

# Halyrude RC Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below for our latest news items.

## Treasure Island

As you know, all children and staff in Halyrude and Leader Valley will be going to see Treasure Island at the Lyceum in Edinburgh. We are very grateful to the Parent Council who have fully funded this trip.

A separate letter with information will follow along with a medical permission form. This form must be returned, or your child will not be able to go on the trip. Thank you.

## Focus on .....sleep

Lorna Caddick, research fellow at the University of Edinburgh focused on sleep and mental health in adolescence, is offering sleep information sessions. These will focus on 'What happens when we sleep?' and 'The importance of routine'.

These topics will include how sleep changes across adolescence, sleep hygiene such as the influence of screentime, exposure to light and the bedroom environment, as well as a summary of current research at The University of Edinburgh that explores how we measure sleep in adolescence, findings from a sleep study in young people with autism, and future work to link sleep and mental health.

The sessions will be adapted for young people aged 8-11 to learn about their sleep, as well as two sessions for parents, caregivers and staff.

Sessions will run:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – young people aged 8-11

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 14:15 and 18:15 – parents and staff

We will send home a link to sign up to the sessions, you are all very welcome to attend, even if you do not have a child who is aged 8 – 11.

## Playground

Last week, a representative from SBC visited our playground to look at how they could improve our outdoor learning environment. He will return to meet with pupil groups and hopefully we will have more information on next steps soon.

We would encourage children and families to use our playground after school and at the weekend. We have however noticed some of our children hanging around the playground in the dark. It is not particularly safe to do this. If they do want to use the playground in the evening, we would suggest only playing in the front playground where the lighting is better.

## New Family Open Afternoon

There will be another opportunity for new families to visit our school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 12.30 – 1.30. Please spread the word!

## Christmas Concert

We will hold our Christmas concert in school this year on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance. More details about tickets will follow in the coming weeks.

## Halloween Party

Thank you to you all for the great effort made in dressing the children for Halloween. There were some amazing costumes! Thank you also to the Parent Council for providing snacks and prizes.

Next year, the children have asked that they have the option to attend a party in the evening rather than during the day. We will discuss this with the Parent Council nearer the time.

## Sacraments

The dates for the sacraments this year are listed below.

## Competitions

A reminder, there is an opportunity for all children to enter the following competitions run by the Rotary Club:

- Young writer
- Young film maker
- Young photographer
- Young artist

**The theme is 'wonderful water.'**

Entry forms and further details can be collected from school. We would encourage everyone to have a go! Entries by 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

## Breakfast Club

We know how rushed things can be at home in the morning getting ready for school and work so if there is no time for breakfast then all children in P1-7 are welcome at Breakfast Club. We serve toast and cereal as well as a drink of milk and water. Breakfast club is open between 8.30 and 8.45.

## Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas menu is now on ParentPay. If you have already ordered on the original menu, please go in and change your choices. Thank you.

## Poppies

P3/4 will be going round the classes every morning with poppies. If your child would like a poppy, please send in a small donation. Thank you.

## Holiday Dates

Please click on the link for information on SBC school holiday dates.

[School term dates for 2024-25 | Term, holiday and closure dates | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

**Dates for diary:**

Date	Event
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	12.30 – 1.30: New family open event
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	St Andrew's Day holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Casual holiday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30 – 7pm: Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas concert – afternoon & evening performance – details to follow
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Joint schools Christmas service in the Parish Church – children in P3 – 7 only
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	First day back for children
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Parents and children info evening at PHS 6pm (time to be confirmed by PHS nearer the time)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Orientation morning at PHS 9.30-11.15am Parental consultations
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm: Reconciliation in St Joseph's Church
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	P6/7 residential to Ford Castle – final payments due by 5 January 2025
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	First day back
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day holiday
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	In-service day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	County Sports
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Halyrude Sports Day

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Inspire Learning Day for P6 in Kelso
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve date for County Sports
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Reserve date for Halyrude Sports 5.30 – 7pm: Summer Fair
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	9.30am: First Holy Communion in St Joseph's Church
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm: Confirmation in St Joseph's Church
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Curricular Information Evening at PHS 6pm – tour starts at 5.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	11.30am: P7 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term

Yours sincerely

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