



### Primary 7 end of year Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received end of year achievement certificates and awards:

- Beverley Sinton Memorial Quaich – Lucy Whiting
- Frank Coutts Award – Olivia McIntosh McKay
- Angela Dewar Young Citizenship Award – Maia Thomson

### Staff News

We say goodbye to:

- Mr Mann who retires after many years of service with Scottish Borders Council. He has been our janitor for over two years. We thank him for his hard work and commitment at Melrose Primary School and wish him a long and happy retirement.
- Mrs Laydon, class teacher, over the past eighteen months. We thank her for all she has contributed over this time and wish her well for the future.

### Holiday date amendment

The end of the school session 2020-2021 will be a week earlier than previously advised because we are starting a week earlier in August 2020.

The summer holiday 2021 will be from Thursday 24 June 2021, the last day for pupils will be Wednesday 23 June 2021.

### Returning to School

Scottish Borders Council will communicate with parents/carers during the summer holiday to give clarity about returning to school arrangements in August 2020. The planned start date for pupils in August will be Tuesday 11 August 2020 unless otherwise advised.

### Uniform

We remind parents/carers that uniform can be ordered directly from our supplier's website, <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/melrose-primary-school.html>.

Primary 7 sweatshirts are available to order on

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/melrose-primary-7.html>

Early Learning and Childcare Centre are available to order on

<https://www.borderembroideries.co.uk/schools/melrose-nursery.html>

Orders must be placed by **20<sup>th</sup> July 2020** to guarantee delivery before the new school session starts on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### Free School Meals/Clothing Grants

Scottish Borders Council have now issued their annual letters to all applicants that had an active Free School Meal/Clothing Grant entitlement for 2019/2020. All applicants are asked to re-apply online at <https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/fsm> quoting the claim reference number from the renewal letter they received.

New applicants who did not have previous entitlement can now also apply online for the 2020/21 term using the same link - <https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/fsm>

Applicants have been advised that if they can submit the application and any supporting evidence to us by 8 July 2020, that we will guarantee Clothing Grant payments will be made by 24 July 2020.

### ParentPay

Please log into your parentpay account to clear any outstanding lunch payments and trip money due, thank you.

### School Lunches

The price of a school lunch will increase to £2.30 with effect from our return to school.

### Reporting Absence

We ask that parents/carers emails the school ([melroseps@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:melroseps@scotborders.gov.uk)) or sends a message via the Xpressions App rather than phoning the school office which is not always manned.

**Calendar dates:**

<b>Wednesday 1 July 2020</b>	<b>Summer holiday</b>
<b>Monday 10 August 2020</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
Tuesday 11 August 2020	School re-opens for new session
<b>Monday 12 – Friday 16 October 2020</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
<b>Thursday 12 and Friday 13 Nov 2020</b>	<b>Staff in- Service Training Days – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 30 November 2020</b>	<b>St Andrews Day Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 21 Dec – 4 Jan 2021</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
<b>Friday 12 February 2021</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 15 Feb – Wed 17 Feb 2021</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
<b>Friday 2 April – Friday 16 April 2021</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
<b>Friday 30 April 2021</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 3 May 2021</b>	<b>May Day Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 7 June 2021</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 24 June – Fri 13 Aug 2021</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 16 August 2021</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 August 2021</b>	<b>School re-opens for new session</b>

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITES**