



## Advent Festival

Advent is a time to wait, not quite time to celebrate.....

We all enjoyed a joyous lantern Festival on Tuesday.

Well done to everyone for assembling the lanterns at home. It was so lovely that we could have everyone together this year to enjoy the magic of the lanterns.

Thanks to Mark and Helen for organising the event and for making the advent spiral.

At our weekly gathering on Friday we thought about the meaning of Advent which is "coming" and learnt about the first Advent calendars. We sang our advent song and scored 4/5 in an Advent quiz.



## Kindergarten think about Advent

Kindergarten have been discussing why we celebrate Advent and learning about joys of giving.

They have made stars to adorn the Annan Christmas Tree at Holy Cross church and have been making healing ointment and tree decorations in preparation for the, 'Made with love', stall at the Winter Festival. Kindergarten have been discussing why we celebrate Advent and learning about the joy of giving.



## Annan Christmas Tree

A big well done to everyone in school who made stars of all different kinds using traditional Froebel occupations.

There was paper folding, crafting, woodwork, cooking and even sewing examples on the tree.

Thanks to Nadine and Laura for decorating it at Holy Cross Church for the Festival of Trees. Do go and visit.







When we are being creative, we give body to thought: we render visible the invisible.  
Froebel



### Willow Tree Work

This week Willow class finished off their tree writing and artwork to make a fantastic display in the classroom. It was great to see how much care the children took with their handwriting while doing this piece of work.

In their topic lessons they moved onto the next step on their 'big ideas' journey through time by looking at the industrial revolution. They looked at how life changed for people during this time and had the opportunity to reflect on the benefits and negative consequences of industrialisation. The children used their writing skills and imaginations to put themselves into the position of a child who had to work in the factories and created a diary extract to show what their day might have been like.



### Moving Mechanisms

To follow their theme of industry, Willows had a DT afternoon on Thursday where the children could use the STEAM room to invent, engineer and create moving mechanisms.



### Elder Class fashion parade

Elder Class have been studying "Clothes through time". Each child chose a period of history to research and made a costume from their chosen era. This week they put on a fashion show of the costumes they had made set to music from the right period to show the school their creations. Kevin (Issy's dad) kindly filmed the parade so parents can share their wonderful work.

### Chestnuts take off!

Chestnuts have been preparing for the winter festival by baking deliciously spiced treats and singing their winter songs every morning in preparation for their upcoming performances. In science, Chestnuts investigated how hot air can make things move by making hot-air balloons!

### Roundhouses now complete

This week in Forest School Elder class joined with Oak Trees to help them complete their settlement of roundhouses in the woods. It was lovely to see the children working together and then playing together in the woods.





## Winter Festival – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

We are all looking forward to our first Winter Festival since 2018!

The organising committee have been working really hard and it is now down to everyone in the community to come along and help and enjoy the day. Please bring with you any baked goods and other items such as homemade gifts. We will also need lots of help setting up on the morning from 8.30am and clearing away. Tickets available at the gate.

You can buy a family ticket for £20 which admits up to 5 people. Individual tickets are £5.

Entrance includes a puppet show and live music.

Don't forget to remember to bring cash to spend on the day!



## Christmas Events

### Uckfield Carol singing– Friday 3rd December

We are taking part in the Schools Carol singing event. Our junior children will be performing on the Uckfield FM stage in the High Street in Uckfield at 6.30pm. Do come along and support.

### Christmas Celebration - Wednesday 8th December

Please join us for our Christmas Celebration on 8th December from 2pm. Parking available in the playground. Come dressed as carol singers and we will walk around the school grounds listening to each class perform their Christmas song. Dress up warmly and bring a lantern if you like. We will serve mince pies and hot drinks at the end.

### Christmas Lunch and parties

Children's Christmas lunch will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Class Christmas parties will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December (details from class teachers).

### Menu for next week:

Monday -	Sausage, mash, gravy and veggies and Christmas crackers.
Tuesday -	Enchiladas and veggies
Wednesday -	Winter veg soup + homemade bread
Thursday -	Macaroni cheese and veggies
Friday:	Packed Lunch

### Diary dates:

Uckfield Late Night Shopping – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Winter Festival - Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 12pm – 3pm
Christmas Celebration - Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
First Day of Spring Term – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January