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### Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Children and staff are invited to wear a 'touch of Christmas'. This can be a Christmas jumper, tinsel, brooch, head band etc. There will be resources in classes for children to decorate their jumper on the day if they wish.

### Christmas Parties

- Monday 18 Dec 2017
  - P3 year group and P4 year group Christmas Party
  - P7 year group Christmas Party 6.30pm – 8.15pm
  - ELC Parties – morning and afternoon
- Tuesday 19 Dec 2017
  - P1 year group and P6 Christmas Party

Children are welcome to bring party clothes to school on the day of their party to change into before the start of their party.

### Christmas Church Service

The Christmas church service will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at 9.30am in Melrose Parish Church, led by Primary 5 year group. A collection will be taken; money raised will go to the Borders Children's Charity.

### Christmas Trees

Thank you to:

- Mr Alan McVicker, Rhymers Glen Trees for donating two trees, one for the main school foyer and one for the Big Space. Rhymers Glen Trees have large selection of trees, stands, wooden reindeer and wreaths are available up to 24<sup>th</sup> December. Local delivery available, open 9am to 7pm daily – just follow the signs from the Borders General Hospital. For further information call 01896 822141

### Nativity Show

Congratulations to the P1 pupils for their production of The Prickly Hay nativity. Thank you all who supported the pupils in their preparations for the show particularly the staff and parents/carers.

### Christmas Fair and Carol Singing

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed and attended the Christmas Fair. A very special thank you to Mrs Lori Thomson who masterminded the event on behalf of the Parent Council including the organisation before and on the day. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Thomson, the Parent Council and parent helpers for their continued support with fundraising events. Approximately £2450 was raised.

### Resilient Schools

Resilient Schools is a system set up by SBC which aims to keep as many schools as possible open in bad weather. Resilient Schools is activated in the event of severe weather affecting the whole of the Scottish Borders. The decision is made centrally usually when the conditions are such that it is not advisable to drive. Parents/carers will receive a text message to tell them that Resilient Schools has been activated. Information will also be available on the SBC website, SBC Facebook, SBC twitter and Radio Borders.

Melrose Primary School will have enough teachers and support staff to safely meet the needs of pupils in Primaries 1 to 7, the ELC provision will **not** be open during Resilient Schools. Only children who normally walk to school should attend school, school transport will not run. If your child is ill or you choose not to send them due to the weather conditions please let the school know not to expect them.

### Communication through Groupcall

We remind parents/carers to inform the school of any changes to mobile numbers and/or email addresses. It is essential that we have accurate information held on file for communication to be effective.

### Internet Shopping

Please remember to consider using Easy Fundraising to help raise funds for the school if you are making online purchases. To register go to: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melroseprimary](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melroseprimary)  
The site is a referral platform which goes to the online store - every time a purchase is made by a registered user, the school will receive a donation from the store. This is a FREE and SIMPLE way of raising money for the school.

## 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:

- 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 18 Dec 2017	P3 year group and P4 year group Christmas Party P7 year group Christmas Party (6.30pm – 8.15pm) ELC Parties
Tuesday 19 Dec 2017	P1 year group and P6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 Dec 2017	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 Dec 2017	Church Service led by P5 year group
<b>Friday 22 Dec 17 – Friday 5 Jan 2018</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	Enrolment week for ELC (nursery)
Thursday 25 Jan 2018	Burns Assembly led by P6 year group
Friday 26 January 2018	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Borders Children's Charity
Monday 29 Jan 2018	School Photographer for class photos
Thursday 1 Feb 2018	P7R Class Assembly
<b>Friday 9 Feb 2018</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 12 Feb – Wednesday 14 Feb 18</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
22 February 2018	P3 Class Assembly
Thursday 1 March 2018	World Book Day P2/3 Class Assembly
Friday 2 March 2018	Fairtrade Tuck Shop
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
<b>Friday 30 Mar – Friday 13 Apr 2018</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
Thursday 3 May 2018	P1M Class Assembly
<b>Friday 4 May 2018</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
<b>Monday 7 May 2018</b>	<b>School Closed – May Day Holiday</b>
Thursday 10 May 2018	P2 Class Assembly
Friday 18 May 2018	Talent Show
Thursday 24 May 2018	P3/4 Class Assembly ( <b>please note 9.15am start</b> )
Thursday 31 May 2018	Summer Fundraiser
<b>Monday 4 June 2018</b>	<b>School closed – Local Holiday</b>
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
<b>Thursday 28 June – Friday 17 Aug 2018</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 20 Aug 2018</b>	<b>Staff In-Service Training Day – school/ELC closed for pupils</b>
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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 10am when the theme will be "We Three Kings of Orient Are"