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Safety

Reminder: for safety reasons parents/carers/family/friends visiting the school, delivering items for children or would like to communicate with a member of staff **must** report to the school office.

All visitors must sign in and out; the office staff will disseminate requests and make appointments.

To ensure the safety of all children the school must be aware of the visitors who are in both school buildings.

Please note this is applicable for the Annexe and the Main school building.

Children who arrive late must report to the office, the office staff will inform the appropriate class.

Please comply with this request for the safety of all.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019

Children are being encouraged to bring in their favourite book/story to school to share with another class – please ensure books are clearly named. Children can also bring a blanket and/or a cushion on the day. During the day each class will have the opportunity to watch information clips about authors and illustrators.

Scholastic Book Club leaflets have been sent home this week with a £1 World Book Day voucher attached. The voucher can be used against any purchase of a book valued £2.99 or more. If you wish to order from the book club leaflet, please ensure all orders are back into school by next Friday, 8th March 2019.

Eco work

Following a pupil survey about travelling to school, as part of their Eco action plan, P6 are encouraging parents/carers to travel to school in a more environmentally friendly way.

Fliers will be sent out to encourage environmentally friendly travel, such as Car Sharing or 'Walking Bus'.

- Car Sharing: children from different households, on the same route, travelling together to school in one car.
- Walking Bus: A **walking bus** is a form of student transport for schoolchildren who, chaperoned by two adults (a "Driver" leads and a "conductor" follows), **walk** to school along a set route, in much the same way a school **bus** would drive them to school. <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/stuff-to-do/organise-a-walking-bus>

P6 will carry out a follow-up survey in June to evaluate the effectiveness of their fliers.

Comic Relief 2019 – Friday 15th March 2019

Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite red nose character or dress in red and donate what they can to the charity, Comic Relief. All the money raised is used by the charity to help **poor** and disadvantaged people in the UK and the world's poorest communities.

A prize (red nose) will be given for the best dressed in each class, judged by the Fundraiser committee.

Red Noses can be purchased in school, from Tuesday 5 March 2019, at the cost of £1.25 initially one per pupil - the Fundraiser committee will go round the classrooms to sell them.

There will also be a 'Design your own red nose', which can be created in class or at home, competition. The children will be given details about this competition by the Fundraiser committee.

Friends of Melrose Primary School (formerly Parent Council)

The next meeting of Friends of Melrose Primary School will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7pm in the main school building, all are most welcome to attend.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Kershaw and her family on the birth of their second son on Wednesday 6th February 2019. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Assemblies

Assemblies take place on Thursdays from 2.30-3.00pm, unless otherwise stated. **Please note the changes to the date of the P2J and P6Z assemblies.**

Parents/carers are invited to attend assemblies involving their children as listed below:

- 14 March 2019 – P1H
- 21 March 2019 – P3
- 29 March 2019 – Easter/Spring P4 year group in the Parish Church 9.30am
- 25 April 2019 – P7 year group (at 2.15pm in P7 Bays)
- 2 May 2019 – **P6Z (please note change of date)**
- 9 May 2019 – P5
- 6 June 2019 – **P2J (please note change of date)**
- 27 June 2019 – P2Z

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 6th March 2019

Friday 29 March 2019

Monday 1 – Friday 12 April 2019

Friday 19 April 2019

Wednesday 24 April 2019

Friday 3 May 2019

Monday 6 May 2019

Monday 20 May 2019

Tuesday 21 May 2019

Wednesday 22 May 2019

Thursday 23 May 2019

Thursday 30 May 2019

Monday 3 June 2019

Wednesday 5 June 2019

Tuesday 11 June 2019

Wednesday 12 June 2019

Wed 12 & Thurs 13 June 2019

Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 June 2019

Wednesday 26 June 2019

Thursday 27 June 2019

Tuesday 2 July 2019

Monday 19 August 2019

Tuesday 20 August 2019

Friends of Melrose Primary School Meeting – 7pm

Easter/Spring Church Service led by P4 – 9.30am

School Holidays

Good Friday Holiday – school closed

Friends of Melrose Primary School Meeting – 7pm

Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils

May Day Holiday

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Countryside Day for P5 year group

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Summer Fair

Holiday

Sports Day

Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled previous week)

Friends of Melrose Primary School Meeting – 7pm

P7 Familiarisation Visits to Earlston High School

Melrose Festival Week

P1 – P4 Potted Sports

P5 – P7 Sports Festival

P7 Leavers Assembly

School closes at normal time for summer holidays

Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils

School re-opens for new session

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Girlguiding in Melrose

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Melrose need more volunteers. With only 2 qualified leaders, they have 57 girls waiting to join their units.

If you, or somebody you know, have about 2 – 3 spare hours a week (during term time only) and enjoy working with girls, then this could be the thing for you! You would be helping girls to enjoy a hugely varied, girl-led programme of activities.

For further information, please contact Pauline Spengler, District Commissioner, on 01896 822126 or 07871 198281 after 6pm e-mail psengler@gmx.com or visit www.girlguidingscotland.org/get-involved

Melrose Parish Church

The next family service will take place this Sunday, 3rd March 2019 at 10am in the church hall. The service will last approximately 30 minutes; the theme will be 'All over the World'. All are very welcome.

GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS - Football for P1-S1

The new football season is just around the corner and girls' football is going back outside. Free 'come and try' sessions start on Saturday 2nd March 2019, Gibson Park, 10.00 - 11.00 am. Separate sections for various age groups. For further enquiries contact melrosefootballclub@gmail.com.