

Earlier today the Formentera Council's Office of Culture and Local Holidays unveiled details of Carnaval 2017 festivities, which are scheduled to take place Sunday February 26 in Sant Francesc. Participants are called upon to gather in the Sa Senieta car park at 11.00am to sign up for the day's contest. Setting off at 12 noon, the procession will wind down main streets of Sant Francesc, helped along by the music of Voice & Senses.

The parade route will have participants walking up avinguda Pla del Rei to carrer d'Eivissa and then onto plaça de la Constitució. From there, they'll descend carrer Jaume I, turn first onto carrer Marc Ferrer and then carrer Santa Maria before finally returning to the town square. Anyone in fancy dress can take part in the day's contest and will be eligible for numerous cash prizes.

Prizes:
Adult (individual)
First place €200
Second place €150

Kids (individual)
First place €100
Second place €60

Couples
First place €300
Second place €200

Families
First place €300
Second place €200

Small groups [three to ten people]
First place €400
Second place €250

Large groups [ten plus]
First place €500
Second place €350

Floats [with vehicle]
First place €950
Second place €650

As culture and holidays councillor Susana Labrador pointed out, post-parade tunes will be provided by DJ Pharma, who will do his best to get both young and old dancing. “It's a day when everyone in fancy dress is a star,” said the councillor.

Lunch starts at 2.00pm, with a community meal organised by parents of six year students and the parents' association of Mestre Lluís Andreu. Proceeds will go to fund students' year-end trip. Anyone in fancy dress eats free. In the words of Councillor Labrador, who underscored the excitement and effort involved in making Carnaval a success, “Here's hoping everyone who wants to will have a ball”.