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Melrose Primary School Christmas Markets and Singing

Parents/carers are invited to Melrose Primary School Christmas Markets and Singing on Thursday 6th December 2018 1.15pm – 3.00pm. Children will be dismissed at 3.15 pm as normal. Further information will be sent about the new format of the fair this year.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday 20th December 2018. Orders for a Christmas lunch must be placed by **Monday 3rd December 2018** through Parentpay. The choices are: a traditional turkey dinner or a vegetarian Christmas log (puff pastry roll filled with quorn, vegetables and tomato sauce).

Please note there will not be a soup/sandwich option nor a school packed lunch option available on that day. Children and staff are invited to wear a 'touch of Christmas' on the day.

National recognition

The work that the Earlston Cluster schools (Earlston HS and associated primaries - Melrose, Newtown St Boswells, St Boswells, Earlston, Gordon, Lauder, Channelkirk and Westruther) have been doing with the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) money has been recognised at national level at this year's Quality Improvement Awards. We achieved the top award in the category of achieving results at scale for setting up a targeted numeracy intervention programme to help close the attainment gap and improve outcomes in numeracy. We are delighted with this award in recognition of the hard work of all those involved in making a difference to outcomes for children.

Enrolment for Early Learning and Childcare for session 2019/20

Enrolment for ELC (nursery) for session 2019/20 will take place between **Monday 14th and Friday 18th January 2019**. Application packs will be issued to our existing ante preschool 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.

School Closures in Adverse Weather

Please remember to keep the school updated with any changes to mobile telephone numbers and also any changes to email addresses too just in case there's a need to close the school in adverse weather conditions.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books from the Fair last week, over £870 was raised for the school to buy more books.

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:

- 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.

Monday 3 Dec 2018

Thursday 6 December 2018

Wednesday 12 December 2018

Monday 17 December 2018

Tuesday 18 December 2018

Wednesday 19 December 2018

Thursday 20 December 2018

Friday 21 December 2018

Monday 24 Dec – Fri 6 Jan 2019

Monday 14 – 18th January 2019

Friday 15 February 2019

Monday 18 – Wednesday Feb 2019

Friday 29 March 2019

Monday 1 – Friday 12 April 2019

Friday 19 April 2019

Friday 3 May 2019

Monday 6 May 2019

Monday 20 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

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

St Andrews Day Holiday

Melrose Primary School Christmas stalls & singing 1.15-3.15pm

P1 Nativity Show 2pm and 6pm

P2 and P5 Christmas Parties, P7 Christmas Party (6.30pm – 8.15pm)

P3 and P4 Christmas Parties

P1 and P6 Christmas Parties

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Church Service led by P5 – 9.30am

School Holiday

Enrolment for ELC (nursery)

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

School Holidays

Easter/Spring Church Service led by P4 – 9.30am

School Holidays

Good Friday Holiday – school closed

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

May Day Holiday

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Parents Consultations with Teachers

Summer Fair

Holiday

Sports Day

Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled previous week)

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

Gattonside Village Hall Christmas Fair (in aid of Melrose Primary School)

Sunday 25th November 2018 from 12noon – 4pm

Lots of lovely stalls to browse around – antique bric-a-brac, handmade jewellery, stocking fillers, preloved & retro, Christmas decorations, blankets and scarves, home baking, handmade bags, illustrative stitched drawings.

Melrose Rotary Christmas Parade and Carol Singing

This event will be held on Saturday 8th December 2018. Please meet in West End Lane at 5.30pm; the parade will follow the Melrose Pipe Band up to the Square where carols will be sung around the Christmas tree at 6pm. After the carol singing, Santa may be available to speak to in his grotto! Mince pies, mulled wine and juice will be available.

All children **must** be accompanied by an adult.