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Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Enrolment for session 2018/19

Enrolment for ELC will take place this week - Monday 5th March 2018 and Friday 9th March 2018. Children born between 1st March 2014 and 28th February 2015 are invited to apply for a 4 year old place and children born between 1st March 2015 and 28th February 2016 are invited to apply for a 3 year old place.

Parents who wish to enrol their child in our ELC setting are asked to come along to school during enrolment week to complete an enrolment form and bring with them, their child's full birth certificate and proof of address. Proof of address: utility bill, bank statement, driving licence, child benefit letter or a council tax bill. Documents will be copied and returned to you immediately.

Children who currently have a 3 year place in our ELC setting or are enrolled to start before February will have to re-enrol for next session. Enrolment packs have been sent to these children this week.

Dalguise 2018

We remind parents of Primary 6 children that the final payment for Dalguise is to be paid by **8th June 2018**. Please make full or partial payments through ParentPay.

Big Space – Urgent Need for Committee Members

Could you become a Big Space Committee member and help keep our thriving after school club going?

Two of our existing committee members are coming to the end of their term of office and leaving imminently. If we cannot find replacements, the Big Space cannot legally continue and we could close at Easter.

If you have an interest in childcare and knowledge of / willingness to learn about the framework within which childcare operates, please get in touch.

The Day to day work of running the club is done by an experienced Club manager with a team of committed staff. The Committee ensures that the manager is fulfilling his / her responsibilities, monitors the overall running of the club and plans its strategic direction. Duties vary depending on role but can include: attending regular committee meetings (every 4 – 6 weeks), involvement in recruitment, ad hoc liaison with the Care Inspectorate, monitoring of finances. The time commitment varies, but is on average about 6 hours a month.

You do not need to have a child in the school to be on the committee, so if you know someone who might be able to help, please forward this email to them.

If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with June Guthrie (chair@thebigspace.org.uk) or Kate Blackledge (kateblackledge@gmail.com).

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:

- **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.

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
	Appointment night for Melrose Festival - 7pm for 7.30pm start
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
Friday 8 June 2018	Final Payment for Dalguise 2018 due (P6 pupils only)
Tuesday 12 June 2018	Sports Day
Friday 15 June 2018	Fairtrade Tuckshop
17th June – 23rd June 2018	Melrose Festival Week
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

Adult Coaching Opportunity at Melrose Waverley Tennis Club

Looking to pick up a racket again or try for the first time then get in contact with Ian Reilly.

The sessions will be Saturday/Sunday morning from 9am to 10am at the club. The Saturday session is aimed at beginners; the Sunday session will be aimed at intermediate players and will cover many aspects of tennis, both technical and tactical.

Start: March 3rd/4th for 4 weeks.

Contact Ian on 07799 583283 or email i.reilly@btinternet.com if interested