

## CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome to our March 2016 newsletter.

### **Pupil Access to the School Grounds**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, a letter was sent to all parents from Scottish Borders Council and Police Scotland regarding parent parking at Chirnside Primary School. The content of the letter is printed overleaf for your information.

### **The reason for these arrangements is purely on the grounds of pupil safety.**

The decision has been taken by Police and Scottish Borders Council for there to be **no access to the A6105 or the 'D' to pupils or accompanying parents at the end of a school day.**

Since Friday, some parents have sought clarification around parent parking at the school. I would like to clarify the following for all parents of Early Learning and Childcare (ELCC) and Primary pupils:

- Primary pupils can be 'dropped off' at the school gate (in the 'D') prior to 8.50am. Vehicles must not be left parked and left unattended at any time. Alternatively, primary pupils should access the school grounds by the pedestrian gate on the school path.
- At the beginning and end of an ELCC session (morning and afternoon) there is no access to the 'D' or the main road parking area for parents with ELCC children. Access is from the pedestrian gate on the school path to the west.
- At the end of the school day there is no access to the 'D' or the main road parking area for parents with primary pupils. Access is from the pedestrian gate on the school path to the west.
- Parents should not use the parking spaces at the front of the school or walk their children along A6105 at any time.
- Parent parking information is contained in the letter overleaf.

We all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. By removing pupil access to the 'D' and the A6105, together we can ensure that all our children stay safe by using the pedestrian access to the school grounds.

Sincerely,

*Nicholas Trussler*

Kind regards,

Nick Trussler - Head Teacher

## OUR COMMUNITY IN OUR SCHOOL

### **Tina and Jackie's Drop-In**

Mondays 9am to 11am in the  
Community Room (upstairs)

### **Rainbows and Brownies**

Monday evenings in the school.

### **Toddlers**

Wednesdays 9am to 11am in the  
Community Room (upstairs)

### **Flying Start**

Wednesdays 9.30 – 11.00am in the  
Library

### **Cubs**

Wednesday evenings in the school.

# Parking at Chirnside Primary School

Dear Parents / Carers

## PARKING OUTSIDE CHIRNSIDE SCHOOL, A6105

You may be aware that there have been some concerns raised over the safety of children when being dropped and collected by car, bus and taxi in the 'D' area at the front of the school and there has been a visible police presence recently.

As representatives from Scottish Borders Council's Education and Lifelong Learning, Health and Safety, Roads departments and Police Scotland we would like to remind you **only children who are using school transport or being collected by disabled badge holders are permitted to leave the school through the front gate at the end of the school day. This decision has been made to ensure pupil safety in the 'D' and those on the A6105 at this time.**

The local Police Inspector is aware of this issue and has given an assurance that drivers who continue to stop or park on this section of the A6105 and cause a dangerous obstruction, will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for this offence.

All other children (primary and nursery) will be dismissed at the end of the school day westwards, towards Crosshill and Kirkgate.

There are other parking opportunities in the village and we encourage parents of Nursery and P1 pupils to park in the Church car park and stride the short distance to school from this location. Others are encouraged to use the village car park or park responsibly on Crosshill. The School Crossing Patroller position, Crosshill was implemented as a result of this arrangement in 2012, to assist children been dropped or collected west of the school.

Please also remind family and friends of these arrangements when collecting children by car, as non-school transport children will **not** be permitted to leave the school through the front gate to access vehicles on the A6105.

We also understand how precious time can be in the morning. In the mornings, parent vehicles will still be able to use the 'D' area for drop off. Parking and leaving vehicles unattended will not be permitted.

We do hope that parents will understand the safety reasons and we would like to thank everyone in advance for their full co-operation.

Yours

Nick Trussler  
Head Teacher

PC Sharon Lackenby  
Police Scotland

Simon Astin  
Health and Safety

Karen McGrath  
School Travel

## Upcoming Events March to June 2016

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Primary 2 Class Assembly at 9.20am. Parents welcome to attend.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Focus Learning Week
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 'Good Vibrations' Science Workshop for P7
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Action for Children present 'Young Carers Workshops' to P5-P7.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Primary 5 Bikeability Day with Keith Irving
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Primary 6 Class Assembly at 9.20 am. Parents welcome to attend.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – P7 Water Aid Workshop
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – School Estates Review at Berwickshire High School from 14.30 to 19.00
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – INSERVICE – Pupil Holiday
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – May Day Holiday
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – P7 at Ford Castle (BHS Day)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Primary 7 Residential at Kindrogan
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – P7 Science Day at BHS
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – P7 Watersports GROUP 1
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – P7 PE Day at BHS
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May P4 Football Festival
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Berwickshire Local Holiday
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May P5 Ford Castle Day
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Watersports GROUP 1
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – P6 Ford Castle Residential
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Rag Bag Collection
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Borders XC Championships
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Sport Relief Activities
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Pupil Discos: See newsletter for times
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Church Service in the Parish Church from 10.30am
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Council meeting at 7.30pm
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday Holiday
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Evening Appointments 5-7pm
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive) – Easter Holiday
- School reopens on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Week of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April-Big Pedal Initiative
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Chirnside Parent Council Spring Coffee Morning at 10am at the new Community Centre
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Induction Days at BHS
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – P6 at Coldingham Beach
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 'Move up Afternoon' for ELCC4 to P6 (Classes for 2016-17)
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – SPORTS (P4-P7 AM and ELCC4-P3 PM)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – P7 Watersports GROUP 2
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Henry Gray Mile at 14.30. Parents welcome to attend.
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – End of Year Service and Prize Giving in the Parish Church from 10.30am

