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Our values:
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term in Halyrude, we have a lot planned this term! Please see below for some information on up and coming celebrations.

Information about learning will be shared in the next few weeks as well as during parental consultations. Please remember that bookings for parental consultations open tomorrow, 18th October at 7pm until 23rd October at 7pm.

Halloween

Our Halloween parties will take place during school time on Friday 27th October. Children are invited to wear either fancy dress or their weekend clothes. Please do not send in inflatables, fake weapons or pumpkins. There will be an upper school and lower school party with Halloween themed games!



Christmas

Our Christmas parties will again be organised into upper and lower school with games and dancing as well as a party snack. Children are asked to come to school in their uniform and bring party clothes to change into.

We are very grateful to our Parent Council who have already begun to organise the Christmas Fair on Thursday 30 November. There will be a letter in bags this week asking parents if they are able to volunteer at this event or in other ways throughout the year. Your support is very much appreciated.

Our Christmas concert this year will be carols and readings and will take place in the church on Thursday 7th December. This is an opportunity to celebrate the festive season together and also to give the children the chance to sing, read and perform for you. We are very much looking forward to getting started!

Another reminder that we ask children who wish to send Christmas cards to send one per class. This means that no child misses out and it also saves money. We ask parents not to give staff gifts at Christmas time as this is not required, again, there is no need to spend money on this. This is part of our work to try to reduce the cost of the school day.

P7 Transition to Peebles High School

Please see the diary dates section below for important dates. The first visit to PHS for P7 is on 29th February. They will go together as a class and Mrs Mair will accompany them. The dates added are highlighted in blue. If you do not intend to send your child to Peebles High School then please let us know. Thank you.

Showbie

Showbie is the method we use to communicate with you about your child's learning. Almost every child in Halyrude has a parent or both of their parents signed up to access Showbie. If you have not signed up, you will be sent another letter today. If you require an additional copy of the access code, please let us know. Thank you.

Last term we shared information about what to expect on Showbie from all classes. **If you have had any trouble accessing Showbie please let us know.** Below you will find a note of what to expect this term.

Week beg:	Focus
16.10.23	Class/group/individual photo
23.10.23	Halloween party class photo
30.10.23	Maths example with voice note/written feedback
6.11.23	ICT photo
13.11.23	Individual music comment P1, 2 and 3 children. Class – Termly overview
20.11.23	Spelling/phonics with voice note/written feedback
27.11.23	IDL – children speaking about their learning if they are able to, if not, a written or voice note from an adult.
4.12.23	Individual PE comment P1, 2 and 3 children. Class photo
11.12.23	Christmas crafts Christmas carol service photo
18.12.23	Christmas party class photo

Newsletter

In order to help you to keep track of news and events, as well as emailing our newsletter it will be added to Showbie so that you can check via the Showbie app if you wish to.

Feedback

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to give us feedback about our school in our recent survey. We are planning to use some of the comments in a presentation we will make about our school.

Parental Consultations

We are looking forward to meeting you all in school on Thursday 26th October. The booking system will be live this week allowing you to make an appointment for your

child/children. As this will be the first in person meeting for many of you, this is an idea of what to expect.

Meetings with teachers will take place in the gym hall, there will be a teacher in each corner of the hall. I will ring the bell every ten minutes to signal that it is time for the next appointment. Please help us to keep to time by arriving ten minutes early for your appointment and moving on at the end of your meeting. Children's work will be available in their trays in the open area. If you have no alternative but to bring your child, they should bring a book and there will be an area for them to sit and wait on you. Thank you.

Date	Event
Friday 20 th October	Final swimming for P3/4 – cold option lunch choice please
Thursday 26 th October	Parental Consultations (in person) – after school and evening appointments available. <u>Bookings open from 7pm, 18th October – 7pm, 23rd October</u>
Friday 27 th October	Halloween party during the school day.
Monday 27 th November	St Andrew's Day holiday – school closed.
Thursday 30 th November	Christmas Fair 5.30-7pm
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas carol service: 6.30pm. More details to follow.
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas parties – in the afternoon.
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term.
Monday 8 th January	First day back for staff and children.
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term.
Monday 19 th February	School closed – staff in-service day
Tuesday 20th February	First day back for children – <u>please note this change</u>
Thursday 22 nd February	Thinking Day – uniforms can be worn
Tuesday 27th February	6.30 – 7.30: P7 Parent meeting PHS
Thursday 29th February	9.30 – 11.30: P7 visit to PHS with Mrs Mair
Thursday 7 th March	Parental Consultations online
Tuesday 26 th March	P1 health reviews with School Nurse
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Monday 15 th April	First day back for staff and children.
Monday 6 th May	May Day holiday – school closed.

Tuesday 7 th May	In-Service day – school open for staff only.
Wednesday 8 th May	Halyreads Festival – more details to follow
Thursday 16 th May	Sports Day
Thursday 23 rd May	Reserve Sports Day if the weather is wet.
Monday 3 rd , Tuesday 4 th , Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th June	Forest Schools – one day per class.
Wednesday 5 th June	Leavers mass at 1.30 in church
Monday 10 th June	P7 Parent information evening and tour of PHS – time TBC
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th June	P7 transition days at PHS. Children are to make their own way to school on both days. Their Halyrude teacher will not accompany them but they will be supported by PHS staff and follow a high school timetable.
Monday 24 th June	P7 leavers assembly in school
Thursday 28 th June	Last day of term.

Yours sincerely

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