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Information and permissions for Outings

We are moving towards being a cashless school consequently from now all payments must be made through Parentpay. Please do not send money to school unless specifically asked to do so e.g. fundraising days. (The ELC snack money should continue to be paid directly to the ELC until further notice.)

Information about an outing/trip will be sent electronically (Groupcall email); the format will be similar to the current 'pink' slip.

For all forthcoming outings/class trips

- where payment is required consent for a child participating will be through Parentpay; consent must be given by a 'tick' in the appropriate box on the payment screen when making the payment. Please note consent cannot be given without payment nor can payment be made if consent has not been given.
- where no payment is required but consent is required a 'pink' permission slip will be sent in the normal manner.

Please contact Mrs Fernie or a member of the management team if you have difficulties meeting the cost of an outing.

Any parent/carer who is yet to activate their account or has lost their log on information for Parentpay can request this again from the office.

Harvest Assembly

The P3 year group will lead the Harvest assembly on Thursday 4th October 2018, the parents/carers of P3 pupils are invited to attend at 2.30pm.

All pupils are requested to bring to school donations of non-perishable groceries which will be donated to a local Food Bank. Donations will be accepted until Wednesday 3rd October 2018. The food bank is particularly short of tea, coffee and long life milk.

REMINDERS

School Photographer

We remind those wishing to purchase photographs must return orders to school by **Thursday 27**th **September 2018.** Orders placed after that date will be return for parents/carers to order directly from Tempest, there will be an additional charge for this service. There is no obligation to purchase photographs.

Dalguise Residential Outing 2018 (current P6 pupils)

The interim payment of £65 is due to be paid on or before **12**th **October 2018**. Please make payments through ParentPay.

Annual Data Check Form and Visiting the Local Community

Thank you to majority of parents/carers who have already returned these forms however we are still awaiting a few to come back. Please return these forms as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

Education Scotland Lay Member recruitment

Education Scotland are recruiting members of the public / parents or partners to join their school inspection teams as lay members. If you are interested or know anyone who would be interested, information, full details and how to apply can be found on their website under the vacancies section. The closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 8th October 2018.

Applications can be made through the following link; https://education.gov.scot/who-we-are/Current%20vacancies



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:

- 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 3 October 2018 Dalguise open afternoon for P7 parents 1.30pm – 3pm

Hockey and Rugby Festival

Thursday 4 October 2018 P4 outing to Hawick Textile Towerhouse

Monday 8 – Friday 12 Oct 2018 School Holidays

Friday 12 Oct 2018 Interim Payment due for Dalguise 2019 (current P6 pupils going into P7)

Tuesday 30 October 2018 P4/5 outing to Hawick Textile Towerhouse Thursday 1 November 2018 P5 outing to Hawick Textile Towerhouse

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

Flu Immunisations

Monday 3 Dec 2018 St Andrews Day Holiday

Thursday 6 December 2018 Christmas Fair

Wednesday 12 December 2018 P1 Nativity Show 2pm and 6pm

Monday 17 December 2018 P2 and P5 Christmas Parties, P7 Christmas Party (6.30pm – 8.15pm)

Tuesday 18 December 2018 P3 and P4 Christmas Parties Wednesday 19 December 2018 P1 and P6 Christmas Parties

Thursday 20 December 2018 Christmas Lunch

Friday 21 December 2018 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/ACTIVITES

Melrose Parish Church

Both services on Sunday 30th September (9.30a.m. in Bowden Kirk and 11.00a.m. in Melrose Parish Church) will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving and will be for all the family.