



Parents Meetings with Teachers

Appointment times were sent out earlier this week, we endeavoured to allocate day/times of preference. Please contact the school office if the appointment is unsuitable.

Halloween Dance Off

In place of Halloween parties this year there will be a 'dance off' for all pupils throughout the day on Thursday 30 October 2014. This will be a sponsored event; all money raised will go towards further developing the garden. The event is being supported by the Parent Council, who will decorate the hall and provide juice and 'treats', and organised by the Pupil fund raising committee with the support of Mrs Paterson, the dancing will be led by Mrs Kershaw. The dance routines will be appropriate for the age and stage of the pupils, the theme linked to Halloween.

Sponsor forms have been sent home, please let us know if your child did not receive one; we would appreciate parental/carer support with this event.

Dress down day for Friday 31st October will now be cancelled.

Learning Outdoors

We request pupils come to school on a daily basis with suitable footwear and coat/jacket as learning will be taken outdoors regularly (in all weathers) with effect from Monday 3rd November 2014.

Poppy Scotland Appeal

Primary 7 pupils will be selling poppies in school from now until their Remembrance Assembly on 11th November 2014. If you would like your child to support this appeal, please send them to school with a donation. All monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Scotland Appeal 2014. Please give as generously as you can for this worthwhile cause.

Primary 7 pupils will be representing Melrose Primary School at Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on Sunday 9th November; we encourage all pupils to attend.

Information evening for parents/carers

There will be an information evening for parents/carers on Thursday 20 November 2014 6.30-8.00pm – please note the change of the date.

Enrolment for Primary 1 for session 2015/16

Enrolment for next session's primary one and will take place between Monday 17th and Friday 21st November 2014. Application packs will be issued to our existing nursery children. A copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of residence e.g. driving licence, utility bill is required at the time of enrolment. Readiness for primary school varies from child to child, please feel free to speak to Mrs Lees in nursery.

Those who live out with the Melrose Primary School catchment area are asked to enrol their child at the school appropriate for their home address, also complete and return a placing request form to Melrose Primary School. Failure to enrol at the catchment school will mean the placing request for the child will **NOT** be considered by Scottish Borders Council.

Enrolment for nursery for session 2015/16

Enrolment for next session's nursery will also take place between Monday 17th November and Friday 21st November 2014. All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 600 hours of early learning and childcare (nursery) per year from the term following their third birthday. It is very important that children are enrolled during this week; priority will be given to children who are enrolled in enrolment week (17th – 21st Nov). If in doubt parents should enrol pupils, allocated places can be withdrawn at a later date. Application packs will be sent out to existing 3 year old nursery children.

P1-P3 free school meals

From January 2105, all children in primary 1, 2 and 3 will be offered free school meals. Taster days will be held next week on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st October. Children should have already ordered meals in the normal manner.

Swimming

Congratulations to Elsbeth Roper (P7) who represented Melrose Primary School in the Scottish Schools (East District) time trials in Prestonpans. Elsbeth won gold in the 50 meters butterfly and 50 meters freestyle. She will go on to represent the school at the Scottish Schools National competition to be held in Aberdeen in January.

Late Arrival at school

Reminder – children who arrive late at school, after 8.45am, **must** report to the school office as they may have been marked as absent in the class register.

Reminder – Internet Shopping

Please remember to consider using Easy Fundraising to help raise funds for the school if you are making online purchases.

To register go to: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melroseprimary

The site is a referral platform which goes to the online store - every time a purchase is made by a registered user, the school will receive a donation from the store.

This is a FREE and SIMPLE way of raising money for the school.

Diary Dates

28 th October 2014	P7 outing to Poppy Factory in Edinburgh P5/6 class assembly
30 th October 2014	Halloween Dance Off – fund raising event for developing the garden P1 – P3 free school meals taster day
31 st October 2014	P1 – P3 free school meals taster day
3 rd – 6 th November 2014	Book Fair in school
5 th November 2014	Parents Meetings with teachers 4.30-6.30pm
6 th November 2014	Parents Meetings with teachers 3.30-5.30pm
10 th November 2014	Parents Meetings with teachers 4.00-6.00pm
11 th November 2014	P7 Remembrance Assembly
12 November 2014	Parent Council meeting 7.00pm
13 th November 2014	Staff In-Service Training Day – school closed for all children
14 th November 2014	Staff In-Service Training Day – school closed for all children
17 th – 21 st November 2014	Enrolment for P1 and Nursery for session 2015/16
18 th November 2014	P6 class assembly
20 th November 2014	Parents Information Evening 6.30 – 8pm (change of date)
28 th November 2014	Dress Down Day
1 st December 2014	St Andrews Day holiday – school closed
9 th December 2014	P1 Nativity Play 2pm and 6pm
11 th December 2014	Christmas Fundraiser (further details to follow)
15 th December 2014	P5 year group and P6 year group Christmas Party
16 th December 2014	P3 year group and P4 year group Christmas Party
17 th December 2014	P1 year Group, P2 year Group and P7 Year Group Christmas Party
18 th December 2014	Christmas Lunch
19 th December 2014	Christmas church service led by P5
22 nd December 2014 –	
5 th January 2015	School closed for Christmas holidays
6 th January 2015	School opens for spring term at 8.45am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Activ8 – Fun Friday

Multi Activity Sports Club held at Earlston Primary School Gym Hall each Friday between 1.00pm and 3.30pm - £3.50 per session. Session 1 – Multi Activity between 1.00 – 2.00pm, Session 2 – Gymnastics Coaching between 2.30 – 3.30pm For further information or to make a booking, contact Sheila Whiteford on 07894 341 417 or sheilacwhiteford@gmail.com

Melrose Parish Church

Rev Bennett invites you to the next family service which will take place in the Parish Church Hall on Sunday 2nd November 2014 at 10am.