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School Crossing Patrol

We remind Parents/Carers on Monday 21st January 2019 there will be no school crossing patrol. We will keep you informed of any further changes to the crossing patrol.

Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Enrolment for session 2019/20

Enrolment for ELC took place last week. Children born between 1st March 2015 and 28th February 2016 are invited to apply for a 4 year old place and children born between 1st March 2016 and 28th February 2017 are invited to apply for a 3 year old place. Children who currently have a three year old place in our ELC setting or are enrolled to start before February must re-enrol for next session.

If you have not enrolled your child and wish to do so please complete an application form and hand it into school as soon as possible, late applications will be processed.

From 2020: The Scottish Government has committed to increase the number of funded hours for all three and four year olds from 600 hours to 1140 hours by August 2020.

Scottish Borders Council is phasing-in the 1140 hours consequently some schools already offer the increased hours. In session 2019-2020 the phasing-in will continue as funding is released from the Scottish Government. All areas will be phased-in by August 2020 when the legal entitlement changes. The order of phasing has been decided using the Scottish Borders Child Poverty Index.

Children whose home postcode is in Melrose Primary school catchment area will be able to access 600 funded hours in session 2019-2020 and 1140 funded hours from August 2020. Only children whose home postcode is in a phased-in catchment area, listed in the SBC Early Learning and Childcare 3 + 4 year old 'Information for parent application pack' will be eligible for the increased 1140 funded hours.

Parents can choose to have their child with only one provider or have split/ blended placements across providers. For example:

- a child living in the Melrose Primary School catchment area will be able to access 600 funded hours in 2019-2020
- a child living in an 1140 funded hours catchment area can access 1140 funded hours, 600 of which can still be delivered at Melrose ELC (the additional 540 with another provider) in 2019-2020.

Class Photos

The photographer will be in school on Monday 28th January 2019 to take class photographs. They will be taken in the same contemporary manner as last year. Proofs will be sent home in due course and parents will be advised when to return any orders.

Special Dietary Requirements

We remind parents that they must inform us if their child has any special dietary requirements or allergies which may have an impact on their school lunch.

Christmas Fair

£1990.59 was raised at the event. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, helped and came along to support on the day. Special thanks to Lori Thomson who masterminded the day and Trish Armstrong who raised a further £385 from a Christmas fair in Gattonside Village Hall.

Easyfundraising

A BIG thank you to our online shopping supporters' #easyfundraising - £538.88 has raised for Melrose Primary School! This support really does make a difference, money raised goes into the school fund from which all children benefit.

Please remember there are over 3500+ shops and sites contributing to this scheme. If you haven't signed up yet please consider doing so www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melroseprimary.

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:

- 24 January 2019 – Burns P6 year group
- 31 January 2019 – P3/4
- 14 February 2019 – P1M
- 28 February 2019 – P7 year group (please note change)

- 14 March 2019 – P1H
- 21 March 2019 – P3
- 29 March 2019 – Easter/Spring P4 year group in the Parish Church 9.30am
- 25 April 2019 – P7 year group (**at 2.15pm in P7 Bays**)
- 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.

Monday 28 January 2019	School Photographer for Class photos
Friday 15 February 2019	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 Feb 2019	School Holidays
Wednesday 6 th March 2019	Friends of Melrose Primary School Meeting – 7pm
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
Wednesday 24 April 2019	Friends of Melrose Primary School Meeting – 7pm
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)
Wednesday 12 June 2019	Friends of Melrose Primary School Meeting – 7pm
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
Monday 19 August 2019	School closes at normal time for summer holidays
Tuesday 20 August 2019	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
	School re-opens for new session

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Melrose Churches Together Messy Church “Light of the World” which will be held on Sunday 27th January from 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. in Melrose Parish Church Hall. Crafts, songs, fun and food. All are welcome and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Service will be held on Sunday 3rd February in Melrose Parish Church Hall at 10.00 a.m. for around 30 minutes.