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Welcome back!

Happy New Year, we hope that you all had a restful holiday.

Staff News

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Louise Turner, our PE. Mrs Turner is going to live in New Zealand for a few years. We thank Mrs Turner for all her hard work and commitment to the children of Melrose Primary School for the past 17 years.

Congratulations Miss Brown, P2 class teacher, and her partner on their birth of their son on Christmas Eve. Both Finn and his mum are doing well.

Church Service

Thank you to the Primary 5 year group for leading the Christmas church. The collection raised £160.62 which will be donated to Borders Children's Charity.

Clic Sargent Nativity Concert

Well done to Primary 7 choir and St Mary's choir who performed the Nativity concert 'Sing with the Animals' in aid of Clic Sargent. The total amount raised on the evening was over £3000.

NHS Scotland Childhood Flu Campaign

Children aged 2-5 who are not yet at school are still eligible for the free flu vaccine this winter through their GP. Find out more about the childhood vaccine and its benefits here bit.ly/1rGQkbl.

Reminders

Resilient Schools

Resilient Schools is a system set up by SBC which aims to keep as many schools as possible open in bad weather. Resilient Schools is activated in the event of severe weather affecting the whole of the Scottish Borders. The decision is made centrally usually when the conditions are such that it is not advisable to drive. Parents/carers will receive a text message to tell them that Resilient Schools has been activated. Information will also be available on the SBC website, SBC Facebook, SBC twitter and Radio Borders.

Melrose Primary School will have enough teachers and support staff to safely meet the needs of pupils in Primaries 1 to 7, the ELC provision will **not** be open during Resilient Schools. Only children who normally walk to school should attend school, school transport will not run. If your child is ill or you choose not to send them due to the weather conditions please let the school know not to expect them.

Communication through Groupcall

We remind parents/carers to inform the school of any changes to mobile numbers and/or email addresses. It is essential that we have accurate information held on file for communication to be effective.

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.

Assembly dates

Assemblies take place on Thursdays from 2.30-3.00pm, unless otherwise stated. Parents/carers are invited to attend assemblies involving their children as listed below:

- 25 January 2018 – Burns P6 year group
- **1 February 2018 – P7R & P7H**
- 22 February 2018 – P3
- 1 March 2018 – P2/3
- **8 March 2018 – P7H & P7R (in P7 teaching area)**
- 15 March 2018 – P1P
- 29 March 2018 – Easter P4 year group in the Parish Church 9.30am
- 3 May 2018 – P1M
- 10 May 2018 – P2
- 24 May 2018 – P3/4 at 9.15-9.45am
- 7 June 2018 – P6Z

Diary Dates

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

Thursday 25 Jan 2018	Burns Assembly led by P6 year group
Friday 26 January 2018	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Borders Children's Charity
Monday 29 Jan 2018	School Photographer for class photos
Thursday 1 Feb 2018	P7R Class Assembly
Friday 9 Feb 2018	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Monday 12 Feb – Wednesday 14 Feb 18	School Holidays
22 February 2018	P3 Class Assembly
Thursday 1 March 2018	World Book Day
	P2/3 Class Assembly
	Fairtrade Tuck Shop
Friday 2 March 2018	
Mon 5th March – Fri 9th March 2018	Enrolment week for ELC (nursery) – please not change of date
Thursday 8 March 2018	P7H Class Assembly
Thursday 15 March 2018	P1P Class Assembly
Friday 23 March 2018	Sports relief Day
Thursday 29 Mar 2018	Church service led by P4 year group
Friday 30 Mar – Friday 13 Apr 2018	School Holidays
Tuesday 24 April	Johnston and Eildon cups competitions for P7 pupils
Thursday 3 May 2018	P1M Class Assembly
Friday 4 May 2018	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Monday 7 May 2018	School Closed – May Day Holiday
Thursday 10 May 2018	P2 Class Assembly
Friday 18 May 2018	Talent Show
Thursday 24 May 2018	P3/4 Class Assembly (please note 9.15am start)
Thursday 31 May 2018	Summer Fundraiser
Monday 4 June 2018	School closed – Local Holiday
Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 June 2018	P7 visits to Earlston High School
Thursday 7 June 2018	P6Z Class Assembly
Tuesday 12 June 2018	Sports Day
Friday 15 June 2018	Fairtrade Tuckshop
Tuesday 19 June 2018	Alternative Sports Day (if previous week is cancelled)
Thursday 21 June 2018	Potted Sports for P1 – P4
Monday 25 June 2018	Sports Festival for P5 – P7
Wednesday 27 June 2018	P7 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 28 June – Friday 17 Aug 2018	School Holidays
Monday 20 Aug 2018	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Tuesday 21 Aug 2018	School opens for new session

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Tennis Coaching Opportunities at Melrose Waverley Tennis Club

Tennis coaching is available for all children Primary one and upwards. Space is available in some groups through the week but this depends on the age and stage of the child. Coaching takes place every day of the week except Saturday so if you are interested in a place for your child get in contact.

If you are interested in any tennis coaching, adults or children contact me,
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