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FACT FILE

Festivity? Autumn Day (it is a working day)

When? In October.

Where? At primary schools in Atarfe.

Why? Because teachers work about this season with their pupils

Teachers and pupils welcome autumn season at school.

**Pupils take autumn typical fruit to schools
and they sit down around a table to eat them.**

Pupils share fruit with their teachers and their parents.

They feel very happy.

**You can see a lot of fruit such as mandarins, pomegranates,
persimmons, madrones or red date.**

Dried nuts such as walnut, chestnuts, almonds, pine cones or acorn

Students sometimes also bring pumpkins.

**Some parents go to the school and they roast chestnuts in the playground
to celebrate autumn day with children and teachers.**

Children often wear costumes. They dress up as a leaf, a chestnut, etc.

It's time to eat autumn typical fruits.

Roberto Verdejo Padial

**Can you name the fruit in the pictures?
Do you have them in your country?**



FACT FILE

Festivity? Epiphany/The Three Wise Men/The Three Kings (it is a working day)

When? On the 5th of January

Where? In the whole country

Why? They come to celebrate the birth of Jesus



In Spain, the cities and towns are illuminated.

During Christmas, the children write letters to the Three Wise Men asking for gifts.

In the evening there are cheerful parades in every village, town or city to celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men.

Melchor, Gaspar and Baltasar take part in the parade, they come to celebrate the birth of the child Jesus.

The floats in the parade are full of people beautifully dressed. They throw sweets to the children.

That night, the Three Kings visit all the children and leave gifts behind.

Kids leave some milk for the Kings and straw for the camels.

The next morning, the children open their gifts if they've been good.

But bad children only get sweet coal candy.

We also eat the Three kings' cake, it is a traditional sponge cake filled with cream and fruits.

In conclusion, in the streets you feel happiness and illusion.

Susana Martín Muñoz

**Do you have a festivity to exchange presents ?
When is it? How do you call it?**

Some vocabulary in images



Parade



Float



Coal candy



Roscón de Reyes



FACT FILE

Festivity? Carnival/Mardi Gras (it is a working day)

When? During February or early March

Where? In different cities and towns (not the whole country)

Why? to celebrate life before Ash Wednesday -

the day when Lent (the six weeks of penitence before Easter) begins

Carnival is a religious tradition.

We all do the same, we dress up, we dance

We vote for a "Carnival Queen", we have singing contests

We disguise ourselves

There are contests to see who is the one who has the best disguise.

I celebrate it with my friends and my family.

I feel happy and content and the rest of the people are very happy too

I can hear music: drums, trumpets

We eat special sweets during Carnival:

fried milk (leche frita), light-as-air Spanish fritters (buñuelos de viento),

Spanish bread pudding (torrijas) or cuajada de carnaval de Granada.

Ainhoa Valero Valero

**Do you have a special day when most people
dress up in costumes and party?**

Some of our sweets in images



Fried milk



Light-as-air Spanish fritters



Spanish bread pudding



Cuajada de Carnaval



FACT FILE

Festivity? Day of Andalucía (it is a bank holiday in Andalucía)

When? On the 28th of February

Where? In Andalucía

Why? To celebrate the day when Andalucía became an autonomous community in Spain

We hang flags, sing the hymn and eat ham snack

We eat snack with oil and ham

I share this day with my friends and my family

I feel happy and excited

I can see flags everywhere and listen to the Andalucía anthem

Patricia Molero Molina

FACT FILE

Festivity? Palm Sunday - Holy Week (it is Sunday)

When? (It varies – in April or May). This year is on the 14th of April

Where? In the whole country

Why? It commemorates the day of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem



We commemorate the entrance of our Lord Jesus to Jerusalem in a procession.

Everyone receives him with a palm leaf.

We can see Jesus, the Virgin and loads of palm leaves.

**We can feel the smell of incense that they throw during the procession
and also the smell of candles.**

We can listen to the music of the bands.

**Penitents wear different colour penitent robes according to the type of procession,
altar servers usually dress in white - a symbol for peace.**

But normally on Palm Sunday they wear red to symbolize the blood of Jesus.

