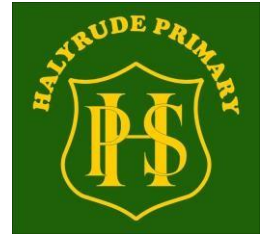


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Dear Parent/Carers,

Please see below for the latest news from Halyrude.

Staffing

Miss McCann leaves us this week with our very best wishes for her new post. After the February break, Mrs Brunton will be teaching P1/2 on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs MacFarlane will teach the class on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This will mean Mrs Thomson will go back into P4/5 on a Wednesday. We will let you know as soon as we can about a replacement teacher for P1/2.

Confirmation times

Confirmation will take place in Our Lady and St Andrew's Church in Galashiels on Saturday 21 May at 12 noon. We will advise as soon as we hear from Father Murray in Galashiels when the rehearsal will take place.

Athletics Event

Mr Davidson will travel with a group of our upper school children to Netherdale in Galashiels on 17 March to take part in a Scottish Borders athletics event. If your child is involved they will receive a separate letter with further details.

Race for Life

Our school has signed up to take part in a Race for Life event. This will take place on Wednesday 8 June at approximately 2.30pm in order to raise funds for Cancer Research. Everyone will take part in this event and we will talk to the Pupil Council about staging the event. This will happen during the day in our playground. We hope you can come and support your child at this event.

Child Smile

Our Parent and Pupil Council have agreed to the introduction of tooth brushing in our school. This is known as Child Smile and all children will be given this opportunity. This is optional and parental consent is required. Letters from the Child Smile service will be sent out in due course.

Mountain Rescue

A very special thank you to Ray Smith and Neil Jackson for giving up their time to talk to the upper school children about the Mountain Rescue organisation and their role in the recent floods. We were pleased to see photos of this visit in the Peeblesshire!

A Musical Treat

The children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Esther Swift who played her harp for us. It was a real treat to hear such lovely music and find out what it takes to play this beautiful instrument.

Rotary Quiz

We will be competing against other schools in the Rotary Quiz which takes place on 23 February at 6.30pm in The Union Club in Innerleithen. If your child has been selected to take part, a separate letter will follow. Good luck to all involved!

Active Kids

We are again collecting Active Kids Vouchers and would appreciate vouchers handed in by friends, family and members of the local community. We use the vouchers to buy lovely new sporting equipment for the children to use in school.

Internet Safety and Anti-Bullying

Thank you to PC Furness who spoke to both upper school classes about internet safety and anti-bullying initiatives. Tuesday 9 February is Internet Safety Day so we are continuing to promote this message in school. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns around internet safety.

Peebles Mural Assembly

Thank you to Mr Tatler who came into school to talk about the Peebles mural which is located down Pennel's Close. It is a beautiful work of art and very much worth a look.

Ash Wednesday

We will be attending church on Ash Wednesday at 10am, everyone is welcome to attend.

Netball

Halyrude Netball Club had a special visitor recently. Caroline Connaghan, Captain and Goal Attack (GA) for the 'Dragons' netball team, who compete in the Borders Adult Netball League (BANL). Caroline came to do a coaching session with the children. They had a great time learning new skills and playing fun games. Thank you to Caroline for giving up her time to coach us.

P7 visit to Peebles High School

On the morning of Tuesday 23 February P7 will visit Peebles High School. Children should come to school at the usual time and will be back in school in time for lunch.

Wet Playtime

We are hoping to add to our "wet playtime" box. If you have any colouring books or comics you would like to donate we would be very grateful. Hopefully the sun will shine now we have requested this!

Attendance and Lateness

Class teachers are highlighting the number of children who are late to class. This is disruptive for everyone who is learning and also means that if a child is late, they have missed the settling in part of their day. Could we please ask that all children are in the playground ready to line up for 8.45am? If your child is late, please bring them into the office so that we know they are here. If your child has regular absence from school SBC requires us to discuss this with individual parents. Thank you for your support with this matter.

500 Words

Chris Evans is again running the 500 Words story competition in conjunction with Radio 2. If your child would like to write a story at home for this competition we would be happy to read it in school with your child. Stories can be submitted by you at home on www.bbc.co.uk/500words

Open Afternoon/World Book Day

Our next open afternoon takes place on Wednesday 24 February from 2.30 – 3pm. We would like to invite you to bring in a book, poem or news article to read with your child. We are also asking children to bring in a photo of them reading in an unusual place for a display in school to mark World Book Day which takes place in March. A prize will be given to the most unusual photo! A bell will ring at 3pm at which point parents are invited to go to the hall for coffee, allowing the children to prepare for home time.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Brunton

Fri 12 Feb	School closed – staff in-service day
Mon 15 – Wed 17 Feb	School closed – holiday , re-opens Thurs 18 Feb
Mon 22 Feb	Founders Day – Brownie, Cubs etc uniforms worn to celebrate P2/3 Church visit for Reconciliation
Tues 23 Feb	P7 morning visit to Peebles High School Rotary Quiz, Innerleithen in the evening
Wed 24 Feb	Open afternoon 2.30-3pm
Thurs 3 March	World Book Day
Thurs 17 March	Cross Country event, Galashiels Parental consultations
Fri 25 March	School closed – Good Friday holiday
Mon 28 March	School open
Thurs 31 March	Easter lunch
Fri 1 Apr	Hols begin 12.15pm
Mon 18 April	School opens 8.45am
Tues 19 Apr	P1 & P7 group photographs
Fri 22 Apr, 6 & 13 May	P2/3 swimming
Fri 29 Apr	School closed – Staff in-service day
Mon 2 May	School closed - holiday
Wed 4 May	Open afternoon 2.30-3pm
Fri 6 June	P2/3 swimming
Tues 17 May	Borders Countryside Day, Kelso P5
Fri 20 May	P3-7 visit by author Janis Mackay

Fri 20, 27 May & 3 June	P1/2 swimming
Saturday 21 May	Confirmation - Our Lady and St Andrew's Church in Galashiels at noon
Thurs 2 June	Sports Day
Wed 8 June	Race for Life 2.30pm
Fri 10 June	Lower school swimming gala P2/3 & P1/2
Mon 13 June	P7 parents information evening at Peebles High School 7pm (tour starts 6.30pm)
Wed 15 & Thurs 16 June	P7 to Peebles High School all day
Sun 19 – Sat 25 June	Beltane Week
Wed 29 June	P7 leavers assembly 1.15pm Holidays begin 3.20pm

<u>Mass in St Joseph's at 10am</u>	<u>Mass in Halyrude at 2.30pm</u>
1 March 2016 RECONCILIATION 2pm	22 March 2016 (Holy Week)
3 May 2016	7 June 2016
Saturday 21 May - CONFIRMATION AT GALASHIELS at Noon	
Sunday 5 June – FIRST COMMUNION 9.30am St Joseph's	
28 June 2016 (Leavers Mass)	