

# Halyrude RC Primary School

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Our values:  
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Enrolment Week

Enrolment week is from 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November. It was lovely to welcome so many new families to our open evening who are considering Halyrude for their child either next year or in the next few years. A special thank you to our Parent Council volunteers for their support last night and to our P7 children who did such a great job of showing people around our school.

## School Lunches

Just a reminder that the menu has now changed to the winter menu. We would very much appreciate it if you could talk to your child about what you have chosen as we are still noticing quite a lot of food waste. Very few children ate rice pudding this week and the same applies to rice with peppers in it. It is lovely to see so many children enjoying fruit at lunch time and this is rarely wasted.

## Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you have already ordered, please update your choices as the menu will have changed to the Christmas one. Thank you.

## Christmas Cards and Gifts in School

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our cards and gifts policy in school. If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends, please ensure they send only one to the whole class. This means nobody misses out and reduces paper waste as cards often remain unopened in trays!

We also ask that families do not buy gifts for staff. This is not necessary and this year more than any other we do not wish families to go to any additional expense.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

## Scottish Child Payments

[Scottish Child Payment extends to under 16s and automatic payments for other benefits](#)

- Scottish Child Payment has extended to include all eligible children from the age

of six until they turn 16

- It is a payment of £100 every four weeks for each eligible child under the age of 16
- Check if you are eligible for Scottish Child Payment and apply now at [mygov.scot/benefits](http://mygov.scot/benefits) or by calling 0800 182 2222
- Families are also being urged to make sure they don't miss out on a double December Bridging Payment of £260
- The December Bridging Payments will be made before the start of the Christmas holidays for children who receive Free School Meals on the basis of low income on 30 November. Payments for children who are subsequently registered and become eligible for Free School Meals ahead of the Christmas holidays will be made as soon as possible in the new year
- You may also be eligible for other benefits, you can find out more [here](#)

### Bikeability

A reminder for P6 parents that Bikeability will take place at the end of this month. (See dates below). Children should come dressed for cycling but may not cycle every day, depending on the group they are in.

### Dates for the Diary

This section will be updated on our newsletters throughout the year.

Date	Event
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment for Ford Castle due – P6 & P7
Mon 21 – Fri 25 Nov	Enrolment week for P1 August 23
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Parental Consultations – after school and evening appointments available, bookings now closed please contact school email if you have not yet booked. More details to follow nearer the time. (To be moved to Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November in the event of industrial action going ahead).
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	St Andrew's Day holiday – school closed.
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov. – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	Bikeability for P6 children.
Thursday 1 Dec	Christmas Fair – details to follow from Parent Council
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas concert: <b>6pm</b> .

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas concert: <b>6pm.</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Joint Schools Christmas Service for P3 – 7 in the Parish Church - am Christmas parties – in the afternoon.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	Last day of term.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	First day back for staff and children.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Last day of term.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	First day back for staff and children.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Thinking Day / Founder's Day – uniforms can be worn
Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Reconciliation for P3 children in St Joseph's Church at 6pm.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day back for staff and children.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	In-Service day – school open for staff only.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	First Holy Communion in St Joseph's Church for P4 at 9.30am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day if the weather is wet.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Confirmation in St Joseph's Church for P7 at 3pm.
12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest Schools – class dates to follow.
19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest Schools – class dates to follow.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers' Assembly.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term.

Yours sincerely

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