## World Book Day



World Book Day is this Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. To celebrate, classes will be involved in a number of book themed activities and promoting the enjoyment of reading with pupils. Your child will be given a book voucher entitling them to £1 off the cost of a new book. Please see the voucher for information on how to redeem this against the purchase of a book.

## Focus Learning Week

Next week, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, pupils will be recording aspects of their learning journey in their learning logs as part of our second Focus Learning Week for this school year. Pupils will bring home their learning log for parents to discuss with their child, prior to Parents Evenings at the end of this month.

## Generation Science Workshops



This term, we have enjoyed visits from Generation Science to support science learning in Primary 1, Primary 4, Primary 6 and Primary 7. The workshops have been practical and investigative in nature, allowing pupils a 'hands-on' approach to their learning.

Primary 4 enjoyed 'Power to the People' to support their previous learning on electricity. Primary 6 took part in a 'Fizz Boom Bang' workshop, along with Primary 1 who enjoyed exploring the properties of materials in the 'Let's Get Fizzy' workshop.

Primary 7 will be having a visit from Generation Science on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, entitled 'Good Vibrations' (nothing to do with The Beach Boys!).

## Berwickshire Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to our very successful Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils who took part at the recent Berwickshire Cross Country Championships, held at Eyemouth Primary School. Our Primary 7 girls' team and boys' team won the 'Team Award' for their age group. Mrs Millar will be travelling with pupils to attend the Scottish Borders Cross Country Championships being held in Galashiels on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck to everyone who is taking part!

## Spring Disco Friday 18th March

Organised by Chirnside Primary Parent Council the details are as follows:

- Nursery to Primary 3 – 6.15pm to 7.15pm (Nursery children must be accompanied by an adult)
- Primary 4-7 7.30 to 8.30pm.
- Wear something green or yellow (optional). Tuck shop available.
- Tickets £2 or £5 for a family of three or more.

## Easter Church Service

We are holding our Easter Service on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, in the Parish Church at 10.30am. A collection will be taken in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care, our chosen pupil charity for 2016. All friends and family are invited to attend.



## Young Carers Workshops

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils will have a visit from Kirsty Page (Action for Children) who will be delivering pupil workshops on the theme of 'Young Carers'. The awareness raising workshops will help pupils understand the caring role that youngsters at times have to take, and also sources of help and support that are available to young carers.

## All Things Green

We have been successful in our application to the Borders Tree Planting Scheme for a grant to cover the costs of 45 trees for our wildlife area. The wildlife area is part of our 'All Things Green' project we are undertaking with Anna Craigen. We have a tight turn around, as the trees must be planted by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016!

## Parent Council Update

### Easy Fundraising

Support the school by SHOPPING! Over 2000 retailers, including Next, Amazon & John Lewis will make a donation to the school every time you shop. Follow the link below to find out more.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochirnside/?t=Easyfundraising-lo&v=a&](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochirnside/?t=Easyfundraising-lo&v=a&)

### Up and coming events

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Pupil Discos 6-7pm ELCC to P3 / 7.15 – 8.15pm P4 to P7
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Parent Council Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Evenings – School Photographer exhibition and consultation.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10am in Chirnside Community Centre - Spring Coffee Morning

### Contacting Chirnside Parent Council

The Parent Council has a set up new email address. If parents would like to receive communications from the Parent Council such as minutes from our meetings or request discussion items to be added to meeting agendas, please send an email to the following email address - [Chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk](mailto:Chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk). Parents can also receive information from the Parent Council by liking the school Facebook page.

### Next PARENT COUNCIL Meeting



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
At 7.30pm**

In Chirnside Primary School  
All Parents Encouraged to Attend

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT



To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, Primary 6 are organising a Fairtrade Tuck Shop, selling Fairtrade Geo Bars for 40p to primary pupils before morning break. These healthy, delicious bars are a bargain!

