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Poppy Scotland Appeal

Primary 7 pupils will be selling poppies in school from Wednesday 1st November 2017 until Wednesday 15th November 2017. If you would like your child to support this appeal, please send them into school with a donation. All monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Scotland Appeal 2017. Please give generously for this worthwhile cause.

Primary 7 pupils will be representing Melrose Primary School at the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on Sunday 12th November 2017; all pupils and families are invited to attend.

Book Fair

A book fair will be in school for the week commencing 6th November 2017. Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair, with their class during the week. During the times of the parent/carer/teacher consultations the Fair will also be open, in main office, for the purchase of books.

Outdoor Play

Children will be outside learning and at break times in all but extremely inclement weather. This includes the use of the Green Space (the grass adjacent to the school playground) which can at time be quite muddy. We request that children come to school with appropriate clothing, including jacket, and footwear.

Flu Inoculations

Reminder that flu inoculations will take place in Melrose Primary School on Thursday 16th November and Friday 17 November 2017.

Norovirus – Winter Vomiting Bug

Children **should not return to school or ELC for 48 hours** after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Compliance with this recommendation will avoid unnecessary spread of the virus.

Huntly Road

Despite constant requests Huntly Road is still be used by some parents/carers as a drop off/pick up point. 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. 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.

Drivers who use Huntly Road at the beginning and end of a school day are putting children's lives at risk.

There have been a number of near misses/incidents where pupils have narrowly avoided being injured by cars.

We request that Huntly Road is NOT used for parking, drop off or pick up at any time when children are in school.

Enrolment for Primary One for session 2018/19

Enrolment for primary one for session 2016/17 will take place between **20th and 24th November 2017**. Application packs will be issued to our existing nursery children. A copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residence e.g. a driving licence, utility bill is required to be presented at the time of enrolment.

Those who live out with the Melrose Primary School catchment area are asked to enrol their child at the catchment school appropriate for their home address, also complete and return a placing request form to Melrose Primary School. Failure to enrol at the catchment school will mean the placing request form for your child **will not** be considered by Scottish Borders Council.

Enrolment for ELC will take place in January 2018 – further details will be issued in due course.

Groupcall

We now have the facility of sending text messages/emails to all parental contacts instead of just the main primary contact. From today, all parental contacts that we have a current email address for will receive the newsletter and other relevant information from school. Please advise the school of any additions/amendments to email addresses and mobile phone numbers, thank you.

Internet Shopping - a free and simple way of raising funds for the school

Register with Easy Fundraising to raise funds for school without contributing yourself! If you are making online purchases all you need to do is to register www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melroseprimary
Once registered all you need to do when you shop on line is to sign into the Easy Fundraising site before starting to shop. You then shop in the normal way; the retailer automatically makes a contribution to school funds. You can upload a donation reminder so you don't forget!

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:

- 16 November 2017 – P4
- 23 November 2017 – St Andrews day P2 year group
- 30 November 2017 – P6M
- Wednesday 13 December – P1 year group Nativity show at 2pm & 6pm
- 21 December 2017 – Christmas P5 year group in the Parish church 9.30am
- 25 January 2018 – Burns P6 year group
- 1 February 2018 – P7R
- 22 February 2018 – P3
- 1 March 2018 – P2/3
- 8 March 2018 – P7H
- 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.

Monday 6 Nov 2017	Parents Consultations with teachers 4.30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 7 Nov 2017	Parents Consultations with teachers 4pm – 6pm
Wednesday 8 Nov 2017	Parents Consultations with teachers 3.45pm – 5.45pm
Thursday 9 & Friday 10 Nov 2017	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Wednesday 15 November 2017	Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 16 Nov 2017	Flu Inoculations for Primary 1 – 7 children P4 Class Assembly Children In Need Fundraiser
Friday 17 Nov 2017	Enrolment Week for P1
Monday 20th – Friday 24th Nov 2017	St Andrews Day Assembly led by P2 year group
Thursday 23 Nov 2017	School Closed – St Andrews Day Holiday
Monday 27 Nov 2017	P6M Class Assembly
Thursday 30 Nov 2017	Fairtrade Tuckshop
Friday 1 Dec 2017	Christmas Fair
Thursday 7 Dec 2017	P1 Nativity Show 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 13 Dec 2017	P2 year group and P5 year group Christmas Party
Thursday 14 Dec 2017	P3 year group and P4 year group Christmas Party
Monday 18 Dec 2017	P7 year group Christmas Party (6.30pm – 8.15pm) P1 year group and P6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 Dec 2017	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 Dec 2017	Church Service led by P5 year group
Thursday 21 Dec 2017	School Holidays
Friday 22 Dec 17 – Friday 5 Jan 2018	Burns Assembly led by P6 year group
Thursday 25 Jan 2018	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Borders Children's Charity
Friday 26 January 2018	School Photographer for class photos
Monday 29 Jan 2018	P7R Class Assembly
Thursday 1 Feb 2018	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
Friday 9 Feb 2018	School Holidays
Monday 12 Feb – Wednesday 14 Feb 18	P3 Class Assembly
22 February 2018	World Book Day
Thursday 1 March 2018	P2/3 Class Assembly Fairtrade Tuck Shop
Friday 2 March 2018	P7H Class Assembly
Thursday 8 March 2018	P1P Class Assembly
Thursday 15 March 2018	

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
Thursday 3 May 2018	P1M Class Assembly
Friday 4 May 2018	Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils
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 7 May 2018	School Closed – May Day Holiday
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
Tuesday 12 June 2018	Sports Day
Friday 15 June 2018	Fairtrade Tuckshop
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

Melrose Parish Church – Family Services

Rev Rosie Frew invites all families to a family service which will be held at 10am in the church hall on the forthcoming dates -
5th November and 3rd December