School Garden/YOU CAN COOK



A reminder of the YOU CAN COOK cooking sessions in the Village Hall, Saturday mornings 10am-12pm (but not 9 Sept), there are a couple of spaces left, contact Alex Wilson on 07722808830 to book a place.



You Can Cook will be running a propagation session for the children

during class time on Wednesday 6 September, please can children bring wellies with them on that day.

Fundraising



The latest collection of our textile recycling point generated £84.40 Thank you to everyone who has donated!



Jean for Genes Day

Half a million children are affected by a lifealtering genetic condition

and Jeans for Genes Day helps raise money to transform their lives. On Friday 22 September we will take part in this event by wearing jeans to school for a suggested donation of £1. Thank you for your support!



Harvest Lunch

We are holding a short Harvest Celebration followed by a Community Harvest Lunch on Friday 29 September at 11am. This will include food prepared by the children and we are pleased to invite parents, grandparents, carers and

villagers to join us. Please complete and return the slip attached by Friday 22 September.



Parent Helpers

We love welcoming parents into School and are always looking for Parent Helpers to assist with different jobs, activities, trips etc. If you are able to help in any way please let Miss Shepherd know when you are available. Thank you.



Dates for your Diary - September/October



Tues 5 Sept	Individual + family photos - from 9am
Weds 6 Sept	PROPAGATION SESSION IN SCHOOL GARDEN - 2-3PM
	ALL CHILDREN PLEASE BRING WELLIES
Thurs 7 + 28 Sept	Mobile Library visit
Thurs 7 Sept	Parent Council A.G.M 6.30pm
Fri 8 Sept	Nursery visit to St Ronan's Nursery (every Fri. until further notice)
Sat 9 Sept	Walkerburn Vegetable Association Show
Mon 11 Sept - Fri 15 Sept	Dalguise Residential - (P6 + P7)
Fri 22 Sept	Jeans for Genes Day
Wed 27 Sept	Science Festival @ Eastgate Theatre (P3-4)
Fri 29 Sept	Harvest Festival + Community Lunch - 11am-12pm
Tues 3 Oct	Crucial Crew (P7)
Thurs 5 Oct	Flu immunisations (P1-7)
Fri 6 Oct	LOCAL HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 9 Oct-Fri 13 Oct	OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
Mon 16 Oct	ALL RESUME



P.E. is every Monday and Friday - please bring your P.E. kit Games Club - Mondays (POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE) Tuesday Club - Tuesdays Gardening Club - Wednesdays (please bring wellies/snack) Sticky Fingers - Thursdays

News from Nursery

A big welcome to all our children this session, including our new pupils Levi, Oliver and Esme and our newest member of staff Miss Thomson. Everybody has settled in really well! It's been a busy time for all the children exploring all the different activities we have in our Nursery. We have been taking part in Book Buddies with



the rest of the School and we have started going to **St. Ronan's Nursery** on a Friday to join in the outdoor learning that takes place there and we had lots of fun exploring the woods and collecting sticks,

cones and leaves. We are in the process of setting up a 'mud kitchen' for the children and would be grateful to receive any old pots, pans and kitchen utensils you no longer require!



News from P1-4

Welcome back to everyone in the Primary 1-4 classroom! We have been learning amazing things about our summer holidays by bringing in discovery bags! What a great start our

new Primary 1s have also had to their first weeks into school life.



Congratulations to **Bailey** and **Rachel**! Our topic this term is '**My Senses**' and we have already taken part in a sensory walk around our School Garden to discover what we can see, hear, taste, smell and touch. Lots of sketches and photographs were gathered too! We have had a



new addition to our classroom - we have got our very own wormery! This will help us learn about looking after our garden and helping to 'grow our own'. It will also teach about how we can reduce our carbon footprint by keeping waste food to a minimum and feeding it to our new little pals! Last year the P1-3 children took part in a Young Writer's Competition for 'Poetry Safari' and I am delighted to announce



that **four** of the children have been selected for publication! Congratulations to **Nathan**, **Mati**, **Alice** and **Abbie**! A big well done to everyone that took part and we will definitely be doing similar writing competitions throughout this year so watch this space!

News from P4-7



Our current topic on '**The Romans**' got off to a great start when we visited the **Trimontium Museum** in Melrose. The Museum is named after the Roman fort 'Trimontium' at Newstead, and the



children as part of their trip marched from Leaderfoot to Newstead

with the Museum curator, Donald Gordon, just as the Romans would have done. They learnt 'The Trimontium Song' and sang it during their march holding signs and banners in Latin. After their march they spent time at the Museum finding out lots of useful

information for their topic. Peebles Museum have loaned the class a resource box containing lots of Roman artefacts such as a centurion's helmet, Roman coins and writing styluses, which is providing the class with lots of things to see and touch. During Art on Thursdays they are transforming their classroom into a Roman fort using lots of old cardboard boxes. Our **JRSOs** (Junior Road Safety Officers) for





this session are **Jura** and **Kaden** and they represented their school at the annual JRSO Conference where they took part in a variety of different road safety workshops.

School Decoration



Following the painting of the Nursery and P1-4 Classroom, we are delighted to have been able to re-decorate the main corridor and Hall. This has refreshed these areas up and provides a better environment for learning. We plan to paint the P5-7 Classroom soon. These improvements are in line with requests from pupils, parents and staff.

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library Van will visit this month on Thursday 7 and 28 September. Please ensure that if your child has borrowed a book that it is returned.

Parent Council



Our next meeting of the Parent Council will be the A.G.M. on Thursday 7 September at 6.30pm-8pm. At this meeting our intention is to discuss the possibility of changing the name of the Parent Council in order to make it more inclusive and less formal.

Please come along to support your school and give your opinion/ideas on this and future events etc. All welcome!

Walkerburn Vegetable Association Annual Show

This year's show will take place in the Village Hall from 2pm and the children's artwork that they have entered for the competition will be judged and on display in the Hall. Entries will be from Nursery, P1-4 and P5-7.

