



Lantern Festival

What a magical event the Lantern Festival was. We'd like to say a big thank you to Mark for organising the procession and to everyone else who organised the spiral, the tree, the gifts and the singing.

The Advent gifts look amazing this year – each one is totally unique but all come together in true Froebelian Unity! Children will all have a turn to take a gift home from the tree before Christmas.

Winter Festival

The Winter Festival is one of the highlights of the school year and this year it comes hot on the heels of the beautiful lantern Festival last night. Lots of people have been working really hard behind the scenes to get everything ready. The children are very excited and have been working hard to learn their beautiful song as well as making things for the craft stall. As I write Elders are making reindeer from logs and twigs and Sycamores are cooking!

Helen Marriott Smith and her dedicated team have been working tirelessly organising the event and many of you have been making homemade crafts and will be making cakes etc. Others have been making decorations for the hall or the Snow Queen trail and it is all coming together tomorrow. The Winter Festival feels like a big undertaking (and for some it is!) but hopefully if we all pull together it can be a magical and beautiful event for everyone to enjoy.

Few last-minute pointers:

TICKETS – Everyone who comes needs a ticket. If you haven't bought yours yet we have them for sale in the office. Alternatively, if you are coming to help on Saturday or Sunday morning you can buy them then. They will also be for sale on the gate. **£4 adults £1.50 children**

WHO CAN COME – anyone can come, relatives, friends, neighbours, ex pupils and families, future pupils and families.

WHERE TO PARK – If you are setting up on the morning (we are starting at 9am) please park in school in the staff bays or main car park. If you are arriving after 11.45am you will need to park in Pilgrim Hall car park.

WHAT TO BRING – Please come with lots of change to have a go at the side shows and buy food etc. We will have floats but don't want to run out of loose change.

CAKES

Please bake a cake/mince pies etc and bring it before the Festival starts or take them to Fiona PY who will be in the hall where the food will be.

FOOD MENU

This year the menu for the Winter Festival café will be Vegetarian Chilli with Nachos, Pizza baguettes and Mixed Pepper and Chickpea soup. Tea, coffee and cake will be available all afternoon.

SETTING UP

We are setting up the site on Saturday from 10am and on Sunday from 9am. If you are haven't yet volunteered to help more help is always appreciated. If you are erecting gazebos on Saturday please bring any large empty water bottles with you to weight down the gazebos on the playground.

Tea and biscuits provided!

HELP ON THE DAY

Some stalls will need someone to take over part-way through the afternoon. Please offer to relieve someone who looks like they are stuck on a stall.

CLEARING UP

We will need to get everywhere back to normal in the afternoon so if you can stay back for an hour at the end we would again much appreciate it.

To contact Helen and the Friends committee email them on friends@annanschool.co.uk or Helen's personal email is helen@kudocommunications.co.uk

RUNNING ORDER FOR THE FESTIVAL

Don't miss anything – here is the running order of timetabled events.

Obviously, all the stalls and food will be running throughout.



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| 12.00 | Winter Festival opens!
Food, stalls and raffle all happening from 12pm |
| 12.30 | First Snow Queen Magical Story Trail sets off (pre-booking on the day essential)
(Further Snow Queen trails set off at 1.30pm and 2.30pm) |
| 1.00pm | First Puppet Show for under 5's (free to attend) |
| 1.00pm | Music performances on Pagoda (free)
John on Guitar
Lucy Albuquerque singing
Jess on guitar and vocals |
| 2.00pm | Whole School Winter Festival Song |
| 2.10 | Carol singing around the pagoda led by John on guitar |
| 2.30 | Second Puppet Show for under 5's (free to attend) |
| 2.45pm | Raffle and Prizes draw |
| 3.00pm | Winter Festival closes (clear down) |

We need to get everywhere back to normal for Monday so please stay back to help at the end if you can.

Christmas Concert: Monday 11th December

Thanks for getting your requests for tickets into the office. It makes it so much easier for us knowing how many people are coming.

Paula will be sending home tickets next week.

Refugee project

Last term Mikey Tomkins (Cassia & Fabian's dad) was doing work with Elders, Willows and Oak Trees drawing pictures and sending messages to the refugees he works with in Kurdistan. Some of the Elders were invited to take part in a radio interview with BBC Sussex. Mikey has an exhibition of his photographs of some of the families he's worked with building gardens in the camps in Lewes from 8-14th Dec at Lewes Depot. Do pop along to see it if you can. <https://lewesdepot.org/news/growing-dignity>

Week 4th - 8th December

Sunday

WINTER FESTIVAL 12pm-3.00pm

Monday

School lunch - Pizza

Staff meeting 3.45pm

Tuesday

School lunch - Cheese & potato pie

Netball club

Wednesday

School Choir

Thursday

Friday