



Golden Ticket Assembly

Well done to Jamie Whiting in P5 who won the Golden Ticket for this school to travel on the new Borders Railway tomorrow. We hope Jamie enjoys the day – he was certainly very excited about winning! The winners of the literacy prizes were Elizabeth Cunningham in P7, Ellie Finlay in P3 and Robin Bryson in P1 – they received book tokens.

Tour of Britain

The Tour of Britain is due to come through Melrose on Tuesday 8 September 2015 sometime between 2.30-4.00pm – please note there will be disruption to traffic during this time as indicated on yellow signs throughout the town. Consequently there will be disruption to getting into and out of the school designated parking areas: the Healthy Centre car park, the rugby club car park and St Mary's road.

If the tour passes through the town before 3pm (we will be advised of the progress of the tour on the day) pupils will be taken out to spectate. They will stand along the High Street on the Gibson Park side. Pupils will be taken back to class at 3.00pm to be dismissed as normal at 3.15pm for safety reasons.

Please ensure your child/ren are aware of: alternative pick up points/arrangements (due to the parking restrictions) and that the town will be busier than normal.

Information Evening for P1 and ELCC (Nursery)

Parents/carers of children in Primary 1 and Early Learning & Child Care (Nursery) are invited to attend an information evening on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm in the main school building; further information will follow nearer the time.

Information Evening for P2 – P7 Children

Parents/carers of children in Primaries 2 to 7 are invited to attend an information evening on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 6.30pm in the main school building; further information to follow nearer the time.

Annual Data Check Forms

Annual Data check forms have been sent home this week. Please ensure all information on the form is correct, making amendments where necessary, and return the form to school as soon as possible but before **Thursday 10th September 2015**.

When listing an emergency contact, please choose someone who is fairly local who can collect you child in an emergency if you are unable to do so. Someone who lives a great distance away will not be able to get here in time.

Discipline policy

A copy of Melrose Primary School's Positive discipline procedures and practice is being sent home, one to each family. Please take time to read and discuss this with your child/ren. Both parent/carer and pupil are asked to complete a slip agreeing to rules, this slip should be returned to school by **Thursday 10th September 2015**.

Homework policy

A copy of Melrose Primary School's Homework policy is being sent home, one to each family. Please take time to read and discuss this with your child/ren. Both parent/carer and pupil are asked to complete and sign a slip agreeing to rules, this slip should be returned to school by **Thursday 10th September 2015**

Visiting the local community

For children to use the local community on a regular basis we require parental/carer permission. A permission slip for each child has been sent home today. Please return this to school as soon as possible or by **Thursday 10th September 2015** if you agree to your child using the local community for learning.

School Calendar

A copy of the school calendar has also been sent home; information about future events/fixtures will be listed in future newsletters and on the website calendar.

Fairtrade Tuck-shops

Pupils, with support of members of the community, will be running a Fairtrade tuck-shop again this year – details of the dates are listed below and on the website calendar. Costs of items range from 20p to £1. Please note the tuck-shop will run **after** brunch break so please provide your child with their usual snack for that day.

Snack and water

As a health promoting school we promote healthy eating and drinking. We request that parents/carers support this by encouraging children to bring healthy snacks e.g. fruit, vegetables etc., (**no nuts** as there are pupils and staff with nut allergies). We suggest pupils bring a bottle filled with water to school on a daily basis which they can access during class time and which can be refilled as necessary during the day. We do **not** allow pupils to drink juice during class time.

