



### Harvest Assembly

The P3 year group are leading the Harvest assembly on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the parents/carers of P3 pupils are invited to attend at 9.00am. All pupils are requested to bring to school donations of non-perishable groceries which will be donated to a local Food Bank.

### Information evening: Early Learning & Child Care (nursery) and P1

There will be an information evening for parents/carers of children in Early Learning and Child Care (nursery) and Primary 1 on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015** at 7 - 8pm in the main school building. Parents/carers of children who have not yet started ELCC but are due to do so before the end of February 2016 are also invited to this event.

### Information evening: Primary 2 – 7 pupils

There will be an information evening for parents/carers of children in Primaries 2 - 7 on **Wednesday 25 November 2015** at 6.30 - 8pm in the main school building.

### Halloween

- **Dance off**

Similar to last year, there will be a Halloween themed 'dance off' for all pupils throughout the day on Thursday 29 October 2015. Pupils are invited to dress in a Halloween themed outfit. This will be a sponsored event; all money raised will go towards further developments the garden. The event is being supported by the Parent Council, who will decorate the hall and provide 'treats', and organised by the Pupil fund raising committee with the support of Mrs Paterson. The dancing will be led by Mrs Kershaw and Miss Marker. The dance routines will be appropriate for the age and stage of the pupils, the theme linked to Halloween.

Sponsor forms will be sent home on Monday 5 October 2015, please let us know if your child does not receive one; we would appreciate parental/carer support with this event.

- **Pumpkin carving competition**

Pupil Council are organising a pumpkin carving competition. Pupils are invited to bring carved pumpkin to school, on Thursday 29 October 2015, entry fee 50p.

The pumpkins will be judged in year groups with prizes given for the winners.

### Dress down day for Children in Need

The Pupil Council are organising a fund raising event for Children in Need on Wednesday 11 November 2015. Pupils and staff are invited to dress up as a Super Hero and contribute what they can to the Children in Need charity.

**The dress down day on Friday 6 November 2015 - is cancelled.**

### Parents Consultations with Teachers

Thank you to everyone who return their preference sheet by the required date, we have our best to accommodate your wishes. Appointment slips will be sent home next week, week beginning 5 October 2015.

### Outdoor clothing

Please ensure children come to school with clothing suitable for the weather on the day, both coats and footwear. Children will be outdoors at break times unless the weather is extremely foul, also learning takes place outdoors on a regular basis.

### Collection at the end of school day and ELCC (Nursery) sessions

Children who are not collected promptly at the end of a school day or ELCC session will be taken to the school office, they will not be held in teaching areas or the Nursery. This is for safety reasons - ELCC staff have a meeting at the end of each session and teachers frequently have other commitments.

### Dalguise 2016 – current P6 pupils

Reminder: the interim payment (£80) for the Dalguise 2016 residential is due to be made by today, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015. Please remember to send in your child's payment card with your remittance as this will be the only receipt and proof of payment issued.

We still have a number of children who haven't made this payment yet, thank to those who have already paid.

### Change of Assembly Dates for P4 and P7R

Parents/carers of children in P4 and P7R please note the change of date for the class led assembly. The P4 are leading an assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015, P7R leading an assembly on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

## Organised Mum - School Fundraiser

If you are thinking of purchasing a diary, calendar or planner for the year ahead, why not check out the fantastic range at Organised Mum? ([www.organised-mum.co.uk](http://www.organised-mum.co.uk)). By placing an order through the school you will be helping to raise funds at the same time. Please send your order in to the school office by **Friday 23rd October** (payment in cash or cheques made payable to Melrose Parent Council). Remember to ask family and friends too!

## Head Lice

We have had a few reports of children with head lice in school. We urge all families to get involved in 'Bug Busting'. Fine toothed combs can be bought from a pharmacy; also the Bug Busting kit is available on prescription under the NHS Minor Ailments Scheme.

