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Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Thank you for all your hard work and support this session. As a result, we continue to become better at what we do, and grow as a school and a community to provide good learning opportunities for all our children.

I wish you all an enjoyable and peaceful summer break with your families.

Kind regards,

Nick Trussler
Head Teacher

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to welcome Ms. T Renton to Chirnside Primary School, as permanent class teacher. Ms. Renton was successful at interview last week and will teach Primary 6 next session. She met and worked with the class as part of the interview process last week. Ms. Renton has an extensive teaching experience across most stages in the primary school.

Ms. S Johnson has been appointed to the position of P3 class teacher as from August, to cover the maternity leave of Ms. S Milne (current P7 teacher). Ms. Johnson will take her current P2 class on into P3 next session.

Mrs C Douglas will join us in August, as an additional teacher, as we move to eight classes for next session. Mrs Douglas has experience of teaching across the primary stages in many Borders schools. Mrs Douglas will teach Primary 2 next session.

Early Learning and Childcare staffing will change for next session. Both Mrs

Upcoming Events

- Monday 19th June – P7 Leavers' Lunch
- Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day – P4-7 9:00-12:00 / ELC4-P13:15-15:15 pm
- Tuesday 20th June 12:00 Summer BBQ – Parents invited to attend.
- Wednesday 21st June – Sports **provisional date** - P4-7 9:00-12:00 / ELC4-P13:15-15:15 pm
- Friday 23rd June – P6 Class Assembly at 9:15am
- Monday 26th June at 11:00am – Henry Gray Mile P5-P7. Parents invited to attend.
- Tuesday 27th June at 10:00am **provisional date** for Henry Gray Mile P5-P7. Parents invited to attend.
- Tuesday 27th June at 11:00am – ELC Moving-On Ceremony – Parents invited to attend.
- Wednesday 28th June – Final Day of Term.
 - Church service and Prize Giving at 10:30am.
 - P7 Leavers' Assembly 1:30pm
 - School closes at 3:20pm.
- Monday 14th August – In-service for staff
- Tuesday 15th August – All pupils return.

Foster and Mrs Galloway, who joined us part-time this session, will leave Chirnside ELCC. Mrs Foster is moving to Greenlaw ELCC and Mrs Galloway is moving to Coldstream ELCC. I wish to thank Mrs Foster and Mrs Galloway for their hard work and effort during this school year, and also thank them for their contributions to our ELCC development projects this session. Their expertise and knowledge will be missed. We have a part-time vacancy in the afternoon session for August 2017. This vacancy is awaiting appointment by SBC Early Years Team. I will keep parents updated with future developments in due course.

CLASSES FOR 2017-18

Below is a table indicating class structure and pupil roll for 2017-18 and allocated teachers to class stage. We will move to eight classes for school session in August 2017. Primary 1 will be organized by age, ensuring a gender balance between the two classes (as indicated in Scottish Borders Class Composition Policy). Mrs Millar will continue to release Mrs Reap for ½ a day a week, so that Mrs Reap can continue with our Early Years developments next session. I have also indicated the arrangements either made or being made to allow pupils to meet their teacher prior to the summer holiday.

Class 17-18	Pupil Number	Teacher	Transition Arrangements for New Class
Primary 1R	13	Mrs C Reap 0.9 / Mrs H Millar 0.1	Morning of Monday 12th June
Primary 1L	13	Mrs P Lannigan	Monday 26th June
Primary 2	22	Mrs C Douglas	Afternoon of Thursday 22 nd June
Primary 3	27	Ms S Johnson	Current teacher – not required
Primary 4	22	Mrs C Milne	Class swap with Mrs E Bennie TBA prior to end of term
Primary 5	25	Mr S Brodie	Class swap with Mrs C Milne TBA prior to end of term
Primary 6	24	Ms T Renton	Already met class during interview observation on 8th June. A further visit may be possible prior to end of term.
Primary 7	24	Ms I Harvey 0.8 / TBC 0.2	Current teacher – not required
PE / RICCT 0.7FTE	n/a	Mrs H Millar	Already worked with new P1 (ELC4) this session

SHORTS & SHADES DISCO – Thursday 22th JUNE 2017

Nursery to Primary 3 – 5.45pm to 6.45pm

(Nursery children must be accompanied by an adult)

Primary 4 to 7 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Wear your shorts & shades!