Diary Dates

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| 10th September 2015 | All above forms to be returned by this date at the latest. |
| 11th September 2015 | Fairtrade tuck-shop |
| 12 th September 2015 | Melrose Flower Show |
| 14 th – 18 th September 2015 | P7 Residential Outing to Dalguise |
| 29 th September 2015 | P5/6 Class Assembly |
| 2 nd October 2015 | Dress Down Day |
| 6 th October 2015 | P6 Dalguise Residential payment due (£80) |
| 7 th October 2015 | Harvest Assembly led by P3 year group |
| 9 th October 2015 | Parent Council AGM 7pm |
| | Fairtrade tuck-shop |
| | School closes at 12.15pm for October Holidays |
| 19 th October 2015 | School opens again |
| 22 nd October 2015 | Information Evening for P1/ELCC (nursery) Parents 7pm – 8pm |
| 2 nd November 2015 | Parents Meetings with teachers 4.30pm – 6.30pm |
| 4 th November 2015 | Parents Meetings with teachers 4pm – 6pm |
| 5 th November 2015 | Parents Meetings with teachers 3.30pm – 5.30pm |
| 6 th November 2015 | Dress Down Day |
| 10 th November 2015 | Remembrance Assembly led by P7 year group |
| 12 th /13 th November 2015 | In-Service Training Days – no school for pupils |
| 17 th November 2015 | P7R Class Assembly |
| 24 th November 2015 | St Andrews Day Assembly led by P2 year group |
| 25 th November 2015 | Information Evening for P2 – P7 Parents 6.30pm – 8pm |
| 30 th November 2015 | St Andrews Day holiday – school closed |
| 4 th December 2015 | Dress Down Day |
| 8 th December 2015 | P1 Nativity Play 2pm & 6pm |
| 10 th December 2015 | Christmas Fair |
| 11 th December 2015 | Fairtrade tuck-shop |
| 14 th December 2015 | P5 year group Christmas party |
| | P6 year group Christmas party |
| 15 th December 2015 | P2 year group Christmas party |
| | P4 year group Christmas party |
| 16 th December 2015 | P1 year group Christmas party |
| | P3 year group Christmas party |
| | P7 year group Christmas party (6.30pm – 8.15pm) |
| 17 th December 2015 | Christmas Lunch |
| 18 th December 2015 | Christmas Church Service led by P5 year group |
| | School closes at 12.15pm for Christmas holidays |
| 5 th January 2015 | School opens again |
| 19 th January 2016 | P3M Class Assembly |
| 26 th January 2016 | Burns Assembly led by P6 year group |
| 2 nd February 2016 | P2B Class Assembly |
| 5 th February 2016 | Dress Down Day |
| 12 th February 2016 | In-Service Training Day – no school for pupils |
| 15 th -17 th February 2016 | Mid-Term holidays |
| 23 rd February 2016 | P7K Class Assembly |
| 1 st March 2016 | P2Z Class Assembly |
| 4 th March 2016 | Dress Down Day |
| 8 th March 2016 | P5 Class Assembly |
| 11 th March 2016 | Fairtrade tuck-shop |
| 15 th March 2016 | P1L Class Assembly |
| 24 th March 2016 | Easter Church Service led by P4 year group |
| 25 th March 2016 | Good Friday holiday – school closed |
| 1 st April 2016 | Dress Down Day |
| | School closes for Spring holidays at 12.15pm |
| 18 th April 2016 | School opens again |
| 26 th April 2016 | P6 Class Assembly |
| 29 th April 2016 | In-Service Training Day – no school for pupils |
| 2 nd May 2016 | May Day Holiday – school closed |
| 6 th May 2016 | Dress Down Day |
| 10 th May 2016 | P1M Class Assembly |

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| 13 th May 2016 | Fairtrade tuck-shop |
| 23 rd May 2016 | Parents Meetings with Teachers 4.30pm – 6.30pm |
| 24 th May 2016 | P4/5 Class Assembly |
| 25 th May 2016 | Parents Meetings with Teachers 4pm – 6pm |
| 26 th May 2016 | Parents Meetings with Teachers 3.30pm – 5.30pm |
| 31 st May 2016 | P4 Class Assembly |
| 2 nd June 2016 | Summer Fair |
| 3 rd June 2016 | Dress Down Day |
| 6 th June 2016 | Local holiday – school closed |
| 8 th June 2016 | P7 High School Visit |
| 9 th June 2016 | P7 High School Visit |
| 10 th June 2016 | Fairtrade tuck-shop |
| 14 th June 2016 | P3S Class Assembly |
| | Sports Day |
| 21 st June 2016 | Alternative Sports Day |
| 23 rd June 2016 | Potted Sports for P1- P3 |
| 27 th June 2016 | Sports Festival for P4 – P7 |
| 29 th June 2016 | P7 Leavers Assembly – 2.15pm |
| | School closes for summer holidays at 3.15pm |
| 15 th August 2016 | In-Service Training Day – no school for pupils |
| 16 th August 2016 | School re-opens after summer holidays |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITES

Melrose Parish Church

Rev Bennett extends a welcome to everyone to the next family service which will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday 6th September at 10am.

Melrose Football Club – Girls Section

A new section has started for girls in Primary 1 – 7 (and also S1) every Saturday morning at Gibson Park between 10.00 – 11.00am

For more information or to register interest, contact melrosefootballclub@gmail.com