

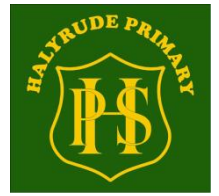
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Our values:
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas

As Christmas is fast approaching, please see below for all things Christmas!



Our Christmas parties, on Wednesday 20th December, 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.

Thank you to the Parent Council Social Committee who are working very hard to organise the fair on 30th November. If you have not yet volunteered to help and would like to do so, please let us know. Thank you.

Our Christmas concert this year will be carols and readings and will take place in the church on Thursday 7th December at 6.30. Children are asked to arrive at the church at 6.15 when the doors will open and to wear something Christmas themed such as a jumper, or some tinsel. Please do not put anything on your child's head that will make them taller, e.g. deely boppers as it will be too difficult to see the child behind. Thank you.

As well as the concert, there will be an opportunity for those who cannot attend in the evening, to attend the dress rehearsal. The children are looking forward to sharing their singing with you!

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.

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 13th December, please wear something Christmas themed and on this occasion, children are very welcome to wear whatever they want including things on their head!

Showbie

A reminder of what you will see on your child's Showbie page. If you have any problems accessing Showbie please let us know. Thank you.

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

Our School Library

Miss Prenton and the Reading Schools group have been very busy planning for and relocating our new library. It is now in the old ICT room and although not quite finished, it is lovely to have a dedicated space to read. Yesterday, we had a new smart screen fitted in there so that classes can listen to or watch stories as well as enjoying books in the library.

We have more work to do in the library and hope to add a rug and also some bean bags and plants as well as using the money kindly donated by the Parent Council to buy some new books.

If you have any plants you could share with us for our library, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Reading Schools

As part of our work on promoting reading, we are looking forward to inviting local nursery children into school for stories around the tree and after Christmas, inviting parents and pre-school children in to read with us.

Sexual Health and Relationships

The Catholic Church is currently consulting on plans the Scottish Government have in place to change guidance for Sex Education in schools. If you are interested in contributing your views, please see information on the Scottish Catholic Education Service website.

Church Invitation for P4 – 7 Children

On Saturday 25th November, Father Martin Eckersley is leading a Youth Day for our children which will be a fun filled day with games and treats and a focus on preparing to meet Christ the King at Christmas. It is a free event and families can book a place by emailing fmartin.eckersley@staned.org.uk and completing a consent form at [Fun and faith at our Youth Day! - Archdiocese of Edinburgh \(archedinburgh.org\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oe_OSLY6We8). Mass will also be celebrated on the day with Archbishop Leo.

Please click on the link below for more information.

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Enrolment Week

It has been lovely to see enrolments for our school this week. If you know people who are interested in enrolling in P1 for August 2024 or for any other year group please ask them to enrol online or contact us for a look around. Thank you.

Achievements

Achievements come in many forms and we have been asking the children what they like to do either outside of school, or in lunch time and after school clubs. We have had a wide variety of responses and we would like the children to be able to share their achievements with each other. Please send in a photo of your child taking part in something they enjoy, e.g. cycling, netball, Brownies, Polish School etc. We will then display the photos for all to see. It would be very helpful to us if you could print at home but if you do not have any access to a printer or an actual photo, please send us a photo via email. Thank you.

Date	Event
Monday 27 th November	St Andrew's Day holiday – school closed.
Thursday 30 th November	Christmas Fair 5.30-7pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Christmas carol rehearsal: Doors open at 1.45pm
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas carol service: 6.30pm. Doors open at 6.15pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch – wear something Christmas themed
Wednesday 20 th December	Joint Schools Service P 3 – 7 in the Parish Church 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 – please note this change

Thursday 22 nd February	Thinking Day – uniforms can be worn
Tuesday 27 th February	6.30 – 7.30: P7 Parent meeting PHS
Thursday 29 th 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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