



### Halloween Dance Off

A fabulous total of over £2500 was raised at the Halloween Dance Off. Thanks are due to all the children who took part, all families and friends who made donations and a special thank you to Mrs Kershaw for leading the dancing on the day. Any outstanding sponsor money can still be handed into the school office.

### Lunch Envelopes

Envelopes should be returned to school by **Wednesday** of each week and cheques made payable to Scottish Borders Council.

With the introduction of free school meals for all P1 – P3 children, in January 2015, it is even more essential that envelopes are returned by the end of school on a Wednesday to allow for catering staff to order sufficient food.

**Children who do not hand in their lunch envelope in on time will only be offered the soup/sandwich option or a school packed lunch. This will also apply to children who have forgotten their home packed lunch or who have not ordered for that day.**

### Information evening

Parents/Carers are invited to an information evening about Curriculum for Excellence on Thursday 20 November 2014 from 6.30-8.00pm in the main school building. The aim of the meeting is to give clarity about teaching and learning and reporting. The presentation will include practical demonstrations by class teachers.

### Enrolment for Primary 1 for session 2015/16

Enrolment for primary one for session 2015-2016 will take place between Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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 Early Learning and Childcare (Nursery) for session 2015/16

Enrolment for Early Learning and Childcare session 2015-2016 will take place between Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014. All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 600 hours of early learning and childcare 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 (17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November). Application packs will be sent out to existing 3 year old nursery children.

### Flu Inoculations

The Scottish Government has decided that all school children will receive, subject to parental/carer consent, flu inoculation. This will take place in Melrose Primary School on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014. The vaccine will be administered, as a nasal spray, by NHS health professionals. Consent forms and information were sent home at the beginning of the week, these forms should be returned to school as soon as possible.

### Food Allergies

For your child's safety please inform the school of any known food allergies. A specific form may be obtained from the school office.

### Huntly Road

Huntly Road is a designated safe route to school; this was established as a safe walking area based on the presence of sidewalks, walking paths and the location of crosswalks.

The designated parking areas, drop off and pick up points, for Melrose Primary School and Nursery are St Mary's Road, the Health Centre and Melrose Rugby club car park.

Despite constant requests for Huntly Road not to be used for parking, a drop off or pick up point parents/carers continue to ignore this request.

**Drivers who use Huntly Road at the beginning and end of a school day are putting children's lives at risk.**

There have been a number of near misses/incidents where pupils have narrowly avoided being injured by cars. **We request that Huntly Road is not used for parking, drop off or pick up at anytime when children are in school.**

### Parent Council

The next parent council meeting is on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 7 pm in the staff room in the main building. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. Please speak to one of the committee members or email Kate Blackledge [kateblackledge@gmail.com](mailto:kateblackledge@gmail.com) for matters to be included in the agenda.

## Parent Council 100 Club

The winners are:

- September: £30 - Angie Wight, £20 – John Sharp, £10 – A & G Jackson
- October: £30 – Harriet Inglis, £20 – T & A Owen, £10 – B & J McGowan

## Learning Outdoors

We ask that pupils come to school on a daily basis with suitable footwear and coat/jacket as learning will be taken outdoors regularly (in all weathers).

## Late Arrival

Reminder – children who arrive late at school, after 8.45am, **must** report to the school office to ensure they are not marked as absent in the class register.

## Lost Sweatshirt

A P7 pupil has lost their purple sweatshirt, which was named. We request that parents/carers of P7 pupils check their child's clothing in case the lost sweatshirt has been taken home in error.

## 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](http://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

10 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Parents Meetings with teachers 4.00-6.00pm
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	P7 Remembrance Assembly
12 November 2014	Parent Council meeting 7.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Staff In-Service Training Day – <b>school closed for all children</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Staff In-Service Training Day – <b>school closed for all children</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2014	Enrolment for P1 and Nursery for session 2015/16
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	P6 class assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Parents Information Evening 6.30 – 8pm (change of date)
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	St Andrews Day Assembly – P2 year group
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Dress Down Day
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2014	St Andrews Day holiday – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	P1 Nativity Play 2pm and 6pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	Christmas Fundraiser (further details to follow)
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	P5 year group and P6 year group Christmas Party
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	P3 year group and P4 year group Christmas Party
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	P1 year Group, P2 year Group and P7 Year Group Christmas Party
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	Christmas Lunch
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	Christmas church service led by P5
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2014 –	
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	<b>School closed for Christmas holidays</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	School opens for spring term at 8.45am

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

### Tennis Coaching at Melrose Waverley Tennis Cub

Are you looking for your child to get started with tennis? Whether it is mini tennis or adult sessions all ages and abilities catered for. Indoor sessions for younger children take place in the school while for older children and adults they will be at the courts. Sessions are available over the week for all ages but are subject to availability. They run during term time only. If you are interested contact me on [i.reilly@btinternet.com](mailto:i.reilly@btinternet.com) text or phone 07799 583283 or 01896 822448.

### Music Tuition

Learn to play violin, guitar or piano and read music. Lessons are available for children over 5 years of age. For further information please contact Tracy Warnock on 01896 757747 or 07598 318276

### Gibson Park Playgroup Christmas Shopping Evening

Christmas Shopping Evening, Corn Exchange Melrose, Friday 14th November 7-9.30 pm. Admission £2. Get a head start on your Christmas Shopping at Gibson Park Playgroup's biggest ever shopping evening! Dozens of traders selling crafts, clothing, accessories, toys, homeware, gifts and much more. Plus a fabulous raffle with gifts donated by the stallholders and a festive glass of mulled wine! All proceeds to Gibson Park Playgroup, registered charity SC017075.

**Messy Church**

The next Messy Church session will be Mon 17 Nov at 3.30pm in the Parish Church Hall. For further information, contact Jill Gilbert on 01896 820 692

**Abbey Gang**

The next Abbey Gang session will be on Fri 5 December from 12.30 in the Trinity Centre, High Cross Avenue. For further details contact Kate Blackledge on 07813 110 17 or email [kateblackledge@gmail.com](mailto:kateblackledge@gmail.com)

**Fresh Start Borders**

Fresh Start Borders is a local charity that helps people who are moving out of homelessness and into their first permanent tenancy.

They provide starter packs of basic home essentials, including bedding. They are particularly short of children's bedding (not duvets unless new). If you have any you no longer need Fresh Start Borders will be able to make good use of it.

Any bedding donations can be left at The Fabric Shop on Melrose High Street.

For further information about what the charity does see [www.freshstartborders.org.uk](http://www.freshstartborders.org.uk)