



Frequently asked question about Green Santa at Belvedere

- **Question: Is he recognisable as Santa, especially by young children?**

Answer: Green Santa is based on the Santa of Victorian Times when he wore a Green costume. Our Green Santa outfit which is currently being designed will have a dark green Tunic and Trousers with white fur lining and this will be covered by a dark red white fur lined Victorian cape. Normal Santa accessories including rotund figure, boots, belt, beard, glasses etc will be there. Green Santa will be instantly recognisable to children as Father Christmas

- **Question: What are the ‘natural gifts’?**

Answer:.. There are no Toy gifts this year as the aim of the event is to provide a quality Christmas experience with a difference at great value for parents in the current climate. The Children will get to pot up a native Irish Holly or Scots pine tree (choice is theirs) with Green Santa, they also get a Green Santa Wild Flower Seed shaker with instructions for planting and Victorian Candy Canes.

- **Question: How many children see Santa at one time?**

Answer: This is a normal Family visit with one Family at a time entering Green Santa’s Grotto.

- **Question: How long will Santa spend with the Children?**

Answer: Green Santa will spend longer with the Children than a normal Santa Visit as there is an activity to complete with the children.

- **What are the activities?**

Answer: The activity involves potting up a bare root tree into a garden pot using compost from shredded Christmas trees and instructions on how to care for your tree and how to plant it out.

- **Question: What will the Grotto be like or is there a grotto?**

Answer: For those familiar with our Narnia programme and the past, entry is the same, passing through the magic wardrobe in the courtyard into the enchanted snow filled land of Narnia. Santa’s Grotto will be very natural with real trees, snow and a forest theme with waterfall and other surprises.

- **Question: What type of clothes should children wear** as they usually wear their best clothes to visit Santa?

Answer: There is an activity that involves compost that is dry so there won’t be anything too messy. For those who want to do outdoor trails dress appropriately for weather.

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- **Question: Can Parents/Adults accompany children?**

Answer: Yes Parents adults accompany children to Green Santa and also have free access to House, Gardens and Park afterwards.

- **Question: What is in it for children under 3 years?**

Answer: We don't charge for children under 3 so they can join rest of their family on visit if applicable and they receive with parent's permission a candy cane. Please bring along your camera so that you can get pictures taken with Green Santa.

- **Question: Can we cater for large groups?**

Answer: We can cater for large groups by appointment between 10am and 12noon before our general public visits start.

- **Question: What else is there to do apart from Santa Visit?**

Answer: Belvedere House, Visitor Centre and Estate will be decorated in a traditional Christmas festive spirit. The Courtyard Café will be serving tempting mince pies and cream and have several seasonal delicacies on the menu.

A visit to Belvedere House itself will remind you of Christmas past with its Victorian decorations from the grounds of the estate.

There are 160 acres of parkland to explore and you can follow the Narnia Trail through the whispering trees of Belvedere's ancient woodland.

Find the Terabithia tree house and make a wish in the Fairy Garden.

For outdoor activities dress for the weather and allow enough daylight time to see everything either before your Green Santa visit or afterwards.

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