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# Aberdare Park Primary Newsletter

Dear pupils, parents, guardians and friends,

Welcome to the very first **Aberdare Park Primary Newsletter**, written by the Year 6 pupils.

The magical Christmas season is fast approaching but here at Aberdare Park Primary we are already embracing the Christmas spirit by practising for concerts and getting covered in glitter making our Christmas cards! So pull out your Christmas jumpers and get ready for the following events:

- \* **Thursday 4th Dec - 3.00p.m. Christmas Fayre**
- \* **Friday 5th Dec. - 9.30 am Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert**
- \* **Monday 8th Dec. - 9.30 am Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert**
- \* **Wednesday 10th Dec - 9.30 Y1 - Y3 Christmas Concert  
- 1.45 Y4 - Y6 Christmas Concert**
- \* **Thursday 11th Dec - 9.30 Y4 - Y6 Christmas Concert  
- 1.45 Y1 - Y3 Christmas Concert**
- \* **Friday 12th Dec - Christmas Treats for all the children**
- \* **Thursday 18th Dec - 10.30 Carol Service & Tableau at St Fagan's Church for pupils**
- \* **Friday 19th Dec - 9.30 - 12.30 - Christmas Party**

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**Harvest Festival**-Our Harvest Festival was an enjoyable celebration that consisted of songs and poems reminding us how fortunate we are to have sufficient food. However, many people are struggling to feed their families so the school decided to collect food for Merthyr Cynon Foodbank. Year 6 created an informative and emotive *Powerpoint* on this non-profit making charity. The Merthyr and Cynon Foodbank forwarded the school a 'Certificate of Appreciation' in recognition of our valuable harvest donation of 21.6 kg (which will provide 51 meals) and a cheque donation of £184.19.







**Art-Exhibition** - On Thursday 13th November at 2.30p.m our school held an Art- Exhibition where each class displayed their art work for parents and guardians to view. Leading up to this event, pupils researched various artists and some classes drew inspiration from our beautiful Aberdare Park.

Children enjoyed preparing for the exhibition and were very proud to 'show off' their creations. Numerous parents praised their hard work; Mr Burgess (father of Zac Burgess), remarked, " The children have all worked, very hard."

Mrs Crowl (mother of Eve Crowl), pronounced, "It's fabulous!"



**Children In Need** - This year the children dressed up as super-heroes and the teachers organised fun activities to raise money for **Children In Need**. In total the sum raised was **£403.35**. Thank you to everyone who donated.



**Anti Bullying Week 17th -21st November 2014**

Anti-Bullying Week highlights the impact of bullying on children and young people in our schools, communities and in cyberspace. We learnt what to do if we were being bullied or if we know of someone else who is experiencing bullying . An anti-bullying competition was entered by some of the pupils from Year 6 where you had to design a picture, poster, poem, song or gadget to promote '**LETS STOP BULLYING FOR ALL!**'

On December 19th 2014, our beloved Headteacher Mrs. Philippa Thomas will be retiring. Mrs. Thomas began her teaching career twenty eight years ago at Boarshaw School, Manchester; in 1989 Mrs. Thomas became a teacher at Comin Infants School. Then in 1993, Mrs. Thomas left and became Deputy Headteacher at a school in Merthyr. However, she could not stay away and after eighteen months returned as Deputy Headteacher, becoming Headteacher of Comin Infants School in 1997. The amalgamation of the three schools (Comin Infants, Comin Juniors and Robertstown Nursery), took place in January 2010. Mrs. Thomas was then appointed Headteacher of the newly named Aberdare Park Primary School.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Thomas all the best for the future and may she nurture and care for her garden as much as she cares for us.

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