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In-Service Training Days

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

Children in Need Friday 15 November 2019

The Fundraising committee have decided that theme for this year's Children in Need Fundraising event, on Friday 15 November, will be 'Rainbow Madness for Children in Need'. Pupils and staff are invited to dress up in the colours of the rainbow and give a donation (give what you can) to Children in Need. There will be prizes for the most colourful costume in each class - judged by the Fundraisers.

Scholastic Book Fair

A book fair will be running during the week commencing 18th November 2019. Children will get the opportunity to visit the fair with their class and it will be open for parents during the above consultations (Monday 12th 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Wednesday 14th 4pm – 6pm and Thursday 15th 3.45pm- 5.45pm).

Please take note; it will **not** be open either before or after school.

Enrolment for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) for session 2020/21

Enrolment for ELC for session 2020/21 will take place from **Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November 2019**. Children born between 1st March 2016 and 28th February 2017 are invited to apply for a 4 year old place and children born between 1st March 2017 and 28th February 2018 are invited to apply for a 3 year old place. Children who currently have a three year old place in our ELC setting or are enrolled to start before February 2020 must re-enrol for session 2020/2021.

Application packs will be issued to our existing ELC3 children. A copy of your child's full birth certificate and proof of residence (acceptable proof – utility bill, bank statement, driving licence, child benefit letter or council tax bill) is required to be presented at the time of enrolment.

From August 2020 Melrose Primary School ELC will provide 1140 funded hours for all children. We have requested a change to the conditions within our registration with Care Inspectorate to enable us to increase the number of children within our ELC at any one time. We are also working on plans to expand the use of outdoor learning within the school grounds/our Outdoor Learning Zone for ELC children. The timings of the sessions for 2020/2021 are similar to the school day timings.

Enrolment for Primary One for session 2020/21

Enrolment for primary one for session 2018/19 will take place between **Monday 18th and Friday 22nd November 2019**. Application packs will be issued to our existing nursery children. A copy of your child's full birth certificate and proof of residence (acceptable proof – utility bill, bank statement, driving licence, child benefit letter or council tax bill) is required to be presented at the time of enrolment.

Those who live out with the Melrose Primary School catchment area are asked to enrol their child at the catchment school appropriate for their home address, also complete and return a placing request form to Melrose Primary School. Failure to enrol at the catchment school will mean the placing request form for your child **will not** be considered by Scottish Borders Council.

Further information can be found on Scottish Borders Council's website using the following link –

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/644/information_for_parents_about_school_admissions

It is very important that children are enrolled during enrolment week, in ELC and school, as the numbers are used to determine staffing and classes for 2020/2021.

Please share this information with parents/cares who currently do not have links with ELC or school.

Enrolment for Earlston High School 2020/21 (current P7)

Families who live **out with** the catchment area for Earlston High School and wish a child to be enrolled at Earlston High School must complete a placing request form to be received by Earlston High School as soon as possible but **no later than 28th February 2020**. Placing request forms are available from Earlston High School.

Children who live **within** Earlston High School catchment area will receive information packs and enrolment forms in the summer term. Further information is also available for children transferring to secondary school using the above link.

REMINDERS

Fund raising

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!

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.

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 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 7 – Friday 8 Nov 2019

Thursday 14 November 2019

Monday 18 November 2019

Wednesday 20 November 2019

Thursday 21 November 2019

Friday 22 November 2019

Monday 2 Dec 2019

Thursday 5 December 2019

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Thursday 12 December 2019

Monday 16 December 2019

Tuesday 17 December 2019

Wednesday 18 December 2019

Thursday 19 December 2019

Friday 20 Dec – Fri 3 Jan 2020

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

Flu Immunisations

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Parents Consultations with Teachers

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Fundraising Bake Sale led by P1 year group

St Andrews Day Holiday

Christmas Fundraiser

P1 Nativity Show 2pm and 6pm

P4 and P5 Christmas Parties

P2 and P3 and P7 Christmas Parties

P1 and P6 Christmas Parties

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Church Service led by P5 – 9.30 am

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 Earlston 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