

Dear Parents and Carers,



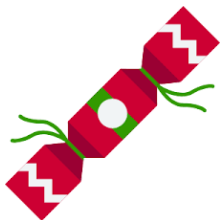
Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you for the fantastic turnout for pupil progress meetings this week. We hope you found them informative and supportive. It was wonderful to see pupils talking about the work that has made them proud, their enjoyment of learning and hearing the praise that flowed through the hall for their hard work.

If you have any follow up queries please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo.

Community Remembrance Service

On Sunday 10th November, 10.30am the community of Aberbargoed will gather at St Peter's Church. A prayer will be shared at 10.40am, followed by a march towards the memorial garden where a remembrance service will be led by members of the community. All pupils are invited to come forward in the service and sing a song they have been learning in school. We hope to see as many as possible joining the service. Pupils must be supervised by a responsible adult throughout the service. Pupils are welcome to wear their school jumpers but this is not essential. We had an assembly today where we talked about the service and how pupils can demonstrate our school rules of readiness, responsibility, respect and being safe as part of this event.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner this year will be Wednesday December 4th. Nearer the time we will send out a really quick survey to check numbers of pupils who plan to have Christmas dinner to help our wonderful catering staff to plan. Over the last few years children have really enjoyed bringing in a cracker on this day to make dinner even more special.

Please feel free to send in a cracker whether your child is having dinners or sandwiches. Children may also wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

Fireworks

Pupils have enjoyed sharing their experiences of bonfire night, it's been lovely to hear about the glittering lights and sparking skies.

Unfortunately, I need to draw attention to a very near miss that took place, where a staff member narrowly missed a firework passing them in the school grounds as they were leaving the site. On inspection of school grounds a firework has hit the school roof causing damage and another extremely large firework landed within the school grounds. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, this is very concerning for us in school. We would appreciate your support in future years to avoid this recurring. As you are aware finances for all schools is a challenge and having to repair sections of the roof are costly.



Parent and Carer Workshop - Nurs, Rec and Y1

Want to know more about why your child plays in a certain way? Join us for a Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parent and carer workshop to learn about 'Schema'. Schema is the way in which children try to make sense of the world, one action at a time through their play.

The workshop will be on 28th November 9.10am-10am in the school hall. Mrs Phillips will lead the training.



Anti-bullying Weeks - Odd Socks Day

On Monday 11th November we encourage children to wear odd socks to show their support for Anti-bullying week. Pupils will complete learning tasks throughout the week around topics of anti-bullying.

Children in Need

Next Friday 15th November, pupils are invited to wear as many spots as they can to celebrate Children in Need. All donations will be gratefully received for the charity. Pupils will complete activities in school to celebrate the day. Pupils often ask if they can wear spotty pyjamas on this day. Please consider the suitability of the pyjamas based on the weather. Pupils need to be able to be warm/cool enough to focus on learning and play outdoors. **Pupils must wear suitable**

footwear to go outside, no slippers or crocs are to be worn.



Friends of Aberbargoed

The AGM is on Monday 11th November, 3.30pm in the school hall. Please come along to support. We have not received any nomination slips yet. A reminder without the 4 positions I emailed out about this week the committee will not be able to be formed. Without this a bank account cannot be created. We will therefore not be able to access funds generated by the Asda cashpot scheme (over £400) nor other charity grants. Without this funding and funding raised by such a committee additional experiences for pupils will also be impacted. We really need your help.

We look forward to seeing their spotty-creativity!

Miss Everson