



The Art Angels Press Release

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Top Tips For The Perfect Kid's Party!

Children's craft specialist, The Art Angels (<http://www.the-art-angels.co.uk>), really know what they are talking about as they have travelled most of the country providing parents with a heavenly solution for the hell that can be kids parties.

"Parents are under so much pressure to provide the best party in the class as peer pressure has even started to affect something as innocent as a birthday party," says Vicky Connor, the creator and owner of The Art Angels.

"It has gone from pass the parcel and a bit of cake to kids trying to out do each other with ridiculously expensive presents in the party bags. I really feel for parents but with a bit of forethought, imagination and common sense there is no reason to start to panic at the mere thought of organising a party."

Vicky's Top 5 Tips For The Perfect Party

1) Book Everything At Least 6-8 Weeks In Advance

Most church halls and children's entertainers need plenty of notice so make sure these basics are the first thing you think of. Don't leave it to the last minute and certainly don't book it AFTER you have invited the entire class (unless you are happy to have 30 six year olds tearing around your house!).

2) Keep a Database of the Invited Children's Contact Details

This might sound a bit ridiculous but how many times have you got to the morning of the party and had no idea of how many kids are coming and no way of finding out? This makes a stress where there needn't be any! Making a quick list of names and numbers means you can pin it to the fridge, tick off the kids names as they reply, note any food allergies they may have and make it easier to see who you need to confirm with.

3) Keep It Simple!

That should be your mantra especially when it comes to food especially - the simpler you can make it the better. Kids are less concerned with variety than you are and this is not the time to show off the marvels you can create with asparagus! Just remember that nobody expects their child to get their 5 a day at a birthday party...The best parties I have ever worked at had chips, hotdogs (vegetarian varieties are available) and simple cakes on offer. Really quick and simple to prepare and really cheap too!

4) Best Laid Plans...

Have a vague outline of how you want the party to go but don't attempt to stick to it come what may - this will only stress you out. Have a list of party games that you have pre-prepared prizes for so that should you get any mad E number-induced hysterics you can easily get some order back into the proceedings.

5) Talk to Your Birthday Girl or Boy

You would be amazed how many parties I have attended where the birthday girl or boy has had absolutely nothing to do with their own party. Usually this ends in tears as a parent has no idea what the child actually wanted and as they have based it on their own party experiences (over 20 years previously in many cases!) it is not even remotely close to what the child would have liked. Supermarkets do a great range of party bag fillers that are bright, cheerful (and more importantly - reasonably priced) so why not make a trip together to get a few ideas?



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Notes for Editors

The Art Angels was launched by Vicky Connor in 2006 to entertain and educate children through the use of arts and craft techniques. The three main aspects of the business, which is based near Bolton, are children's parties, an online craft club, and corporate activities. The business has recently expanded from the north-west, and Art Angels are now available to attend children's parties in Berkshire, London, Essex, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey.

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