

Edenside – School Bulletin – 21st June 2024

Mon 24 th June	1.45pm P7 Graduation – Showcase and prizegiving (P7 families welcome to join)
Wed 26 th June	P7s trip
Thu 27 th June	50/50 Draw
Fri 28 th June	P7 Guard of honour – 12.15pm – P7 families welcome to join us Last Day of Term – End of School Session, 12.50pm
Wed 14 th August	First Day of school session 2024 – 25. Breakfast club open at 8am, School opens at 9am.

Phone Lines and Phone number change

Our new school number is **01835 826533**.

The old number will be disconnected shortly.

When we call it is likely to show 01835 824000 on your display. Please do not phone us back on this number as it will go to Council HQ.

P5 families: School Lunches

I just wanted you to be aware that the universal free school meal offer currently ends at the end of P5. This means that P6 school lunches will need to be ordered and paid for on ParentPay. If the government extends the universal offer beyond P5, we will let you know. If you are eligible for free school meals please apply for these, from SBC website.

Eligible for Free school meals or clothing grants?

Please apply to SBC for free school meals and clothing grants, from their website. Check out the criteria for eligibility and follow the link online to apply. The link to the page is below.

[Free school meals and help with schoolwear | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/free-school-meals-and-help-with-schoolwear)

We encourage all who are eligible to apply for Free school meals, even though they are provided for free up to the end of P5. Recently, financial support for eligible families has been given during holiday periods.

School Uniform

Thank you for your support in sending your children to school in the correct school uniform, it is much appreciated. For August the expectation remains the same:

P1 – 6 White Polo shirt, red cardigan / sweatshirt with black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt, or leggings

P7 White Polo shirt, navy cardigan / sweatshirt with black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt, or leggings

Footwear school shoes or trainers, darker colours preferred.

PE for all children White t-shirt, black / navy shorts or joggers with trainers

Football League

Sporting success last week! Edenside were the winners of Cheviot Cluster Football league. Our other 2 teams were in the play offs for the other respective finals where one team had a draw and the other team won. The children were delighted to bring their silverware into school! Congratulations to all involved. Thanks to Mr Sutton for training them all and Active Schools for organising. [#BeTheBestYouCanBe](#)



Edenside Grows

Mrs Pearce set the classes a growing challenge at the beginning of term. Who could grow the most / heaviest crop of potatoes from the same number of seeds?

Today was the day we weighed in our potatoes.

The winning class are P1W. Well done!!

They will keep our 'Edenside Grows' Trophy until the next challenge! Watch this space...

Nursery Graduation

Our fantastic nursery children had their graduation this morning. It is lovely to see them complete one part of the learning journey and look forward to starting the next chapter in Primary One!

Thank you to the amazing Early Years Practitioners and Officer in our nursery who work tirelessly for our youngest children.

P7 Graduation

P7s enjoyed their final party last week and are looking forward to their showcase and graduation on Monday (P7 families welcome).

Their final trip as Edensiders will be to Coldingham on Wednesday. Please see parentpay for information.

On the final day the school will create a guard of honour for the P7, leaving the school for the last time, walking around the school to meet near the front door to leave their stone at the leaver's cairn.

I suggest families stand near the external classroom door of their child's classroom and when they go around the school you may wish to reposition yourselves to near the school front door – please do not stand straight in front of the cairn. Thank you!

The Kelso Laddie Visit

On the 13th June we welcomed this year's Kelso Laddie, Jack Forsyth, his Right-Hand Man, Andrew Thomson, Left-Hand Man, Callum Davidson, and Kelso Laddie Association Chairperson, Graham Sweeney. Children from Primary 6 read their Kelso Laddie poems while other pupils asked The Kelso Laddie a range of interesting questions!

On behalf of the school, our Lady Bussers, Sophie and Ruby presented Jack with a small gift to mark the occasion.



Staffing Update

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Lynsey Hook in our nursery and welcoming Mrs Susan Elliot to our team for next session.

Mrs Nicola Fleming, principal teacher, is retiring at the end of term. We thank her for the many years of hard work and commitment to our school community as well as the contribution made to the school leadership team. We wish her a happy and relaxing retirement.

Miss Thomson has accepted a teaching post in Mexico for next school session. Miss Young is also going abroad, travelling to Australia and possibly teaching there too. Mrs Rain has accepted a part time teaching post at Ednam Primary school for next school session. We wish them all the best with their new ventures.

Mrs Dagg is returning to her substantive teaching post at Langlee Primary School in August.

Miss Provan and Mrs Summerfield are also leaving us at the end of the school year and are hoping to secure a teaching post shortly.

Mrs Caron McKenzie is reducing her hours at Edenside, to Fridays only, as she is going to work at Ednam Primary School Monday to Thursdays.

We thank all these staff for all they have done for the children at Edenside and wish them every success going forward.

We welcome Mrs Moutter, Miss Patterson and Mr Baptie to our teaching team next session, they spent the day with us yesterday and feel part of Team Edenside already.

During the summer holidays

Summer Activity Camps 2024

As in previous years, Live Borders are running a series of Summer Activity Camps through the Summer holidays. A mix of paid for places and free places for those identified by children's services professionals will operate as in previous years.

Kelso High School	8 th -12 th July	P1-7	9.00-1.00
Kelso High School	29 th Jul – 2 nd Aug	P1-7	9.00-1.00

Please note that age group relates to current year group (children starting P1 after the summer are not eligible)

If you are wanting your child to attend the summer camp and believe you may be eligible for a free place, please contact the school office. When we confirm you meet at least one of the criteria we will issue you with a code to use when booking a place. Some of the qualifying criteria are children with a disability or ASN; children who are care experienced; children from low-income families; young carers.

Financial Support for Families during the Summer Holidays

Managing your money across holiday periods can be stressful.

If you're worried about your finances more generally including benefits, council tax or council rent, or food costs this summer, there is support available:

- [Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk)
- [Citizens Advice Scotland \(cas.org.uk\)](https://www.cas.org.uk)

Free School Meals

All families who are eligible through their income and are registered for a Free School Meal, will be entitled to £2.50 per child per day to help with meals. This additional benefit will be paid directly into the families bank accounts families throughout the holidays. This is not part of the universal Free School Meal offer during term time, only families registered for Free School Meals will receive the additional funding.