Also, Primary 6 are undertaking the 90KG Rice Challenge, to raise £270 to fund a Malawian child's place at school for a year. 1KG bags of Fairtrade rice are available from Primary 6 for only £3 a bag, and are going fast. Pop in to Primary 6 and buy one before they're gone!

### Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club is open to all primary pupils from 8.30am to 8.50am (last orders 8.45am). Breakfast Club is free to all pupils who wish to attend.

On offer is cereal, fruit, milk and water.

### P5 Bikeability Level 1

As we continue to develop our broad curriculum opportunities for pupils, we have enlisted the help of Keith Irving to deliver a Bikeability 1 course for all Primary 5 pupils on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The focus of the course is developing bike handling skills with pupils that are a pre-requisite for Bikeability 2 training offered in Primary 6 and Primary 7.

The training will be held in the school grounds. Pupils should wear appropriate outdoor clothing and trainers for this activity. All pupils will be provided with a bike and helmet to take part.

### Class Assemblies

Remaining dates for class assemblies this school session are as follows:

- Primary 2 – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.20am
- Primary 6 – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9.20am
- Primary 3 – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.20am
- Primary 4 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.20am

Parents of pupils in these classes are invited to attend and stay for tea and coffee afterwards in the canteen.

## We're Getting Better...

In January and February we:

- Implemented a new spelling progression to ensure continuity in teaching and learning from P1 to P7.
- Implemented a new mental maths progression to develop mental agility from P1-P7.
- Continued to develop our assessment approaches and understanding of progression within Curriculum for Excellence levels in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Identified our understanding of pupil 'security' at Early, First and Second levels in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Continued to develop our RME progression to ensure pace, challenge and continuity for pupils learning.
- Continued to develop 'Practitioner Enquiry' approaches to research elements of classroom practice and the impact upon learners.
- Prepared our approach to recording pupils' wider achievement in learning logs.

In March we will be:

- Continuing our development of our RME progression
- Using SEEMIS to produce reports for parents
- Continuing our use of Practitioner Enquiry to measure the impact upon learners.
- Evaluating our experiences of using our new spelling and numeracy progressions.

## Sport Relief – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we will be organising some activities for pupils to raise their awareness of the charity Sport Relief and the work that it does to help others.

Primary 7, with Mrs. Millar, will be holding an aerobics session for P1-6 classes. Primary 6 are organising a House Sports Quiz for P1-5 pupils. Further details to follow!



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## Term, holiday and closure dates for the remainder of 2015-16

### Winter term

Friday 25 March 2016	Good Friday, school closed
Friday 1 April 2016	All break, term ends

### Summer term

Monday 18 April 2016	All resume
Friday 29 April 2016	Staff in service day
Monday 2 May 2016	May Day holiday, school closed
Wednesday 29 June 2016	All break, term end
Casual holiday: Berwickshire Monday 30 May 2016	

## TENNIS

### Entry form for Borders 8 and Under Tennis Tournament:

## **Borders Mini Tennis Competition**

**Saturday 19th March 2016**

**8 and Under Competition - Entry Fee £5 per player**

**Queens Centre, Galashiels - 10am to 3pm**

### **Entry Form**

Name

Address

Telephone number/mobile

Male/Female

Date of Birth

E-mail address

British Tennis Membership Number  
known)

Player rating - (if

Club/school

Coach

### **Event Details**

1. Forms to be sent to Austin Ramage, 11 Harleyburn Court, Melrose, TD6 9JQ or by email to [austinramage@sky.com](mailto:austinramage@sky.com)
2. Players must be born on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.
3. Payment of entry fee can be made on the day.

### **Event Rules**

1. Singles matches will involve playing 1 tiebreak - first to 7 points.
2. Played on a badminton court area - outside tram line and inner back line.
3. All competitors should wear appropriate footwear
4. Competitors will play against players their own age wherever possible.
5. All competitors should report to the referee's table on arrival.



## **ACTIVE SCHOOLS TENNIS:**

### **Primary Tennis Block: Friday Afternoons**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to announce Active Schools along with Duns Tennis Club will be delivering an extra-curricular P1 – 7 tennis block.

**Date:** Fri 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April, then 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Age & Time:** 2 – 2.45pm: P1-3

3 – 4pm: P4 & 5

4- 5pm: P6 & 7

**Location:** Gym Hall (Berwickshire High School)

**Cost:** £12 for the 6 week block (pay on week 1)

If your child is keen to attend the after school club, could you please email, phone or txt the following details to the Active School coordinator:

- Name of child, school and session they wish to attend
- Any medical conditions
- Emergency contact details
- Let us know if they will be collected after or can walk home

**Numbers are limited to and places will be given on a first come first served basis.**

Contact Details:

Marianne O'Brien - Active Schools Coordinator (Berwickshire)

Mobile: 07887471133

Email: [mobrien@bslt.org.uk](mailto:mobrien@bslt.org.uk)

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