



Please follow us on Twitter @melrose_ps



Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday and benefitted from the lovely weather. We extend a special welcome to new pupils in ELC, Primary One and also to those who have enrolled throughout the school.

We also extend a warm welcome to new members of staff: Mrs Rosie Ritchie P6Z class teacher, Miss Kitty Duthie P2Z class teacher, Mrs Lesley Simpson Additional Needs Assistant and Mrs Sonia Cox Additional Needs Assistant.

Melrose Primary School App

We remind parents that the school has an App which is available to download from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Diary dates and news items are available on the App and also messages/reminders are posted directly from class teachers.

Communication

- We have an open door policy at Melrose Primary School however we request that parents/carer wishing to speak to a teacher or a member of the management team contact the school office to make an appointment.
- Absence – parents/carers are requested to communicate all pupil absences directly with the school office by telephone (01896 822103) or email (melroseps@scotborders.gov.uk).

Annual Update Form

These forms will be distributed to children in the coming weeks, please return the updated forms as soon as possible; it is essential we have current contact information for all pupils.

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.

School Newsletters

School newsletters will be sent out to parents electronically and will be posted on the school website and on our App. We will use the email addresses held on each child's record. Please ensure you inform the school of any changes to email address during the year.

School Meals

To avoid disappointment and upset we ask parents/carers to remember to order meals well in advance through ParentPay. Activation letters have been sent home for new pupils.

Medication/Allergy Information

We have children in school with allergies including severe nut allergies. We wish to remind parents/carers that nuts and food containing nuts, e.g. chocolate spreads and peanut butter should **not** be brought to school.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the school of any condition and also to provide prescribed medication which is in date.

Please note the school is unable to administer medication which has not been prescribed e.g. Calpol.

Should a child require be given prescribed medication during the school day a request form, which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website, must be completed.

For further information about the administration of medicines and health care procedures, please click on this link http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/64720/parents_leaflet_medication.pdf

Dalguise Residential Outing 2019 (current P6 pupils)

The interim payment of £65 is due to be paid on or before 12th October 2018, payments should be made through ParentPay.

Clothing and other personal items

Please ensure all items of clothing and other personal items (coats, bags, lunch boxes, gym kit etc.) brought to school are **clearly named**. There is a lost property box in each building; if property or clothes are misplaced we

urge pupils and parents to check the 'lost property' boxes. Please also check that your child brings their own personal items home, several pieces of named clothing have already gone missing.

Health & Safety in PE

In the interest of health and safety, children should **NOT** wear ear-rings and must tie back long hair for PE and physical activities. Children who have pierced ears should be able to remove their own ear-rings or come to school with their ear-rings taped. Pupils are also responsible for the safety of their ear-rings when they are taken out. School are not able to tape or remove ear-rings. Pupils with long hair must bring something to tie their hair back with, school cannot provide bands/bobbles – boys with longer hair are also required to tie their hair back.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

We remind all parents and carers that children should **NOT** return to school or nursery for **48 hours** after the bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. We would be grateful for your support with this recommendation in order to avoid any unnecessary spread of viruses.

Easy Fundraising

Melrose Primary School is registered with an organisation called Easy Fundraising. Easyfundraising is a way to raise money for good causes such as schools, charities, sports clubs, religious groups, community groups and more, simply by shopping online is an online.

By registering as a user, each time an online purchase is made the school will benefit financially – there is no cost to register and no extra cost for the purchase.

To register go to: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melroseprimary

The site is a referral platform which goes to the online store - every time a purchase is made by a registered user, the school will receive a donation from the store. This is a FREE and SIMPLE way of raising money for the school.

Assemblies

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

- 20 September 2018 – P6M
- 27 September 2018 – P4/5
- 4 October 2018 – Harvest P3 year group
- 1 November 2018 – Remembrance P7 year group
- 22 November 2018 – P4
- 29 November 2018 – St Andrews day P2 year group
- Wednesday 12 December – P1 year group Nativity show at 2pm & 6pm
- 21 December 2018 – Christmas P5 year group in the Parish church 9.30am
- 24 January 2019 – Burns P6 year group
- 31 January 2019 – P3/4
- 14 February 2019 – P1M
- 28 February 2019 – P7H
- 7 March 2019 – P7R
- 14 March 2019 – P1H
- 21 March 2019 – P3
- 29 March 2019 – Easter/Spring P4 year group in the Parish Church 9.30am
- 2 May 2019 – P2J
- 9 May 2019 – P5
- 6 June 2019 – P6Z
- 27 June 2019 – P2Z

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 12 Sep 2018

School Photographer for Individual/Family Photos (note change of date)

Monday 8 – Friday 12 Oct 2018

School Holidays

Friday 12 Oct 2018

Interim Payment due for Dalguise 2019 (current P6 pupils going into P7)

Thursday 8 – Friday 9 Nov 2018

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

Monday 12 November 2018

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Thursday 15 Nov 2018

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Monday 3 Dec 2018

Flu Immunisations

Thursday 6 December 2018

St Andrews Day Holiday

Wednesday 12 December 2018

Christmas Fair

Monday 17 December 2018

P1 Nativity Show 2pm and 6pm

Tuesday 18 December 2018

P2 and P5 Christmas Parties, P7 Christmas Party (6.30pm – 8.15pm)

Wednesday 19 December 2018

P3 and P4 Christmas Parties

Thursday 20 December 2018

P1 and P6 Christmas Parties

Friday 21 December 2018

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Church Service led by P5 – 9.30 am

Monday 24 Dec – Fri 6 Jan 2019	School Holiday
Friday 15 February 2019	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Monday 18 – Wednesday Feb 2019	School Holidays
Friday 29 March 2019	Easter/Spring Church Service led by P4 – 9.30am
Monday 1 – Friday 12 April 2019	School Holidays
Friday 19 April 2019	Good Friday Holiday – school closed
Friday 3 May 2019	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Monday 6 May 2019	May Day Holiday
Monday 20 May 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Wednesday 22 May 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Thursday 23 May 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Thursday 30 May 2019	Summer Fair
Monday 3 June 2019	Holiday
Wednesday 5 June 2019	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 June 2019	Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled previous week)
Wed 12 & Thurs 13 June 2019	P7 Familiarisation Visits to Earlston High School
Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 June 2019	Melrose Festival Week
Wednesday 26 June 2019	P1 – P4 Potted Sports
Thursday 27 June 2019	P5 – P7 Sports Festival
Tuesday 2 July 2019	P7 Leavers Assembly
	School closes at normal time for summer holidays
Monday 19 August 2019	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Tuesday 20 August 2019	School re-opens for new session

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

**Melrose Girls Football
P1-4 GIRLS FOOTBALL - FREE TASTER SESSIONS**

**Saturdays 10.00 - 11.00 am
Gibson Park, Melrose**

**(Saturday 25th August ONLY
Training time 9.00 - 10.00 am)**

Further information, contact
melrosefootballclub@gmail.com

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club is offering adult coaching for beginners or those looking to return to tennis after many years.

The aim will be to learn the technical and tactical aspects of tennis in fun sessions.

The sessions will run on Sunday mornings between 9am and 10am between 2 September and 7 October. The cost will be £24 for Club Members and £27 for non-members.

If you would like to book a place, please contact the club coach, Ian Reilly, at:

[email i.reilly@btinternet.com](mailto:i.reilly@btinternet.com)

phone 07799 583 283