£2 per child or £5 for family of 3 or more

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents can order uniform for next session via Border Embroideries online. These orders can be delivered to school and collected on 14th August (Inset) or 15th August (Pupils return to school).

School uniform at Chirnside Primary School is as follows (from school handbook):

- Boys: Trousers- black or grey; Shirt - white or navy; Pullover/Sweatshirt (P1-6) - navy
- Girls: Skirt / Trousers - navy, grey or black; Blouse - white or navy; Pullover/Cardigan/Sweatshirt - navy
- Primary 7 pupils should purchase a 'Senior Pupil' sweatshirt in grey.
- Children should wear shorts and T-shirt for all P.E. activities. Shirts worn in school should not show any advertising for alcohol. As P.E. or Movement activities take place more than once a week, it would be useful if P.E. kits could remain in school, taking them home for washing at appropriate times.
- Each child should have a painting / craft smock e.g. old shirt, apron.
- All children's school clothing should be clearly named so that it can be easily identified if mislaid. Please help with this.

SAVE A LIFE FOR SCOTLAND

There is a current government strategy to improve the survival chances of people who have a cardiac arrest out of hospital.

A body called "Save a Life for Scotland" have been charged with improving the number of ordinary people who know how to administer CPR. Their target is to reach 500,000 trained people by 2020.

There's a big push to train younger people in schools and, under the "I'll do it!" banner, there are resources available to support the training of primary and secondary pupils.

Mr Brodie has brought 5 CPR mannequins in to school and now Primary 5 can be added to the number of trained people who know how to do CPR. Over time, Mr Brodie and Primary 5 pupils will train the whole school to be a part of this.



More information can be found at "Save A Life For Scotland" (<http://www.savealife.scot/>)

SPORTS DAY

All parents are invited to attend Sports Day on Tuesday 20th June. P4-P7 Sports are from 9:15-12:00 and ELC4-P3 Sports are from 13:15 to 15:00. Parents are also invited to book a space for Sports Day BBQ from 12:00 to 13:00 via the school office if they wish.

We have marked Wednesday 21st as the provisional date should the weather be wet on Tuesday.

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE: LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER

With school holidays fast approaching; Live Borders Libraries are keen to keep kids reading throughout the summer. Literacy levels and reading for enjoyment is at the heart of everything we do and our Summer Reading Challenge is a terrific way for us to support primary school children's reading journey.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Last year over three quarters of a million children took part.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Animal Agents, illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross. For 2017, there's something peculiar happening at the local library - and that's where the Animal Agents come in! It's a detective agency staffed by all kinds of clever animals - furry, scaly and slippery - and these guys are out to crack the case with a little help from their friends.

As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells. By collecting the stickers on their collector folder, young readers will help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes! Animal Agents is a must for all eagle-eyed kids and will test their skills and ingenuity along the way. But with the Agents on their side, solving these mysteries comes with a large helping of fun!

Children can sign up as from **Saturday 17th June at their local library.**



School term dates for 2016/17**Summer term**

- Wednesday 28 Jun 2017 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

School term dates for 2017/18**Autumn term**

- Monday 14 Aug 2017 - Staff resume, in service day
- Tuesday 15 Aug 2017 - Pupils resume
- Friday 06 Oct 2017 – Berwickshire Local Holiday
- Monday 16 Oct 2017 - All resume
- Thursday 09 Nov 2017 - Staff in service day
- Friday 10 Nov 2017 - Staff in service day
- Monday 27 Nov 2017 - St Andrew's Day holiday, school closed
- Thursday 21 Dec 2017 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Winter term

- Monday 08 Jan 2018 - All resume
- Thursday 08 Feb 2018 - Last day for pupils - February holiday
- Friday 09 Feb 2018 - Staff in service day
- Wednesday 14 Feb 2018 - All resume
- Thursday 29 Mar 2018 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Summer term

- Monday 16 Apr 2018 - All resume
- Friday 04 May 2018 - Staff in service day
- Monday 07 May 2018 - May Day holiday, school closed
- Monday 28 May 2018 – Berwickshire Local Holiday
- Wednesday 27 Jun 2018 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

