

# November Newsletter 2023





**Hi and welcome to the November Newsletter and going to be all about Christmas.** I have started shopping, and I do like to book experiences, or by things like pyjamas, and activities.

Buying toys are okay depending on the age of your child, but I have found being a mum, is that they will play with something for 10 minutes and then forget about it, yet things that can fly, spin and more interactive the more kids get interested and will play with it, and go back to it. It helps them to play with other children. This is good to find presents that builds their skills and knowledge and sharing. Of course every child is different. Cuddly toys are lovely and Henry still has some from a baby, but as they get older they can begin to lose interest. However the joy of a cuddly toy is that, as long as they not got bits missing can be passed down, and for another child to enjoy.

Then it is adults. Make it traditional to buy them a new scarf each year or to a theatre show and a drink. For my mother's birthday I bought a Afternoon Tea for Two at Marco Pierre White restaurant, on Buyagift.com and for my brother bought he a book token, and alcohol. Now I know some may say no, as encouraging drinking alcohol, but I love treating myself to a bottle of cider and can bet bottle personalised. Check out Vistaprint and Moonpig.com. And remember the best gift for them is seeing you. So, don't stress about it, because its just enjoying yours they're company.

I check on amazon when it comes to Christmas shopping. Buyagift.com, as mentioned and Groupon. They do some good deals on different things. I hate the mad rush when shopping in stores, this time of year, so I go out in the morning to miss the crowds and not have to rush to get gifts and have a Christmas coffee before, and helps to charge me up to get gifts and be creative with it.

Noone wants to see you out of pocket, so it is important to:

- Have a budget
- Get everyone involved to decorate, to give out the gifts that Santa has bought and cooking and baking, for the festive day
- More importantly have fun, and enjoy the day

It is not about how much something is, but spending time with family and friends, and creating lifelong memories.



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