

## Annan Values

This week our newsletter will be thinking about the core Annan value of **Community**.

Froebel believed schools were a community where children could grow and learn at their own pace, with adults who understood their development and cultivated their learning, just as good gardeners tend young plants. The nurturing and supportive way everyone treats each other in our community is so important. A Froebelian community aims to promote inclusion, diversity and belonging. Froebel would probably have agreed with the African proverb which says that it takes a whole village to raise a child. At Annan we think about the school as a community and the school in the community. Members of our school community are the children, their parents and families, teaching and non-teaching staff.



The school Froebel established in Keilhau, had a strong community ethos where tasks were shared, much like we share the setting up and clearing away of lunch tables and working on projects in the gardens at Annan. In Froebel's schools, festivals were celebrated, and music, songs, dance and drama were central to the community, much as we celebrate our Lantern Advent Festival, Winter Festival and other festivals during the year.

Froebel saw his school as central to the local community, taking the

children out to visit the town square and the local businesses. Many nursery rhymes were written by Froebel to teach children about local tradespeople, such as 'Pat-a-cake' which he wrote all about the local baker. We invite a wide range of local people into school. The most recent 'I believe' project prompted numerous visits from people talking about their beliefs, and we have also had people coming in to demonstrate a skill or run a workshop. Our visits to the care home in the local community enable children to mix with other generations and think about other people and the wider community.



We like to think that when children leave Annan they are still a part of our community. What we give children at Annan is more than a great academic curriculum, it is more than skills learnt and friends made, it is a kind of inner feeling or spirit which stays with you for long after you leave. On many Inset Days for local secondary schools we have children who have left us returning to help. Today Indigo and Laurie joined us for the day. When we light candles in the New Year we often think of friends who have moved away and choose someone to focus our thoughts on. A favourite expression of ours is that 'you can take a child out of Annan, but you can't take Annan out of the child'.

The joy and love we share as a community at Annan is so special that for our alumni it lives on and stays a very real part of their life. When children leave us, we feel sad that we won't see them again every day but are proud of what they have achieved. They often send thank you cards with comments such as:

*"Annan helped to create roots that extend a lifetime."*

*"Annan brings out the best in people and is certainly somewhere we will always remember very fondly."*

*"As our paths differ we hold dear to our hearts the foundation that Annan provided."*

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER.

Don't forget our **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

If you would like to take part just wear a festive jumper to school. It would be

great if everyone taking part could bring in an item for the Tombola. The Tombola theme is 'red' so items should be 'red' related and can be something very simple. It can be something bought or homemade.



## Winter Festival – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 12.00-3.00pm

The Festival will run from 12-3pm on Sunday 9th December. If you have friends and family who would like to come along, please do bring them-the more the merrier!

**Tickets** for the festival are on sale in the office – please buy them in advance (especially if you are running a stall). £5 for adults & £2 for children and will include a complimentary drink.

**Hot food** - There will be hot food available, so you can come for lunch. Henry & Libby Turner will be serving some delicious savoury delights. There will also be mulled drinks, teas & coffees and a variety of yummy cakes. We might even have sweet treats warming on the fire pit.

### We will have a range of stalls including...

-Homemade goodies created by the children at Craft Club and parents too.

-Bric a Brac - books & toys. Thank you for the donations we have received so far, if you would like to bring some bits in, the boxes are inside the school hall.

-If you would like to do some Christmas shopping, we will have Usborne Books, Neal's Yard products, Art, Silver Jewellery, Crochet and Crafts stalls.

### Lots of games and activities to have a go at.

- Gingerbread People Decorating

- Candle Making

- Face Painting

- Festive Crafts

**The Snow Queen will hopefully make an appearance**

**Throughout the festival we will be entertained by a band, singers and a clarinet player.**

**Storytelling and a puppet show.**

**The school choir will be singing and the whole school will be performing a school Festive song.**

### Reminders...

**Children's Winter Photography Competition** - £1 per entry with a prize of a Mini Photoshoot. All your child/children need to do is take a Wintery photo between now and 9th December, send it into school on or before the Winter Festival (as jpeg or as a print out) with the entry fee.

All entries will be judged by the Photographer. We will try to display the photos at the Winter Festival.

**We hope you will join us on 9th December.** It should be a fun, festive afternoon for all the family and help us to raise money for woodwork and gymnastics equipment to enrich our children's learning.

**Nadine & the Friends Committee**

**Volunteers now needed from each family to sign up for ½ hour slots on a stall on the day. Please sign list outside the hall.**

**Don't forget to make cakes to bring on the day.**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE RE

### PARKING FOR THE WINTER FESTIVAL

Stall holders and people setting up – **park in school spaces**

Parents and visitors attending the Winter Festival and all entry after 11.30am - **Pilgrim Hall only**



### Timetable for w/c 03.12.18

#### Monday:

Xmas Jumper Day

School lunch: winter veg soup and bread

#### Tuesday:

School lunch: pizza and veggies

Kinderplay 10.00-11.30am

#### Wednesday:

#### Thursday:

#### Friday:

Infant House Care Home Visit

#### Sunday:

Winter Festival – 12pm – 3pm