## Parent Council 100 Club

The recent lucky winners are:

June: £30 – Ian Shearlaw, £20 – Mairi Buchanan, £10 – Brian & Jan McGowan

July - £30 – Marie Billet, £20 – Debra Deans, £10 – Susan Turner

August - £30 – K & L Paterson, £20 – John Sharp, £10 – A & G Jackson

September - £30 – T & L Cripps, £20 – Rebecca Brogan, £10 – Amanda Johnston

## Ragbag Collection

Reminder - we have a collection point for wearable clothing, shoes (must be in pairs), handbags and belts in the school. Both the school and those in third World countries benefit from this - the school gains financially per weight of items collected, people in third World countries benefit from receiving clothing etc. Items donated must be in bags, Ragbag collection bags are available from the school office although any bag will do.

We urge you to consider Melrose Primary School's Ragbag collection when recycling/or clearing out old clothing.

## Diary Dates

5th October 2015

6th October 2015

7th October 2015

8th October 2015

9th October 2015

19th October 2015

21st October 2015

29th October 2015

2nd November 2015

4th November 2015

5th November 2015

10th November 2015

11th November 2015

12th/13th November 2015

17th November 2015

24th November 2015

25th November 2015

30th November 2015

4th December 2015

8th December 2015

9th December 2015

10th December 2015

11th December 2015

14th December 2015

15th December 2015

16th December 2015

17th December 2015

18th December 2015

5th January 2016

19th January 2016

26th January 2016

P5 Outing to Tesco

Harvest Assembly led by P3 year group

P5/6 Outing to Tesco

P6 Outing to Tesco

P4 Outing to Tesco

Fairtrade tuck-shop

**School closes at 12.15pm for October Holidays**

School opens again

P4/5 Outing to Tesco

Information Evening for P1/ELCC (nursery) Parents 7pm–8pm **Note change of date**

Halloween dance off and pumpkin competition

Parents Meetings with teachers 4.30pm – 6.30pm

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Parents Meetings with teachers 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Remembrance Assembly led by P7 year group

Super Hero dress up day for Children in Need

**In-Service Training Days – no school for pupils**

P4 Class Assembly (**note – change of date**)

St Andrews Day Assembly led by P2 year group

Information Evening for P2 – P7 Parents 6.30pm – 8pm

**St Andrews Day holiday – school closed**

Dress Down Day

P1 Nativity Play 2pm & 6pm

Open sessions and Information event for ELCC (more details to follow)

Christmas Fair

Fairtrade tuck-shop

P5 year group Christmas party

P6 year group Christmas party

P2 year group Christmas party

P4 year group Christmas party

P1 year group Christmas party

P3 year group Christmas party

P7 year group Christmas party (6.30pm – 8.15pm)

Nursery Christmas Parties

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Church Service led by P5 year group

**School closes at 12.15pm for Christmas holidays**

School opens again

P3M Class Assembly

Burns Assembly led by P6 year group

2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016	P2B Class Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Dress Down Day
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	<b>In-Service Training Day – no school for pupils</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	<b>Mid-Term holidays</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2016	P7K Class Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	P2Z Class Assembly
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Dress Down Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Parent Consultations for ELCC classes
8 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	P5 Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Fairtrade tuck-shop
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Parent Consultations for ELCC classes
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	P1L Class Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Easter Church Service led by P4 year group
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	<b>Good Friday holiday – school closed</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	Dress Down Day
	<b>School closes for Spring holidays at 12.15pm</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	School opens again
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	P6 Class Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	<b>In-Service Training Day – no school for pupils</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2016	<b>May Day Holiday – school closed</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Dress Down Day
10 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	P1M Class Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Fairtrade tuck-shop
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016	Parents Meetings with Teachers 4.30pm – 6.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	P4/5 Class Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Parents Meetings with Teachers 4pm – 6pm
26 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Parents Meetings with Teachers 3.30pm – 5.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2016	P7R Class Assembly ( <b>note – change of date</b> )
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2016	Summer Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016	Dress Down Day
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	<b>Local holiday – school closed</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	P7 High School Visit
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	P7 High School Visit
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Fairtrade tuck-shop
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	P3S Class Assembly
	Sports Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2016	Alternative Sports Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016	Potted Sports for P1- P3
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Sports Festival for P4 – P7
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	P7 Leavers Assembly – 2.15pm
	<b>School closes for summer holidays at 3.15pm</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	<b>In-Service Training Day – no school for pupils</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10am to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving.