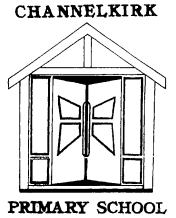


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January Newsletter

Farmhouse Breakfast Competition

Scottish Borders Countryside Initiative is once again running the Farmhouse Breakfast competition in conjunction with HGCA Farmhouse Breakfast Week and Scottish Borders Council. Both classes will be entering.

Recycling Toothbrushes and Toothpaste Tubes

Channelkirk Primary School is now collecting used/old toothbrushes and empty toothpaste tube for recycling. Please send these to school where our Child Smile team will arrange for the uplift. Please let friends and neighbours know, as this service is open to all. We also recycle empty ink cartridges, used batteries, crisp packets and have a Rag Bag bin for old clothing and shoes.



After School Tennis

Live Borders is running Tennis workshops after school on a Thursday. Details have been emailed to you.

Monday 14 January RBS Moneywise Workshops

We have had a visit from the Money Sense volunteer who ran two workshops. P1-3 had a workshop called 'How we use Money' and P4-7 had a workshop called 'Fraud Scene Investigators'.

Thursday 31 January – Internet Safety Talk

PC Ballantyne will be in school to discuss Internet Safety with pupils from P4 to P7. Internet safety Day is on Tuesday 5th of February.

Friday 15 February to Wednesday 20 February – School Closed

The next pupil holidays are Friday 15th (In-service), Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th February.

A full list of holiday dates is available on the school website and the SBC website. When looking at the SBC page remember to scroll down to the bottom of the page to see local holidays, we are under Eildon East

Facebook and Twitter



Please like our Facebook page to follow us and see posts.

Communication Procedures

You may remember that last year we consulted you about how we could improve our communication at school. We drafted a set of procedures which we planned to review after a year. Attached is our draft communication procedure document. We would be grateful if you could take the time to read over them again and provide us with any feedback about what is going well or any further improvement we could make. We would appreciate any feedback by the end of January. Thank you for your support.



Right Respecting Schools

Please see the attached letter and FAQ's explaining our next steps in becoming a Rights Respecting School.

Learning Theme

Our learning theme this term is Diversity. This theme may be explored through discrete subjects, cross curricular learning or as stand-alone experiences, this will also include assemblies. Some areas we may explore are:

Diversity – ideas for exploration

- Equity
- Inclusion
- Human rights / Children's rights
- Beliefs/ideas/opinions
- Individuality
- Equality - the removal of discrimination, disadvantage, inequality and / or barriers which can affect
- Children's view of our school equity and inclusion policies

Validated Self-Evaluation

On the 7th of February the Earlston Cluster Head Teachers will visit both Channelkirk and Westruther schools. This is part of a collaborate project the Earlston Head Teachers are involved in. They will visit each other's schools to observe and discuss the Head Teacher's evaluation of their own schools progress, with a particular focus on teaching and learning.

Building Resilience

Please find attached an information leaflet about our Health and Well Being Focus this term.

Job Vacancy - Cleaning Post

Channelkirk Primary School is looking for a new school cleaner. The post has been advertised; however it may be suitable for someone within our school and local community. The post is for 6 hours a week, working 2 hrs Mon/Wed/Fri. . If anyone is interested please contact Charlotte Gosling at SBC:

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Area Cleaning Manager,
Scottish Borders Council,
Mobile: 07801793045
Telephone: 01835 825 028
Email: Charlotte.Gosling@scotborders.gov.uk



Winter Weather

Please can children bring coats and appropriate footwear to school for the winter weather. We try to get children out to play as much as possible regardless of the weather.

Severe Weather

You have already received a letter from Scottish Borders Council regarding Severe Weather. The Resilient Schools system is no longer in use. Localised decisions about schools opening will be made in consultation with Emergency Planning staff at SBC, Senior Officers and the Head Teacher. Decisions will take into account safety, travel and staffing at individual and cluster levels. Should the school have to close early or not open at all, this will be announced on Radio Borders, social media and you will still be contacted by group call as usual. Attached is a list of home learning activities to access in the event of severe weather disruption.

Nut Free School

We are a 'Nut Free' School due to a severe allergy. Can you please check cereal bars etc. for nuts and be aware that some chocolate spreads contain nuts. Thank you for your support with this.

PE

PE is on Tuesday and Wednesdays. We have noticed that some children do not always have their PE kit in school. Please can you ensure that your child keeps their kit in school or remembers to bring it on the appropriate days. We can sometimes do physical activities on other days so it is helpful if it is kept here most of the time. Thank you for your support.

Absence

Please would parents contact the school office by 9.15am if your child is going to be absent from school. We now have an answerphone so you may call outside of office hours. You can also email or pop into the school office if dropping siblings off.