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Euro Quiz

Well done to our team of P6 learners, Cal Lynch, Daniel Antrobus, Calum Wear, Kajus Gimbutis and Ella Moore, who represented the school and won the regional Euro Quiz competition. The team now go onto represent Scottish Borders Council in the National finals on Monday 15th June 2020 at The Scottish Parliament. Thank you to Miss Duthie who supported the pupils' preparation and supported them on the day and also thanks to parents/carers who supported and helped with preparation at home.

P7 Basketball

Well done to our P7A basketball team who were runners-up in the Earlston/Kelso area competition. They will now go forward to the Borders final on 26th March 2020. Thank you to Miss Fairbairn for coaching the boys.

Planters

Thank you to Mr Gibb and learners from Borders College for their work to replace, repair and replenish the planters in the playground.

Friday 27th March 2020 - My Name's Doddie Foundation Fundraising Day

Melrose Primary School will not be fundraising for Sport Relief this year. We will instead be having a fundraising day for Doddie Weir's charity My Name's Doddie Foundation. This will take place on **Friday 27th March** when we hope to turn the school tartan for the day. Please wear a touch of tartan and bring in a donation if possible. There will also be a 'Design Doddie a tartan suit' competition. The children will be given a template of a person (Doddie!) on which to design the tartan suit. There will be a winner from each year group and will be judged by the Fundraising committee.

This day is part of an initiative started by a youth group called the Excel Project in Langholm who are hoping that all schools in Dumfries and Galloway and the Borders can turn their schools tartan for a day to raise money for My Name's Doddie Foundation. The date proposed for this event is 3rd April however we have the Easter Church service on that date hence Friday 27th March for our event.

Huntly Road

Huntly Road is a designated safe route to school; this was established as a safe walking area based on the presence of sidewalks, walking paths and the location of crosswalks.

The designated parking areas, drop off and pick up points, for Melrose Primary School and Nursery are St Mary's Road, the Health Centre and Melrose Rugby club car park.

Despite constant requests for Huntly Road **not** to be used for parking, a drop off or pick up point parents/carers continue to ignore this request.

Drivers who use Huntly Road at the beginning and end of a school day are putting children's lives at risk.

There have been a number of near misses/incidents where pupils have narrowly avoided being injured by cars.

We request that Huntly Road is NOT used for parking, drop off or pick up at any time when children are in school.

Parents/carers of P1/2 and P2

Parents/carers of learners in P1/2 and P2 are invited to come along to the class bays on Thursday 2nd April 2020 from 2.30pm – 3pm to allow the children to share their learning. Children and teachers look forward to seeing you then.

Disabled Parking Bays

We remind drivers that the disabled parking bays should only be used by blue badges holders. Increasingly vehicles not displaying a blue badge are parking in these bays. Police have been informed and will be monitoring the situation.

Dalguise 2020

We remind parents/carers of Primary 6 children that the final payment for Dalguise is to be paid by **5 June 2020**. Please make full or partial payments through Parentpay.

Fund raising

Melrose Primary School's lottery - the lottery is open to all, anyone over the age of 16 can join. Please spread the word, already we have had two lucky winners!

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!

Fundraising Bake Sales

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 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:

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 2 April 2020

Friday 3 April 2020

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Monday 6 – Friday 17 April 2020

Friday 24 April 2020

Thursday 7 May 2020

Friday 8 May 2020

Monday 18 May 2020

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Thursday 21 May 2020

Friday 22 May 2020

Monday 1 June 2020

Wednesday 3 June 2020

Tuesday 9 June 2020

Wed 10 and Thurs 11 June 2020

Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 June 2020

Wednesday 24 June 2020

Thursday 25 June 2020

Tuesday 30 June 2020

Wednesday 1 July 2020

Monday 17 August 2020

Tuesday 18 August 2020

P1/2 and P2 open afternoon 2.30pm – 3pm

Fundraising Bake Sale led by P7 year group

Easter/Spring Church Service led by P4 – 9.30am

School Holidays

Fundraising Bake Sale led by P6 year group

Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils

May Day Holiday

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Fundraising Bake Sale

Holiday

Sports Day

Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled previous week)

P7 Familiarisation Visits to Earlston High School

Melrose Festival Week

P1 – P4 Potted Sports

P5 – P7 Sports Festival

P7 Leavers Assembly

School closes at normal time for summer holidays

Summer holiday

Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils

School re-opens for new session

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Melrose Parish Church

Messy Church – will be held on Sunday 15th March from 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. in Melrose Parish Church Hall. The theme is “The Good Stranger” and all are invited to come along for fun, food crafts and songs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Melrose Festival Junior Ride Out

The first Melrose Festival Junior Ride Out will take place on Monday 1st June at 6pm (see poster in school for further information on route etc.).

Open to all children of preschool and primary school age. The event will be suitable for lead rope, beginners and novices. All children will receive a medal on completion of the ride and there will be a prize for the best turned out horse and rider.