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- Hello, dear guests! Welcome to our festival "Shrovetide Party". "Shrovetide Party" is a traditional holiday. You will learn about customs and traditional meals of this holiday.
- How long does "Shrovetide" last?

So "Shrovetide" lasts 7 days. Every day has its own meaning and people have special events. Let's get to

know about it.



• Russia celebrates Shrovetide, or Pancake week, one of the jolliest, most vivid and fun-filled holiday every year.

The tradition of celebrating Shrovetide came to us from Pre-Christian Russia. This is a holiday of saying a farewell to Winter, and greeting Spring, Nature's awakening and life renewal. The attribute of Shrovetide





- Shrovetide is celebrated for a whole week, and every day of the week serves its purposes.
- Monday means "Meeting day". Thus, on Monday people dressed up the straw doll of Shrovetide, which they took out into the streets and strode around with. Children built snow hills and shouted: "Shrovetide is here!"





- On Tuesday fellows invited girls to go sledging and to eat pancakes. That was an opportunity to get a closer look at one another and find future life partners.
- On Wednesday, called "Sweet-tooth", pancakes were served in all the houses. Travelling shows appeared everywhere. Pancakes, hot sbiten («mead»), roasted nuts, honey cakes were on sale. Mothers-in-law invited their sons-in-law and their relatives to eat pancakes.

- Thursday marked the start of "Broad Maslenitsa" the culmination of Shrovetide. The fun spills out into the streets of towns and villages. On this day one was to eat as many pancakes as he could eat.
- On Friday On that day it was a tradition for mothers-in-law to visit their sons-in-law.





- On Saturday a young daughter-in-law invited her husband's relatives and guests were to appraise her culinary abilities.
- Sunday the last day of Shrovetide is called "Forgiveness Sunday". On that day the straw doll of Shrovetide was cast into a bonfire, with the ashes scattered over the fields to ensure a good harvest.



The most important part of the holiday is eating pancakes. Pancakes symbolize Yarilo, the ancient God of Sun. People suppose by eating pancakes, they get the power, light and warmth of the Sun.

