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### Annual Data Check Forms

We remind all parents/carers to return the annual data check forms with any necessary amendments made by **10<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. It is essential that we have up to date contact information.

Please note that emergency contacts should live reasonably locally as they may be asked to collect a child/ren in an emergency or when a parent/carer is not able to do so.

We have also enclosed the Children Act (Scotland) 1995 form which should be completed and returned along with the above form.

### Visiting the local community

For children to use the local community on a regular basis we require parental/carer permission. A permission slip for each child has been sent. Please return this to school by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

### School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school this Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018. We request that the children come to school wearing school uniform that day.

This year the following photographs taken:

- Family group of children with siblings in school/ELC
- Individual photos of all children

Proof envelopes will be sent home with children; those wishing to purchase photographs must return orders to school by **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. Orders placed after that date will be return for parents/carers to order directly from Tempest, there will be an additional charge for this service. There is no obligation to purchase photographs.

### Garden development

Sadly our outdoor play areas have suffered vandalism during the summer holiday, the damaged areas need to be made good and other areas need to be revitalised.

We would like a small group of willing volunteers to lead these developments and improvements.

**Parents/carers interested in supporting this work are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 11 September 2018**

**3.30-4.00pm in the school garden** (tray bakes will be provided). Mrs Robertson and Mrs Innes will lead the meeting; we hope the some pupils will be able to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to identify what needs to be improved/repaired/restored and plan how the work could be completed.

### Special Dietary Requirements

Reminder - parents/carers of children who have food allergies should complete a special diet requirement form (available for the school office) and return to school. This information is kept in the school kitchen which enables the canteen staff to ensure that children are served appropriate food.

### Flu Inoculations

All primary school children will receive, subject to parental/carer consent, flu inoculation. This will take place in Melrose Primary School on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The vaccine will be administered as a nasal spray by NHS health professionals. Consent forms and information was sent home this week, these forms should be returned to school as soon as possible or **by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

### Dalguise Residential Outing 2018 (current P6 pupils)

The interim payment of £65 is due to be paid on or before **12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. Please make payments through ParentPay.

### Junior Road Safety Officers

Holly Allfrey and Sacha Hepburn, P7 pupils, have been appointed as our Junior Road Safety Officers for this session. They have attended the launch of this year's project.

### Assemblies

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:

- 20 September 2018 – P6M
- 27 September 2018 – P4/5
- 4 October 2018 – Harvest P3 year group

- 1 November 2018 – Remembrance P7 year group
- 22 November 2018 – P4
- 29 November 2018 – St Andrews day P2 year group
- Wednesday 12 December – P1 year group Nativity show at 2pm & 6pm
- 21 December 2018 – Christmas P5 year group in the Parish church 9.30am
- 24 January 2019 – Burns P6 year group
- 31 January 2019 – P3/4
- 14 February 2019 – P1M
- 28 February 2019 – P7H
- 7 March 2019 – P7R
- 14 March 2019 – P1H
- 21 March 2019 – P3
- 29 March 2019 – Easter/Spring P4 year group in the Parish Church 9.30am
- 2 May 2019 – P2J
- 9 May 2019 – P5
- 6 June 2019 – P6Z
- 27 June 2019 – P2Z

## Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 12 Sep 2018	School Photographer for Individual/Family Photos (note change of date)
<b>Wednesday 3 October 2018</b>	<b>Dalguise open afternoon for P7 parents 1.30pm – 3pm</b>
<b>Monday 8 – Friday 12 Oct 2018</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
Friday 12 Oct 2018	Interim Payment due for Dalguise 2019 (current P6 pupils going into P7)
<b>Thursday 8 – Friday 9 Nov 2018</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Days – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
Monday 12 November 2018	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Wednesday 14 November 2018	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Thursday 15 Nov 2018	Parents Consultations with Teachers
	Flu Immunisations
<b>Monday 3 Dec 2018</b>	<b>St Andrews Day Holiday</b>
Thursday 6 December 2018	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12 December 2018	P1 Nativity Show 2pm and 6pm
Monday 17 December 2018	P2 and P5 Christmas Parties, P7 Christmas Party (6.30pm – 8.15pm)
Tuesday 18 December 2018	P3 and P4 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 19 December 2018	P1 and P6 Christmas Parties
Thursday 20 December 2018	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 December 2018	Christmas Church Service led by P5 – 9.30 am
<b>Monday 24 Dec – Fri 6 Jan 2019</b>	<b>School Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 15 February 2019</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 18 – Wednesday Feb 2019</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
Friday 29 March 2019	Easter/Spring Church Service led by P4 – 9.30am
<b>Monday 1 – Friday 12 April 2019</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Friday 19 April 2019</b>	<b>Good Friday Holiday – school closed</b>
<b>Friday 3 May 2019</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 6 May 2019</b>	<b>May Day Holiday</b>
Monday 20 May 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Wednesday 22 May 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Thursday 23 May 2019	Parents Consultations with Teachers
Thursday 30 May 2019	Summer Fair
<b>Monday 3 June 2019</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
Wednesday 5 June 2019	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 June 2019	Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled previous week)
Wed 12 & Thurs 13 June 2019	P7 Familiarisation Visits to Earlston High School
Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 June 2019	Melrose Festival Week
Wednesday 26 June 2019	P1 – P4 Potted Sports
Thursday 27 June 2019	P5 – P7 Sports Festival
Tuesday 2 July 2019	P7 Leavers Assembly
	<b>School closes at normal time for summer holidays</b>
<b>Monday 19 August 2019</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 20 August 2019</b>	<b>School re-opens for new session</b>

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

Melrose Churches Together will have Messy Church in Melrose Parish Church Hall on **9th September** from 3.00 - 5.00p.m. with the theme of Creationtide. Stories, games, crafts, singing, food and fun... Messy Church is for families. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All are welcome to come along and join the fun.

The next Family Service will take place in Melrose Parish Church Hall on Sunday 30th September at 10.00 a.m. and will be Harvest Thanksgiving.

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### **Melrose Football Club**

Melrose Football Club are holding a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 23rd September @ St Boswells Green, 9-12 (Cars £8, Vans £10 - pay on entry) - all proceeds raised going to the 2019 Netherlands Tour Fund.