



Huntly Road

We have ongoing and increasing concerns about the safety of children on Huntly Road. A number of parents/carers continue to ignore our requests and are using the road as a drop off or pick up point.

Children's lives are being put at risk, risk of serious injury or death, by drivers who use Huntly Road at the beginning and end of a school day.

- 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.
- There are signs and zigzags lines indicating that cars should not be stopping or turning at the top of Huntly Road between 8.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.
- 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.

Once again we make a plea to all parents/carers NOT to use Huntly Road for parking, drop off or pick up at any time when children are in school.

Disabled parking bays

We now have four disabled parking bays allocated for the school, one at the entrance gate and three at right angles to the road into the school (adjacent to the garage). Only badge holders should use these bays, badges should be displayed.

Netball

Congratulations to the girls' netball team who took part and won the regional final competition at the Queens Centre on 8th February 2017. The girls played exceptionally well winning all their ties and defeating Chirnside Primary School in an electrifying final match.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Shona Brett who has coached and encouraged the girls throughout the year.

Free School Meals

The Scottish Government will be allocating funding to schools for all children who are registered for free school meals. This funding is to be used to raise achievement and attainment. We recognise that many families in P1-P3 are not registering for this as all P1-P3's automatically receive free school meals as part of Scottish Government's initiative. We urge all families, including those in P1-P3 who are eligible to register for free school meals to ensure the children are able to access all support available to them to support them in their learning. Please be assured that children entitled to free school meals and any linked support will completely anonymised. Contact the school office for more information.

Class Photos

Class or year group photographs proofs were sent home earlier this week, there is no obligation to purchase photographs but parents who do wish to place an order should return their completed order form and payment by **Friday 3rd March 2017**. The style of this year's photographs is more contemporary with children photographed in a more relaxed pose.

ParentPay

We ask that parents/carers regularly log into their Parentpay account to keep an eye out for additional payments items relating to class outings. We have a number of children who have outstanding payments, outstanding payments need immediate action.

Fairtrade Fortnight

P7 have been busy working towards Fairtrade Fortnight which starts next week.

They will be holding a Fairtrade Big Break on Wednesday 1st of March from 1.15pm - 3.00pm which all classes are invited to attend. There will be lots of fun things to learn, do and buy. Children are invited bring some spending money on that day.

P7 would appreciate some donations of cakes and tray bakes to help fill their home baking stall - **please note nuts should not be used** as there are children in school with severe nut allergies.

Please hand in any donations into the P7 bay on the morning of Wednesday 1st March.

All money raised will be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation.

Diary Dates

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

Wed 1st March 2017

Thurs 2nd Mar 2017

Friday 3rd March 2017

Thurs 16th Mar 2017

Thurs 23rd Mar 2017

Fri 31st March 2017

Tues 18th Apr 2017

Fri 28th Apr 2017

Mon 1st May 2017

Thurs 4th May 2017

Thurs 18th 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

Wed 14th June 2017

Tues 20th June 2017

18th – 24th June 2017

Thurs 22nd June 2017

Mon 26th June 2017

Wed 28th June 2017

Fairtrade Big Break

P3Z Class Assembly

Dress Down Day

Orders to be returned for Class Photos

P5 Class Assembly

P2B Class Assembly

Church Service led by P4

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

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 **9 am**

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

New ELC Parent Information Evening – 6.45pm

New P1 Parent Information Evening – 7pm

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

Melrose Parish Church

The next family service will take place in the chapel on Sunday 5th March at 10am. This service will be conducted by The Very Rev David Arnott – all families are very welcome to attend.