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### Melrose Primary School App

The Melrose Primary School app will be live from Friday 17 November 2017. The app will be the 'go-to' place for school communications, for parents/carers, including:

- News updates
- Newsletters
- Teacher messaging to parents/carers
- Individual class messaging to parents
- Event reminders

The App will also provide a central point from which you can access our other communications media:

- School website
- Youtube channel
- Twitter page

This is a trial year for our App and will run alongside our existing communication platforms.

The App is primarily a tool used for sending communication from school to home.

Download and access have been sent by Groupcall.

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books from the Fair last week, over £700 was raised for the school.

### Enrolment for Primary One for session 2018/19

Enrolment for primary one for session 2018/19 will take place between **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. Application packs will be issued to our existing nursery children. A copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residence e.g. a driving licence, utility 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](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/644/information_for_parents_about_school_admissions)

### Enrolment for Earlston High School 2018/19 (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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. 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.

### Christmas Fair and Carol Singing

Parents/carers, family and friends are invited to our

**Christmas Fair**  
**Thursday 7th December 2017**  
**1.45pm and 4.00pm**

The event is organised by the Parent Council, pupils and staff. During the course of the afternoon each year group will sing, each class/year group will have a fundraising stall/activity.

There will also be a range of stalls organised by the Parent Council. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and mince pies will be served during the afternoon.

Donations will be gratefully accepted for the following stalls: bottle, chocolate tombola, Christmas stall and cake and candy. Volunteers will be required to help at the fair – if you can spare some time please contact Lori Thomson on 07950 032889 or [macdougalldc@aol.com](mailto:macdougalldc@aol.com).

Although the fair will be running until 4.00pm, it is the responsibility of parents to look after their children from 3.15pm onwards or to ensure arrangements are in place. Children should remain in school until 3.15pm.

### Assembly dates

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:

- 23 November 2017 – St Andrews day P2 year group
- 30 November 2017 – P6M
- Wednesday 13 December – P1 year group Nativity show at 2pm & 6pm
- 21 December 2017 – Christmas P5 year group in the Parish church 9.30am

- 25 January 2018 – Burns P6 year group
- 1 February 2018 – P7R
- 22 February 2018 – P3
- 1 March 2018 – P2/3
- 8 March 2018 – P7H
- 15 March 2018 – P1P
- 29 March 2018 – Easter P4 year group in the Parish Church 9.30am
- 3 May 2018 – P1M
- 10 May 2018 – P2
- 24 May 2018 – P3/4 at 9.15-9.45am
- 7 June 2018 – P6Z

## Diary Dates

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

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017	Enrolment Week for P1
Thursday 23 Nov 2017	St Andrews Day Assembly led by P2 year group
<b>Monday 27 Nov 2017</b>	<b>School Closed – St Andrews Day Holiday</b>
Thursday 30 Nov 2017	P6M Class Assembly
Friday 1 Dec 2017	Fairtrade Tuckshop
Thursday 7 Dec 2017	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 13 Dec 2017	P1 Nativity Show 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 14 Dec 2017	P2 year group and P5 year group Christmas Party
Monday 18 Dec 2017	P3 year group and P4 year group Christmas Party P7 year group Christmas Party (6.30pm – 8.15pm)
	<b>ELC Parties</b>
Tuesday 19 Dec 2017	P1 year group and P6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 Dec 2017	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 Dec 2017	Church Service led by P5 year group
<b>Friday 22 Dec 17 – Friday 5 Jan 2018</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018</b>	<b>Enrolment week for ELC (nursery)</b>
Thursday 25 Jan 2018	Burns Assembly led by P6 year group
Friday 26 January 2018	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Borders Children's Charity
Monday 29 Jan 2018	School Photographer for class photos
Thursday 1 Feb 2018	P7R Class Assembly
<b>Friday 9 Feb 2018</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 12 Feb – Wednesday 14 Feb 18</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
22 February 2018	P3 Class Assembly
Thursday 1 March 2018	World Book Day
	P2/3 Class Assembly
Friday 2 March 2018	Fairtrade Tuck Shop
Thursday 8 March 2018	P7H Class Assembly
Thursday 15 March 2018	P1P Class Assembly
Friday 23 March 2018	Sports relief Day
Thursday 29 Mar 2018	Church service led by P4 year group
<b>Friday 30 Mar – Friday 13 Apr 2018</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
Thursday 3 May 2018	P1M Class Assembly
<b>Friday 4 May 2018</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 7 May 2018</b>	<b>School Closed – May Day Holiday</b>
Thursday 10 May 2018	P2 Class Assembly
Friday 18 May 2018	Talent Show
Thursday 24 May 2018	P3/4 Class Assembly ( <b>please note 9.15am start</b> )
Thursday 31 May 2018	Summer Fundraiser
<b>Monday 4 June 2018</b>	<b>School closed – Local Holiday</b>
Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 June 2018	P7 visits to Earlston High School
Thursday 7 June 2018	P6Z Class Assembly
Tuesday 12 June 2018	Sports Day
Friday 15 June 2018	Fairtrade Tuckshop
Tuesday 19 June 2018	Alternative Sports Day (if previous week is cancelled)
Thursday 21 June 2018	Potted Sports for P1 – P4
Monday 25 June 2018	Sports Festival for P5 – P7
Wednesday 27 June 2018	P7 Leavers Assembly
<b>Thursday 28 June – Friday 17 Aug 2018</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 20 Aug 2018</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
Tuesday 21 Aug 2018	School opens for new session

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

### Melrose Parish Church – Family Services

Rev Rosie Frew invites all families to a family service which will be held at 10am in the church hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017.