All citizens who are Catholics share this day - we go to mass.

Traditionally, Christians only eat fish and not meat during Easter.

Cristina Funes Maldonado

**Do you have special religious celebrations?
How do you call them?**

Some vocabulary in images



Palm tree leaves



Donkey



Procession



Candle



FACT FILE

Festivity? Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday (it is a bank holiday)

When? (It varies – in April or May). This year is on the 18th of April

Where? In the whole country

Why? Observed in the Christian Church as a commemoration of the Last Supper.

My family does not celebrate Holy Thursday because we are Muslims,

but it is observed in the Christian church as a commemoration of the Last Supper.

I do not celebrate it, but I like to enjoy it with my friends and see how they celebrate it.

I see people wearing some elegant clothes.

People do not eat meat, they only eat fish during Easter

Aya Zerhouni El Aloui

FACT FILE

Festivity? May Crosses (it is a working day)

When? On the 3rd of May

Where? In Andalucía – Córdoba, Huelva, Málaga y Granada

Why? Veneration of the cross



This celebration started in the 19th in The USA
because workers wanted better working conditions.

It was marked by protests and demonstrations.

But today, it is a celebration.

It's a day off to enjoy for many workers,
It's an amazing day because we don't have school,
we can spend the day with family or friends.

This day is really nice, people can sleep more.

It's really a good day.

Shuting Li

FACT FILE

Festivity? Spanish National Day/Hispanic Day (it is a bank holiday)

When? On the 12th of October

Where? In the whole of Spain

Why? to commemorate the date when Christopher Columbus first set foot in the Americas



We don't go to school that day but at home we celebrate it,
we eat traditional food like Spanish omelette and meat.

We are so happy that day!

Some people meet their friends and celebrate this day with them.

In my neighbourhood some people put Spanish flags in their windows and decorate their houses.
At night, people make up their faces with red, yellow and red: those are the Spanish flag's colours!

That day, there is a military parade in Madrid, the capital city.

King Felipe IV and the "Presidente del Gobierno" - Prime Minister – preside the ceremony.

Also, there is an air parade, the air force flies leaving trails of red and yellow smoke.

We can watch it on TV.

I feel so proud and happy!

That day I'm curious about Spain's history.

The Spanish anthem sounds and we never get tired of hearing it.

Leila Benkhaddour González

**When is your national day?
How do you call it?**

Some vocabulary in images



FACT FILE

Festivity? All Saint's Day (it is a bank holiday)

When? On the 1st of November

Where? In the whole country

Why? To take flowers to the tombs of the cemetery and remember the dead

FACT FILE

Festivity? Christmas' Eve (it is a working day)

When? On the 24th December

Where? In the whole country

Why? to celebrate the birth of child Jesus



In Spain Christmas Eve is usually celebrated in family,

We get together for a family meal.

We eat seafood, sausages, ham and other Iberic products.

and some food that the family considers special.

Finally we eat nougat.

The most animated families drink, dance and sing Christmas carols

This night Father Christmas comes to bring me gifts.

Adrián Alanís Jiménez



FACT FILE

Festivity? Holy Innocents Day / All Fools' Day (it is a working day)

When? On the 28th of December

Where? In Spain

Why? To remember the cruel deaths of the male children of Bethlehem by Herod -
he wanted to kill Jesus

In Spain, we play jokes on friends
and we call the unfortunate victim "*inocente*"
Some newspapers report fake stories
I spend this day with my family and friends
I am cheerful or scared
I see the jokes that people make and I hear laughter or screams
People don't wear special costumes or make any special food

Bárbara Ruiz Chinchilla

Do you have a special day for hoaxes or pranks?

When is it? How do you call it?

FACT FILE

Festivity? New Year's Eve (it is a working day)

When? On the 31st of December

Where? In the whole country

Why? To celebrate the last day of the year and welcome the new year



I am with family:

with my parents, my grandparents, my brother, my uncles and aunts

I feel like this is the best day of the year

Everybody is happy

I can see many lights,

I can hear Christmas carols and I can smell good food

We can eat lobster, prawns, steak etc

Roberto García