally if your child is to receive an award, please do not let your child know as we like it to be a surprise for them!

The PFA will be selling ticket for our Christmas Hamper Raffle at all the performances...Good Luck! Costs are £1 a strip.

Morning children are required to come back to school at 1.15pm on both Wednesday the 13th and Friday 15th December so we can change them ready for the performance. If you wish your child to stay for lunch (additional cost) please inform the office to make arrangements. At the end of the performance, children will be able to leave school with you.

Finally, in line with our Safeguarding Policy and GDPR regulations, photos and videos of your child for personal viewing may be taken during the performance. Please remember however that any images or video clips should not be shared on any social networking sites, thank you for your cooperation.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at the performance, I know it will be very memorable and special for you all.

Best wishes

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Headteacher