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| **Staffing Update** – I would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new teachers Mrs Lynsey Hannaford and Mrs Claire Wallace. We also have a new Support for Learning teacher join our team – Mrs Sara Duncan. Melissa Coutts has decided to move onto a new challenge after 8½years at Durris School – I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work over the years and wish her well for the future.  **Edinburgh Book Festival** – Primaries 5-7 had a fantastic day at the Edinburgh book festival. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the author Alex Bell talk about her novel. It was great to see so many children excitedly choosing a new book and eagerly enjoying it on the bus home!  **Tesco – Author in Residence Bid**  I am delighted to share with you that we were successful in our bid to be part of the Tesco token Scheme which runs locally. Please support us by voting for the Durris and Crossroads bid to have an author working with the children regularly this session.  **Parent Council AGM**  The AGM will take place on Monday 17th September at 7pm @ Durris School.  **Developing Young Workforce**  As part of our school improvement plan for this session we will be working with the children on the skills we learn and use. For primaries 5, 6 and 7 we are hosting a Careers’ Fair at Drumoak School on Friday 5th October, in the morning. If you are able to share information about your career and the skills required with small groups of children and have not yet volunteered, please get in touch with the school asap.  **Dates** – There is now a list of some of the main dates for the school year on the school website along with all the holiday dates.  **School Dates**  Tuesday 25th September - P5-7 Residential Trip meeting @ Drumoak School 6pm  Monday 1st October - P1, P5 & new parents Parents’ Evening  Friday 5th October - P5-7 Careers’ Fair @ Drumoak School  Friday 12th October - Last Day of Term  Monday 29th October - Term Begins  Monday 5th November - Panto @ Drumoak School  Mon 12th & Tue 13th November - In-Service Days  Tuesday 20th November - Parents’ Evening for all  Thursday 20th December - Christmas Party @ Kirkton Hall  Friday 21st December - Last Day of Term, Church Service @ Durris Church  Monday 7th January - Term Begins |