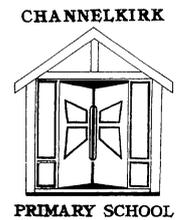


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## October 2019 Newsletter

### Holidays

What a quick term it's been, and a very busy one too - hope you are all looking forward to the Holidays next week. School closes at 12.20pm on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of October and will resume for pupils on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, after the Monday staff in-service day.

### Various Forms

Many thanks for completing the forms for the forthcoming flu vaccines. These will be held in School on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of November.

We are delighted to report that 98% of all EV2 forms and Annual Data Check forms have been returned which means our School pupil records are almost completely up to date and also enables the vast majority of children to go out and about around Oxton Village. If you have not handed in these forms, please do so as soon as possible.

### School Improvement Plan and Reports

Please find attached to this newsletter a Summary of the School Improvement Plan and Report for our School. Copies of the full report are available on request.

### Staffing Update

We are very lucky to have a new School Cook, Myra, who has settled in here at Channelkirk Primary School. The children are thoroughly enjoying their lunches and we are delighted to see so many clean plates!

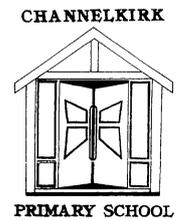
### Netball League

So far, along with our partner School, Westruther, we've had 2 netball practice sessions in preparation for the Small Schools Netball Tournament on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. All the children of 'Westkirk' have showed great team work and sportsmanship and are improving every week. We are sure they will continue to do so at the remaining sessions on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

The Tournament will be held at the Queens Leisure Centre, Galashiels on Thursday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of October from 10am until 1pm.

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## ELCC News

We have been thinking about the change of season, looking for signs of autumn in our outdoor environment, which has included a nature walk around the school grounds, where we collected fallen apples and lots of changing colour leaves. The children decided to explore these further within our playroom. We have been counting apples in the water tray, using magnifying glasses to see our collected cones and leaves up close and making wonderful collage pictures.

Some of the key words/language we have currently been developing an understanding of during these play activities are 'autumn', 'autumnal', 'night', 'day', 'seasons', 'leaf/leaves', 'tree(s)', 'yellow', 'orange', 'red' and 'green', together with exploring mathematical language 'bigger/than', 'smaller/than' when comparing sizes.

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, we enjoyed taking part in the sponsored walk round the village, where we finished off with a play at the park. We had a wonderful time despite the drizzling weather.

We wish all our ELCC children and families a fantastic October break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Thank you once again for your continued support,  
The ELCC Team

## ELC and Primary 1 Enrolment Week

ELC and Primary 1 enrolment week is Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November until Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Enrolment forms will be available from the School Office during that week to be completed for the following children:-

- All children who will be starting Primary 1 in August 2020
- ELC4 – children who were born between 1 March 2016 and 29 February 2017
- ELC3 - children who were born between 1 March 2017 and 29 February 2018

## Dalguise Trip 2019

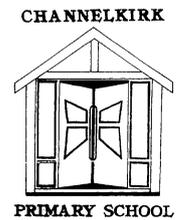
All our P7 children had an amazing week at Dalguise and were a credit to themselves, their parents and the School.

## Hockey and Rugby Festival

Unfortunately, this was postponed due to the weather and conditions and I will let you know as soon as the re-scheduled date is confirmed. The EV2 form which you have already completed will be carried forward to the new date.

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## Parent Council Items

Our new Parent Council Chairperson is Mrs Laura Little and she has started off her time as 'Chair' with a very successful Sponsored walk which eventually took place last Friday morning. A fantastic total of **£429.00** was raised for Parent Council funds.

All money raised helps towards covering the cost of many things, such as coaches for School Trips, a lot of which we wouldn't be able to go on without the help of the Parent Council. Most recently, they paid for our P4 – P7 class to visit Amazonia in Motherwell which was a very successful trip for the class centred round their current topic of the Amazonian Rainforest.

This term, the Parent Council have also paid for new blinds for the Porta Cabin / Library / Learning Hub, for which we are hugely grateful.

Laura has been in School recently designing Christmas cards with all the children. Designs & order forms will be sent out soon for approval & ordering before they are sent off to be turned into packets of cards.

The date of the next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of November from 6.30 until 8pm. All parents are most welcome to attend.

## Active Schools - Various Activities

Live Borders coach, Tyler Grainger, has just completed the block of After School Summer Sports with the children, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

The next After School Sports block will be with Athletics Coach, Gerry Moss, and will commence on Thursday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. This will be a 5 week block, finishing on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December as there will be no session on Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of November due to the in-service day. A letter from Live Borders is attached giving all the information required.

## Recycling

Channelkirk Primary School recycling stations welcome the following items:-

- Crisp Bags
- Milk Bottle Tops
- Used Toothbrushes
- Printer Cartridges
- Batteries
- Used Pens
- Clothes etc for the 'Rag Bag' Bank

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## Important Dates for your diary

Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> of October	Netball League, Queens Centre (4 – 5.30pm)
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	October Holidays – School Closed
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October	In-Service Day - School Closed
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> of October	Netball League, Queens Centre (4 – 5.30pm)
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> of October	P1 Emerging Literacy, Parents Information Session (3.30 – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> of October	Small Schools Netball Tournament, Queens Centre (10am – 1pm)
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> and Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> of November	Staff in service days
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccines
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> of November	ELC Enrolment Week