

THE RICHARD HEATHCOTE C. P. SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carer

On **Friday 13th December 2019** it has been arranged for the children to go and see Santa Claus and his reindeer at Birches Valley. Birches Valley is part of Cannock Chase. During our visit here we will take a frosty walk along one of the nature trails through the woods, spotting the different wildlife and looking at the different trees. Then we will visit Santa and his reindeer in his magical grotto before having lunch in one of the log cabins. Weather permitting there will be time to play on the adventure playground before heading back to school.

The weather will be cold and therefore the children will need a warm coat to wear over their uniform. To keep our feet protected from mud, and ensure that they can fully explore the woodland, we ask that wellies are worn.

Our Reception children receive government funded school meals and therefore school will provide their packed lunches. If your child would prefer to bring their own, please mention it to a member of staff in the classroom. We will take an order from them the week before the trip. Nursery children will need their lunches provided from home. Please can these be in a bag that can be thrown away after lunch. This minimises what the children and staff have to carry around on the day.

To cover the cost of entry per child, the cost of the coach and the cost of insurance we are asking for **£14.50** to be paid on Parent Pay. The trip will take place in normal school hours but we ask that you arrive at school promptly in the morning.

We have been to this destination three times over the last 11 years and have always had a really lovely day. We know that this year will be no different.

Many thanks

Miss Abbotts and the EYFS Staff

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