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School's Lottery

Melrose Primary School has launched a lottery, the first draw will be Saturday 9 November 2019 - further information will be sent by Groupcall, Twitter and our App. The lottery is open to all, anyone over the age of 16 can join, please spread the word. Visit: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

School Lunches – Winter 2019 Menu

The new menu will come into effect from 21st October 2019. Catering Department have made some changes to the menu this term, primarily school packed lunches (grab and go) will only be available to order on a Friday. Children will only have the option of a hot meal which includes a soup and sandwich option Monday to Thursday, arrangements for Friday Brunch currently remains the same.

P1 – P7 Parents/carers Consultations with Teachers – November 2019

Appointments for P1 – P7 parent/carer consultations with teachers will be booked through an electronic system. Information and clear instructions about using the system will be sent out by Groupcall email on Friday 18th October 2019. Please contact the school office if you do not receive this information.

The system will be live from **21st October 2019 at 8am** and open to take your bookings until **10th November 2019 at 10pm**. There will be an allocation of 10 minutes per child; **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.

Halloween parties

Friends of Melrose Primary School (formally Parent Council) will host Halloween parties for children on Thursday 31 October 2019 in the school hall: P1 – P3 pupils from 3.30-4.30 pm, P4-P7 pupils 5.00-6.15 pm. Parents/carers will be required to help at these events, further details will follow after the October break.

Fundraising Bake Sale

Thanks to everyone who helped make our P5 bake sale a success; we raised over £130, thank you to all who contributed and the parents/carers who organised the event. Cake boxes and plates are in the office to be collected. We were lucky to have lots of baking by other years, however from now on, only the organising class needs to bring baking for their 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 25 October P2

Friday 22 November P1

Friday 24 January P4

Friday 28 February P3

Friday 3 April P7

Friday 24 April P6

Friday 22 May tbc

REMINDERS

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!

Aldi Kit for Schools

The school is taking part in the Aldi kit for schools promotion in an attempt to win £20,000 for the school. The school needs to collect as many 'stickers' as possible to fill a promotion poster. If you, or anyone you know, shop in Aldi please collect the stickers and hand them into school. Stickers are given when £30 or more is spent in an Aldi store.

Dalguise Residential Outing 2020 (current P6 pupils)

The interim payment of £65 is due to be paid on or before **12th October 2019**. Please make payments through ParentPay.

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:

- 10 October 2019 – P7 year group (Dalguise Open Afternoon)
- 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.

Friday 11 Oct 2019	Interim Payment due for Dalguise 2020 (current P6 pupils going into P7)
Monday 14 – Friday 18 Oct 2019	School Holidays
Monday 21 October 2019	Staff In - Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Friday 25 October 2019	Fundraising Bake Sale led by P2 year group
Thursday 31 October 2019	Halloween Parties in school hall
Thursday 7 – Friday 8 Nov 2019	Staff In - Service Training Days – school/ELC closed for pupils
Thursday 14 November 2019	Flu Immunisations
Monday 18 November 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Wednesday 20 November 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Thursday 21 November 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Friday 22 November 2019	Fundraising Bake Sale led by P1 year group
Monday 2 Dec 2019	St Andrews Day Holiday
Thursday 5 December 2019	Christmas Fundraiser
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 21 August 2020	School re-opens for new session

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITES

Melrose Parish Church

The next Family Service will be held in Melrose Parish Church hall on Sunday 6th October at 10.00a.m. This service lasts for around 30 minutes and all are welcome.