

**Information about the entry 2023**

On Saturday November 25 2023, Sinterklaas will come back to Duivendrecht. He will arrive by boat at the Duivendrechtsekade at 12:30. Everyone is more than welcome to greet and celebrate Sinterklaas and his Pieten coming to our little town. Once he has arrived, we will march through the town together towards the Dorpsplein.

The route of the walk will go from the Rijksstraatweg, through the Burgemeester van Damstraat and the Populierstraat, to the In de Houtzaagmolen, In de Watermolen, In de Korenmolen and in the Pelmolen, through Plataanstraat we head back to the Rijksstraatweg and finish near the Dorpsplein. From approximately 14:00, everyone is welcome to greet Sinterklaas in the Dorpshuis. The children will get some nice treats and a present from Sinterklaas and his Pieten.

This is made possible by the gifts from residents, companies and entrepreneurs. This is why volunteers from the foundation will go from house to house in the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> of October between 17:00 until 19:00 to collect money in Duivendrecht and Diemen Biesbosch. Thanks to the gifts from the people in town it is possible for us to make the arrival of Sinterklaas a true event (for more information about the collection week, click [here](#)).

**Gluten free and sensory-friendly**

To make sure that ALL children can enjoy and celebrate this beautiful event, Sinterklaas has decided to ask Grandma-Piet to bake gluten free pepernoten for the children that are intolerant to gluten. Grandma-Piet is recognisable through her walker and a flag (thanks to the Dutch Coeliakie Foundation for gluten free pepernoten). For more information on Grandma-Piet and her gluten free delicacies, click [here](#).

For the children with a sensory disfunction or sensory processing disorder (children on the autism spectrum or high-sensitivity), we offer a sensory-friendly meeting with Sinterklaas. This will take place after the regular meeting with the Sint and his Pieten. It is required to make a reservation for the sensory friendly meeting with Sinterklaas because it takes some preparation and it has a limited number of places. For more information and to make a reservation, click [here](#).

**More on Facebook**

For more information and video's, we have a [Facebook page](#) where we post several exciting videos with our Raging Reporter Rosa surrounding the celebratory time with Sinterklaas. Everything the Pieten and the Sint are up to during the weeks leading up to *pakjesavond* (December 5) will be shown. Like our page and share our posts: that will only make the celebrations bigger.



*Route of the walk 2023*

### **Collection week 2023**

The volunteers of the foundation will go from door to door in Duivendrecht between October 16 and October 20 between 17:00 and 19:00 to collect money for the celebrations of Sinterklaas. With the money we receive this week, we will be able to create a beautiful event on November 25 for all children between the age of 0 to 10 years old from Duivendrecht and Diemen Biesbosch.

If you missed our knock on the door, there are other ways and possibilities to still support the foundation for the most beautiful event for the children in town. Below, there is a number of options you can choose from if you like to donate or help us organise this event every year. First of all, there is the option to make a donation through our bank account number: Stichting Sinterklaas in Duivendrecht (NL92 RABO 0372 2968 15).

To make things a bit easier, we have also created several QR-codes where you can donate either a specific amount, with a nice relation to the foundation or the town, or you can donate an amount by choice.



#### **December 5: Pakjesavond**

Scan de QR code with your camera-app or your bank-app, or click [here](#) to donate €5,12 to the foundation.



#### **The zip code of Duivendrecht: 1115**

Scan de QR code with your camera-app or your bank-app, or click [here](#) to donate €11,15 to the foundation.



#### **Decide your own amount**

Scan de QR code with your camera-app or your bank-app, or click [here](#) to donate an amount by choice to the foundation.

### **Gluten free Piet is coming to Duivendrecht**

During the celebratory day with Sinterklaas in Duivendrecht, there will be a Piet that will provide gluten free pepernoten. To make sure that ALL children can enjoy and celebrate this beautiful event, Sinterklaas has decided to ask Grandma-Piet to bake gluten free pepernoten for the children that are intolerant to gluten. Grandma-Piet is recognisable through her walker and a flag from the Dutch Coeliakie Foundation for gluten free pepernoten.

The NCV started a few years ago with Hoofdpiet Monique Stevens and a bunch of eager volunteers to make sure that children that are gluten intolerant can still enjoy the celebrations like any other kid. This year as well. Several towns have a gluten free Pie who, thanks to their sponsor Liberaire, hand out gluten free pepernoten. This year Duivendrecht will also have this option available.

### **How do you recognise the gluten free Piet?**

The gluten free pepernoten are handed out in a special NCV bag, to make sure the delicacy is not mixed with gluten filled pepernoten. Grandma-Piet is the only one handing out these pepernoten, and she is not handing out anything else. She is recognisable through her walker and the little flag of the NCV. Watch out! Maybe you will recognise her...

### **How does Grandma-Piet recognise you?**

Print [this colouring page](#) and colour it in with your prettiest pencils and drawing sticks. After, you can put the colouring page on your Pietenmuts, or your bag, you can make a flag out of it or lift it high up in the air. This way, Grandma-Piet will see you and know that you can only have gluten free pepernoten. You can also [download](#) and print a little flag and put it around a little stick to make your own gluten free flag!

### **Sensory friendly meeting with Sinterklaas**

The celebration on November 25 is an event with a lot of 'a lot': a lot of (sometimes loud) music, a lot of happy, exciting Pieten and a lot of children that want to say hello to Sinterklaas, make a picture and get some candy and presents. This will all happen in the gym of the Dorpshuis in Duivendrecht. The celebration that day requires a lot of fantasy and imagination of the children and it turns out to be a day filled with excitement and a lot of stimuli.

For some children, this can be too much, and the day Sinterklaas comes to Duivendrecht is less of a celebration and more of a sensory overload of too many sounds and things to see. For these children, we organise a sensory friendly meeting with Sinterklaas for the very first time.

De sensory friendly meeting with Sinterklaas will take place in a room specifically organised for the situation. The room has a minimal number of celebratory outings and the music will be soft. Sinterklaas and a maximum of two to three Pieten will be in the room (compared to around thirty Pieten during the regular meeting). The children can take place on a seat specifically for them with enough space for a parent or guardian to be with them as well. Sinterklaas will talk to them a bit (think of explaining to them what happened during the walk-through town earlier), or he will read them a story. Afterwards, the children will get a present and some delicacies made by the Pieten. It is also possible to take a picture with Sinterklaas, if the children want to. During this sensory friendly meeting, we will keep note of the needs of children within the autism spectrum, high-sensitivity, anxiety or what other reason that can cause a sensory overload.

The sensory friendly meeting with Sinterklaas will take place on November 25 starting at 16:30 and will be around fifteen minutes long. It is required to make a reservation for this time, due to the number of places we have and the preparations for the small event. There is a maximum of 25 children that can be there during this small meeting with Sinterklaas. If there are more children who want to be there during this time, we will look at the possibilities for a second round.

### **How to make a reservation?**

If you click [here](#), you can send an email for the sensory friendly meeting with Sinterklaas. Please send the following information: the name and age of the child(ren). The emails will be handled from first to last. You will get a confirmation email with the time and place you and your child are expected.