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Christmas Parties

During school time:

- **Thursday 12th December 2019** - P4 Year Group and P5 Year Group
- **Monday 16th December 2019** - P2 Year Group, P3 Year Group and
- **Tuesday 17th December 2019** - P1 Year Group and P6 Year Group

Children are welcome to bring party clothes on the day of their party to change into before that start of the party

- **Monday 16 December** - P7 Year Group Christmas party 6.30pm – 8.15pm

Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will be held on **Wednesday 18th December 2019**. Children and staff are invited to wear a 'touch of Christmas' on the day.

Christmas Church Service

The Christmas church service will be on Thursday 19th December 2019 at 9.30am in Melrose Parish Church, led by P5 year group. A collection will be taken for Stable Life, our nominated charity for 2019-20.

Christmas Trees

A huge thank you to Mr Alan McVicker of Rhymers Glen Trees for donating two Christmas trees for the foyer and in Big Space.

A large selection of trees, stands, wooden reindeer and wreaths are available up to 24th December. Local delivery available, open 9am – 7pm daily – just follow the signs from the Borders General Hospital. For further information call 01896 822141.

Christmas Markets and Singing

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed and attended the Christmas Markets and singing. A special thank you to Amanda Robinson who masterminded the event on behalf of the Friends of Melrose Primary School, parents/carers who helped with stalls/coffees/teas and more also the staff who supported the children creating products and activities to sell on the day.

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

Thank you to all the Primary One parents who were involved in the most recent bake sale. 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 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:

- 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.

Monday 9 December 2019	Flu Immunisations for P3 – P7 children
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 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 18 August 2020	School re-opens for new session

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Melrose Churches Together

Melrose Churches together invite you to their Christmas Messy Church in the Parish Church hall on Sunday 8th December from 3.00- 5.00 p.m. Crafts, games, songs, food and fun for all. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

On Sunday 15th December, there will be a Family Service in the Parish Church hall, starting at 10.00 a.m. and lasting for 30 minutes. This informal style of worship includes singing and a story, with juice at the end. All are welcome at both events.

Melrose Rotary Christmas Parade and Carol Singing

This event will be held on Saturday 14th December 2019. Please meet in West End Lane at 5.30pm; the parade will follow the Melrose Pipe Band up to the Square where carols will be sung around the Christmas tree at 6pm. After the carol singing, Santa may be available to speak to in his grotto! Mince pies, mulled wine and juice will be available.

All children **must** be accompanied by an adult.