



Welcome Back!

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

Church Service

Thank you to the Primary 5 year group for leading the church service at the end of last term. The collection raised £371.97 donated to 'A year for Ailsa': The Macmillan Centre in the BGH, the Maggie Centre in Edinburgh, The Margaret Kerr Unit, Hope. Further information: <https://www.facebook.com/ayeartforailsa>.

The Primary 7s took to the high street to sing carols. They raised £111.60, £64.20 donated to A year for Ailsa and £49.40 donated to the Cauldshields Ward at Borders General Hospital.

Absence and Attendance

Please ensure children arrive at school before the start of the school day. A 'get ready' bell rings at 8.43am, children should join their class line ready to go into class at 8.45am at this bell. On entry to class children self-register, children who are not present at registration will be recorded as late.

Children who arrive at school after 8.45am must report to the school office before going to their classroom. The school requires to know the reason for pupil absence to be reassured about a child's safety. Please remember to contact the school office as soon as possible to inform of pupil absence, a message left on the answerphone is adequate. The school should be contacted by 9.15am; a Groupcall text message will be sent if the reason for absence is not known. Non response to a Groupcall text message requires the school to contact the emergency contacts; if we are still unable to establish a reason for the absence, partner agencies e.g. Social Work and Police will be contacted. These procedures are in place in all Scottish Borders schools.

Contact Details

Please remember to update all your contact details, including email addresses with the school office.

P1 Child Health Questionnaire

Questionnaires have been sent home for all children in Primary 1 – please ensure these are completed and returned to school before **Tuesday 31st January 2017**.

Lost Pedometer/Fitness Tracker

A pedometer/fitness tracker has been found by a parent – if anyone lost one last month, please contact Louise Pollock on 07736323835 for further information.

Diary Dates

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

Wed 25th Jan 2017

Thurs 26th Jan 2017

Mon 30th Jan 2017

Thurs 2nd Feb 2017

Friday 3rd Feb 2017

Thurs 9th Feb 2017

Fri 10th Feb 2017

Mon 13th –

Wed 15th Feb 2017

Wed 22nd Feb 2017

Thurs 23rd Feb 2017

Fri 24th Feb 2017

Thurs 2nd Mar 2017

Friday 3rd March 2017

Thurs 16th Mar 2017

Thurs 23rd Mar 2017

Fri 31st March 2017

Earlston/Jedburgh Area Netball Championships

Burns Assembly led by P6 year group

School photographer for Class Photos

P3S Class Assembly

Dress Down Day

P7 Year Group Assembly

Staff In-Service Training Day – no school or ELC for pupils

Half term holiday – school closed

Parent Council Meeting – 7pm

P4Z Class Assembly

Fairtrade Tuckshop

P3Z Class Assembly

Dress Down Day

P5 Class Assembly

P2B Class Assembly

Church Service led by P4

School closes for Spring Holidays at 12.15pm (ELC 3.40pm)

Tues 18th Apr 2017
Fri 28th Apr 2017
Mon 1st May 2017
Thurs 4th May 2017
Thurs 11th May 2017
Mon 22nd May 2017
Wed 24th May 2017

Thurs 25th May 2017
Fri 26th May 2017
Thurs 1st June 2017
Mon 5th June 2017
7th & 8th June 2017
Thurs 8th June 2017
Tues 13th June 2017
Tues 20th June 2017
18th – 24th June 2017
Thurs 22nd June 2017
Mon 26th June 2017
Wed 28th June 2017

School/ELC re-opens

Staff In-Service Training Day – no school or ELC for pupils

May Day Holiday – School/ELC closed

P6 Class Assembly

P5/6 Class Assembly

Parents Consultations with Teachers 4.30pm – 6.30pm

P1P Class Assembly at **9am**

Parents Consultations with Teachers 4pm – 6pm

Parents Consultations with Teachers 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Fairtrade Tuckshop

Summer Fair

Local Holiday – School/ELC closed

P7 High School Familiarisation Visits

P1L Class Assembly

Sports Day

Alternate Sports Day

Melrose Festival Week

Potted Sports for P1 – P4 (afternoon)

Sports Festival for P5 – P7 (morning)

P7 Leavers Assembly

School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.15pm (ELC 3.40pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

A Year for Ailsa

A fundraising Zumbathon, raffle and cake & candy will be held on Saturday 28th January 2017 at 10am in Langlee Community Centre. Entry fee £10 per adult or £5 per child. Contact Denise on 07713 357 450 to book a place. Wear pink!

Melrose Parish Church

The next family service to which everyone is invited will be held on Sunday 5th February 2017 at 10am, conducted by the Very Rev David Arnott.

P1 – P4 Girls Football

Saturdays 10 – 11am, Queens Leisure Centre, Galashiels

Free 'come and try' sessions with the focus on being fun. Just come along and give it a go or contact melrosefootballclub@gmail.com for enquiries

After School Children's Art Classes

Starting February 2017 - run by an experienced artist and tutor Lynda Marwood

Where from her home-studio and garden in Newstead Melrose and on occasion field trips in and around Melrose/Newstead weather permitting

Programme: The art classes will offer the child an opportunity to have fun, enjoy developing their own visual language through experimentation and exploration of various art materials and various processes in a safe, secure and stimulating environment. The classes will improve confidence, fine motor skills, encourage creativity, promote investigation, build artistic knowledge.

To be booked half term in advance, first class a paid taster to see if the children enjoy it and want to commit.

Other payment plans can be arranged.

Days: Various depends on which days are the most popular I have to have four minimum to begin.

Time: 3.30p.m. - 5.00 p.m. for parents dropping off or 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. if children require collecting please pm me for arrangements and booking forms.

Fee: £10.00 per 1.1/2 hour class to include tuition, all art materials, snack and drink

£12.00 for collection, tuition, art materials, snack and drink 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Who: Classes are small maximum of five Ages: P1-P7 inclusive. Booking essential.

I also have an Open door policy for any parents/guardian/carer whilst their children are attending these classes. I will have an up to date disclosure available and references for any parent/guardian that requires these.

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