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Dear Parents and Carers,

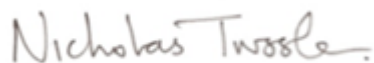
Welcome to our April / May newsletter, marking the beginning of the final term for this school year at Chirnside Primary School. This is traditionally a very busy term for school events so we have included all dates set at present in the Dates for Your Diary section.

From the 5th May, I will be absent from school for two weeks as I recover from an operation. During this period, Ms. Harvey, Principal Teacher, will lead the school in my absence.

During this period, teaching arrangements for P7 will be Ms. Harvey on a Monday, Mr. Wood on a Tuesday and Mr. Littlewood teaching from Wednesday to Friday.

These arrangements allow Ms. Harvey the appropriate management time to support pupils, parents and staff during this two week period.

Kind regards,



Nick Trussler - Head Teacher

Upcoming Events

25.04.15 "What Do You See?"
photography exhibition in school
10am-12noon.

27.04.15 P6 Farm Visit

27.04.15 Active Schools Summer Sports
Club begins P1-P4 15.30 – 16.30

28.04.15 Rearranged SSPCA workshops
for P1-P3, P6, P3 and P7

30.04.15 Champions in Schools visit to
P6

01.05.15 Inservice Day : Pupil Holiday

04.05.15 School Holiday

05.05.15 BHS P7-S1 Transition day at
Ford Castle

17.05.15 P7 Science Day at BHS

19.05.15 P5 at Borders Countryside
Day, Kelso

26.05.15 P5 at Ford Castle

27.05.15-28.05.15 P6 Ford Castle
Residential

27.05.15 Fire Sharp Talks for P5

28.05.15 P7 PE morning at BHS

01.06.15 – 05.06.15 P7 Residential to
Kindrogan

08/09.06.15 P7 Sailing

10.06.15 and 11.06.15 P7 Transition
Days to High School

15/16/17/18.06.15 P7 Sailing

23.06.15 Sports Day (P4-7 morning and
PS-P3 afternoon)

24.06.15 Sports Day provisional date

01.07.15 End of year Prize Giving and
Church Service 10.30am in the Parish
Church.

Primary 4 Class Teacher

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. C Reap to Chirnside Primary School on Monday 27th April when she begins in her position as P4 class teacher. Mrs. Reap is currently a class teacher at Eyemouth Primary School.

I would like to thank Mr. Littlewood for his hard work and effort in Primary 4 during February and March. Mr. Littlewood will return to his substantive post in P7 and P5 on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the remainder of this term.

Heelies

Whilst 'Heelies' are growing in popularity amongst pupils during their leisure time, I write to request that parents ensure their child has a change of shoes to wear in the building and playground whilst at school.

This request is based solely on the grounds of ensuring pupil safety during the school day.

Late Arrival of Pupils

A polite reminder to parents and pupils that the primary school day begins at 8.50am and pupils should be in the playground each morning for this time.

Regular late arrival disadvantages pupils in that they miss the start of the day routines and the beginning of lessons. Late arrivals are recorded on class registers and the SEEMIS database.

Mrs Scott's Retirement

Mrs Scott would like to thank all parents, pupils and colleagues for their kind and thoughtful donations towards the gifts she received to mark her retirement.

Mrs Scott was presented with an engraved Quaich, flowers, cards and her memory book from pupils at the end of term Church Service on the 2nd of April.

Mrs Scott has very kindly donated an engraved barometer for display in the school.

We wish Mrs. Scott well for the future.

Sports Day

Sports Day this year is on Tuesday 23rd June. Primary 4-7 Sports will be from 9.15 – 12.00. Pre-School Nursery to Primary 3 Sports will be from 12.30 to 15.00.

All three year old nursery pupils will attend nursery for the morning session and all four year old pupils will attend for the afternoon session for this day only.

The provisional day for sports is Wednesday 24th June. Hopefully, the weather will be favourable and we will not need to use it!

The David Hume Observation Competition and Exhibition

What do you see? Is it different from what others see, even if you're looking at the same thing? Do you, therefore, understand what you're seeing in a different way from others?

These are interesting questions for all of us but over the next few weeks, the children of Chirnside Primary School are taking part in the first *What do you see? David Hume Observation Competition*. Coached by 3 local camera club photographers, Michael Barron, Allan Brown and Mark Kinghorn, the pupils will take photos of familiar things around them in Chirnside but from very unfamiliar angles. The purpose is to reveal something fresh or surprising or different from the normal way in which we look at things, whether buildings or our homes, the natural world or even pets. The competition will culminate in a public exhibition of the photos at the school which will be open from 10-12 on the morning of Saturday 25th April.

The idea came from the Chirnside David Hume Group as part of their celebrations of Britain's (and arguably the world's) greatest philosopher, who lived at Ninewells and whose 304th birthday (old calendar) will be marked that weekend. Hume as a child in Chirnside asked searching questions stemming from what he observed and experienced around him. He began to see things in a different light from most other people and from this he developed his philosophy which controversially rocked the boat of traditional thinking. It was through this, however, that Hume became a leading light of the Scottish Enlightenment with philosophical ideas which still enlighten us today.

Chirnside marks another first, hosting the first (and only) Professor of the Public Understanding of Philosophy, the lively and renowned Angie Hobbs. At 10.30 on the Saturday morning Angie Hobbs will give a talk to the children and members of the public at the school exhibition after which she will judge the photos and present the prizes. Come and join us. The entrance is free.



'WHAT DO YOU SEE ?' David Hume Observation Competition

FREE ENTRY

**Photo Exhibition: 10-12pm
Speaker: Angie Hobbs 10.30
Prize Giving: 11am**

**Chirnside Primary School
Saturday April 25th**

Mr. Trussler's Tour de Lauder Cycling Challenge

The 'Tour de Lauder Grand Depart' is fast approaching on Saturday 25th April (tomorrow) and the weather forecast is rain, rain and more rain!

89.2 miles of Borders roads (mostly uphill!) lie ahead for Mr. Trussler on his cycling challenge as he fund raises for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.



Many thanks to everyone who has so kindly donated on line or by text or by sponsor sheet so far.

If you've not had the chance to make your donation, you can sponsor Mr. Trussler by any one of the following methods:

1. His 'Just Giving' page - <https://www.justgiving.com/NATrussler/> or
2. Text **NATL61** £*donation* to **70070** or
3. Complete the **sponsor form at the school office** and leave your donation.

You can keep up to date with the story so far at Mr. Trussler's cycling blog - <http://pdlpwr.weebly.com/>

Nick Trussler - Headteacher



In the School

Film Club

The first Friday of every month at 12.30 (for P5-P7 pupils).

P4 and P5-7 Choirs

At lunchtime for P4 on Tuesdays and P5-P7 on Thursdays with Mrs. Walker in the Community Room

Scripture Union

For P5 and P6 on a Wednesday at lunchtime in the Community Room

P6 Games Club

With Mr. Richards every Wednesday at 12.20 in the Library

Running Club

Every Wednesday 15.20 to 16.15. For more information, contact Leeann Ross or Chirnside Chasers Running Club.

In the Community

Rainbows and Brownies

Meet in the school on Mondays from 5.45pm

Cubs

Meet in the school on Wednesdays from 5.45pm

Ladies Netball

Meet in the school on a Thursday from 7.30pm

Tina and Jackie's Drop In

For parents and young ones. Meet from 9.00am every Monday in the Community Room.

Toddlers

For parents and young ones. Meet from 9.00am every Wednesday in the Community Room.