



Christmas Guide for Parents 2023



Merry Christmas to all you mums and dads. This year we are experiencing high prices on things and so I wanted to write a gift guide to help and how to still have a good Christmas by creating things that will save you lots of money.

Tip#1:

First of all you reduce the amount of wrapping paper. I find this too time consuming, yes I have used it to wrap my sons birthday gifts, but I get in such a mess that this year going to illuminate the use of Wrapping Paper and going to use boxes and gift bags instead.

Tip#2:

Buy less toys and items that your child can get more usage out of them or do experiences. Henry has a big bag of toys he hasn't played with from passed Christmases, and because his birthday is in November going to be items he can use, like he has been doing music, at school and got stickers for it and enjoyed it, so going to be that theme this year and that he is going to get so much use out of it, rather than being another toy that gets forgotten about, and do experiences, like take them to see a show or go on a trip to London for example, so actual holiday as a gift.

Tip#3:

Go second hand. Same tip as last year, and with all Christmases and check out Charity shops, and rather than an Advent Calendar, allow them to buy some Décor that they can open to decorate their bedroom with.



Tip#4 Let you kids choose a gift. If you want to give your child a gift for their teacher at school for example, have them look into what to buy and a list of who they'd like to give a gift to, as well as their own wish lists.

Tip#5:

Delegate jobs to your kids, to help set up Christmas. Have them help put with the arrangements and tidying up, if you have family coming over to you this year. If they want a chocolate from their advent calendar or another gift, then make sure they muck in and help. I would always help set the table and will make sure I wash up, and so have your kids help out too.

Tips#6:

Set up some games. I love playing games like cards, or Pictionary, and just everyone play and one new years we went to my husbands family home, and played golf on the Wii and was such good fun. So create games and buy a joint gift like a game, rather than individual presents.





Tip#7:

If they love to read and watch a film. I love a Christmas book and watching a movie. Last year my sons favourite was The Grinch, and before than was the Polar Express. You can buy films on google to watch via Youtube and I have done this often, for myself but thinking of doing this for my son to watch on his tablet, or watch via Sky or by disc and buy him a DVD player. We will speak to Santa.

I like to buy for Henry, my son, a new Christmas book, and so need to get them out and read them.

Tip#8:

Create a folder full of ideas. I have a folder that I will be getting out and great way to plan ahead and set a date of when is the best time to plan, using the folder to plan and start collecting ideas of gifts and décor, and Christmas card list too. Use it plan the gifts and shop around, before you buy, as you can find some really good deals.

Tip#9:

Keep a budget. I do this for each person and it is same amount for each person, with exception to my son, and stick to this amount. Create a wish list. Check out Amazon, to get ideas along with Pinterest and again print off to put into your folder.

I really hope you have a good one, and check out buyagift.com and places like Groupon who do fashion items and experiences, along with Red letter days and Virgin Experiences.

