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### **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Children are being encouraged to bring in their favourite book/story to school to share with another class – please ensure books are clearly named. Children can also bring a blanket and/or a cushion on the day. During the day each class will have the opportunity to watch information clips about authors and illustrators. Scholastic Book Club leaflets have been sent home this week with a £1 World Book Day voucher attached. The voucher can be used against any purchase of a book valued £2.99 or more. If you wish to order from the book club leaflet, please ensure all orders are back into school by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### **For attention of Parents/Carers of children in P1/2 and P2**

Parents/carers of children in P1/2 and P2 are invited to come along to the class bays on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 from 2.30pm – 3pm to allow the children to share what they've been learning. Children and teachers look forward to seeing you then.

### **Road Closure – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

We have been advised that Huntly Avenue will be closed to traffic and pedestrians on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 between the hours of 9am and 5pm. An alternative route will be required to be used after school that day.

### **Friends of Melrose Primary School (formerly Parent Council)**

The next meeting of the Friends of Melrose Primary School will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm in the main school building, all welcome.

### **Netball Competition**

Very well done to our P7 netball team and their coach, Pauline Douglas, who were runners up at the recent Borders Primary Schools Netball finals losing out to West Linton Primary in the final.

### **Borders Primary Schools Badminton Championships**

Congratulations to William Mawson and Jacob White from P6 who participated in the recent championships. They both played well and progressed to the quarter finals.

### **Child Car Seat Safety Concerns**

Statistics recently obtained regarding checks carried out on child car seats reveal alarming numbers of incorrectly fitted seats.

In 2019 Good Egg Safety, a child car safety organisation carried out 56 child car seat checking events across Scotland where people could attend and have their child car seat checked to ensure it was fitted correctly, and therefore safe. In total 1243 checks were carried out at these events, however an alarming 65% of those seats checked were fitted incorrectly. Two of these events were carried out in the Scottish Borders, one in Kelso and the other in Peebles. In Kelso, 29 seats were checked with 15 (52%) of these being found to be fitted incorrectly, 7 of these were found to have major faults. In Peebles, 19 seats were checked with 10 (53%) of these found to be fitted incorrectly, 5 of which were major faults. In total, from 48 checks, over half (52%) were found to be fitted incorrectly, with 1 seat found to be incompatible for the vehicle it was in. Although these figures for the Scottish Borders events are below the Scottish average, it is very concerning that over half of those checked were not correctly fitted. What is more concerning is that there will be many more parents driving about the Borders who are unaware that their child car seat may be incorrectly fitted, something they may only find out when it's too late! We are therefore strongly advising that if they have already done so, all parents/carers double check that their child car seats are correctly fitted and that they familiarise themselves with the safety advice and recommendations regarding the use of child car seats. For comprehensive advice and guidance please visit:

[www.goodeggcarsafety.com](http://www.goodeggcarsafety.com) [www.facebook.com/goodeggsafety](https://www.facebook.com/goodeggsafety)

### **Fund raising**

**Melrose Primary School's lottery** - the lottery is open to all, anyone over the age of 16 can join. Please spread the word, already we have had two lucky winners!

Visit: [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play)

### **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](http://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!

## Fundraising Bake Sales

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](mailto:ajrobinsonx@gmail.com).

**Friday 3 April P7**

**Friday 24 April P6**

**Friday 22 May tbc**

## 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:

3 April 2020 – Easter Church Service led by P4 year Group

## Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 4 March 2020

**Thursday 2 April 2020**

Friday 3 April 2020

Friday 3 April 2020

**Monday 6 – Friday 17 April 2020**

Friday 24 April 2020

**Thursday 7 May 2020**

**Friday 8 May 2020**

Monday 18 May 2020

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Thursday 21 May 2020

Friday 22 May 2020

Monday 1 June 2020

Wednesday 3 June 2020

Tuesday 9 June 2020

Wed 10 and Thurs 11 June 2020

Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 June 2020

Wednesday 24 June 2020

Thursday 25 June 2020

Tuesday 30 June 2020

**Wednesday 1 July 2020**

**Monday 17 August 2020**

Tuesday 18 August 2020

FOMPS Meeting – 7pm in school

**P1/2 and P2 open afternoon 2.30pm – 3pm**

Fundraising Bake Sale led by P7 year group

Easter/Spring Church Service led by P4 – 9.30am

**School Holidays**

Fundraising Bake Sale led by P6 year group

**Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils**

**May Day Holiday**

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Fundraising Bake Sale

Holiday

Sports Day

Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled previous week)

P7 Familiarisation Visits to Earlston High School

Melrose Festival Week

P1 – P4 Potted Sports

P5 – P7 Sports Festival

P7 Leavers Assembly

School closes at normal time for summer holidays

**Summer holiday**

**Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils**

School re-opens for new session

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

### Melrose Festival Junior Ride Out

The first Melrose Festival Junior Ride Out will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 6pm (see poster in school for further information on route etc.).

Open to all children of preschool and primary school age. The event will be suitable for lead rope, beginners and novices. All children will receive a medal on completion of the ride and there will be a prize for the best turned out horse and rider.

### Art Classes @ Melrose Primary for P4 – P7

These classes will be held on Fridays 1pm – 2pm, first class is free thereafter a charge of £8.50. Booking essential – for further information and/or to book, please email [easysketchingclub@gmail.com](mailto:easysketchingclub@gmail.com)