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Halloween parties

Information was sent home earlier this week to confirm that the Halloween parties will go ahead. Please note parents/carers **MUST** consent and pay through Parentpay **on or before 29th October 2019, there will not be an option to book a place from Tuesday onwards.**

The parties are on Thursday 31 October 2019 at: P1-P3 3.30pm – 4.30pm; P4-P7 5pm – 6.15pm
Children are welcome to come to school in Halloween dress if they would like to on Thursday.

In-Service Training Days

We remind parents/carers that the school and ELC will be closed on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th November 2019 for staff training.

Parents/carers Consultations with Teachers – November 2019

Thank you to all the parent/carers who have already booked an appointment to see their child's class teacher(s). We remind those who have yet to make their appointment to do so before the system closes on 10th November 2019. Booking information was sent to the main parental contact and re-iterate **parent/carers who do not live together are requested to communicate and book a time suitable for both parties to attend.**

Due to the number of children in classes it is not possible for appointments to be split. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or issues.

REMINDERS

School's Lottery

Melrose Primary School has launched a lottery, **the first draw will be Saturday 9 November 2019** - the lottery is open to all, anyone over the age of 16 can join, please spread the word.

Visit: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

Easy fundraising - a free and simple way of raising funds for the school

Register with Easy Fundraising to raise funds for school without contributing yourself! If you are making online purchases all you need to do is to register www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melroseprimary
Once registered all you need to do when you shop on line is to sign into the Easy Fundraising site before starting to shop. You then shop in the normal way; the retailer automatically makes a contribution to school funds. You can upload a donation reminder so you don't forget!

Aldi Kit for Schools

The school is taking part in the Aldi kit for schools promotion in an attempt to win £20,000 for the school. The school needs to collect as many 'stickers' as possible to fill a promotion poster. If you, or anyone you know, shop in Aldi please collect the stickers and hand them into school. Stickers are given when £30 or more is spent in an Aldi store.

Fundraising Bake Sales

Thanks to everyone who helped make our P2 bake sale a success. Cake boxes and plates are in the office to be collected. The schedule for the remainder of the year is below; ideally we will have a couple of parents/carers from each year to organise their sale. If you can help out with this please email Amanda at ajrobinsonx@gmail.com.

Friday 22 November P1

Friday 24 January P4

Friday 28 February P3

Friday 3 April P7

Friday 24 April P6

Friday 22 May tbc

Assemblies

Assemblies take place on Thursdays from 2.30-3.00pm, unless otherwise stated. Parents/carers are invited to attend assemblies involving their children. Year group assembly dates are listed below.

Class assemblies

Class assemblies are part of our reporting procedures as they are an opportunity for learners to share their learning with parent/carers. Class assembly dates will be shared with parents/carers at least 4 weeks in advance through the School App and in the School Newsletter.

Year group assembly dates:

- 14 November 2019 – Remembrance Assembly led by P7 year group
- 28 November 2019 – St Andrews Day Assembly led by P2 year group
- 19 December 2019 – Christmas Church Service led by P5 year group
- 23 January 2020 – Burns Assembly led by P6 year group
- 3 April 2020 – Easter Church Service led by P4 year Group

Diary Dates

School closures, changes and new events are highlighted in bold writing.

Thursday 31 October 2019	Halloween Parties in school hall
Thursday 7 – Friday 8 Nov 2019	Staff In - Service Training Days – school/ELC closed for pupils
Thursday 14 November 2019	Flu Immunisations
Monday 18 November 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Wednesday 20 November 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Thursday 21 November 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Friday 22 November 2019	Fundraising Bake Sale led by P1 year group
Monday 2 Dec 2019	St Andrews Day Holiday
Thursday 5 December 2019	Christmas Fundraiser
Wednesday 11 December 2019	P1 Nativity Show 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 12 December 2019	P4 and P5 Christmas Parties
Monday 16 December 2019	P2 and P3 and P7 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 17 December 2019	P1 and P6 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 18 December 2019	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 December 2019	Christmas Church Service led by P5 – 9.30 am
Friday 20 Dec – Fri 3 Jan 2020	School Holiday
Friday 24 January 2020	Fundraising Bake Sale led by P4 year group
Friday 14 February 2020	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Friday 28 February 2020	Fundraising Bake Sale led by P3 year group
Monday 17 – Wednesday 19 Feb 2020	School Holidays
Friday 3 April 2020	Fundraising Bake Sale led by P7 year group
Friday 3 April 2020	Easter/Spring Church Service led by P4 – 9.30am
Monday 6 – Friday 17 April 2020	School Holidays
Friday 24 April 2020	Fundraising Bake Sale led by P6 year group
Thursday 7 May 2020	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Friday 8 May 2020	May Day Holiday
Monday 18 May 2020	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Wednesday 20 May 2020	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Thursday 21 May 2020	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Friday 22 May 2020	Fundraising Bake Sale
Monday 1 June 2020	Holiday
Wednesday 3 June 2020	Sports Day
Tuesday 9 June 2020	Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled previous week)
Wed 10 and Thurs 11 June 2020	P7 Familiarisation Visits to Earliston High School
Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 June 2020	Melrose Festival Week
Wednesday 24 June 2020	P1 – P4 Potted Sports
Thursday 25 June 2020	P5 – P7 Sports Festival
Tuesday 30 June 2020	P7 Leavers Assembly
	School closes at normal time for summer holidays
Wednesday 1 July 2020	Summer holiday
Monday 17 August 2020	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Tuesday 21 August 2020	School re-opens for new session

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Melrose Parish Church

Melrose Churches invites everyone to their next Messy Church to be held in Melrose Parish Church hall on Sunday 27th October from 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. when the theme will be Harvest: The Rich Farmer. Crafts, music, games, food and fun for everyone. All are welcome and children must be accompanied by an adult.

The next Family Service will take place in Melrose Parish Church hall on Sunday 3rd November for half an hour, starting at 10.00 a.m. This is a very informal service and all are welcome.