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Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our new look newsletter. We have changed it in response to parental feedback. We hope it makes it easier to access important information. Please let us know what you think of our new format.

After School Club

A reminder that First Nursery run an after-school club in our dining hall Monday – Thursday. Children can go straight from school and are given a snack and can play with other children from Halyrude and Kingsland. Please contact First Nursery for more details.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is free and open to everyone from 8.30. Cereal, toast, fruit, water and milk is available. If children have forgotten their snack, we are able to provide fruit for them. Please encourage your child to come along. We do not have adult supervision until 8.30 so if your child arrives early, please stay with them. Thank you.

Sacraments

We are beginning to prepare the children to receive the sacraments this year. We presume that if your child is Catholic, they would like to take part. If not, please let us know. Thank you.

Plans for our Building

Please look at the SBC website for information on plans to knock through from the P1/2 classroom into the staffroom to create a larger infant classroom with direct access to the outdoors. This will be a fabulous learning space for our infant children and a welcome addition to our school!

Absence

Just a gentle reminder to please report any absence by 8.45am. This saves us disturbing you with Groupcalls asking if your child is unwell. We do this to ensure all children are safe either at home with you or at school.

When your child returns to school, it is important they are well enough to play outside as we do not have adult supervision indoors.

Focus onuniform.

In each newsletter we will have a different focus. This month, we would like to congratulate the vast majority of our children who are wearing school uniform including black school shoes, winter boots or wellies. There are a small number of children wearing inappropriate footwear which is not strong enough for the playground or suitable for wet weather. This has become a 'competition' to wear the latest trends, something which we try to avoid. We would appreciate your support with sending your child in the correct uniform. Thank you.

Parental Consultations

A reminder that our parental consultations take place on 7th March. As requested in our parent survey, this will take place online. We will then survey you again asking whether you would like online or in person next year.

Lent

This week in assembly we learned about the charity SCIAF and the important work they are doing in Rwanda. They are supporting families to be able to work and girls to get an education. We have 'wee boxes' in our classrooms, if you are able to spare any change to put in the box to donate to SCIAF then please send it in with your child, if not, please don't worry. The main thing is for the children to learn about the lives of others around the world who may be less fortunate than we are in Scotland.

Parking

We have had some reports that parents are parking on the zig zags outside of school. In order to ensure the safety of all our children, please park in a safe place. Thank you.

Spare Clothes

We are very short of pants, socks and tights for children aged 5 – 6. If you have any at home that your children have grown out of, please could you send them to school? Thank you.

Head Lice

We have had several reports of headlice in school recently. Please check your child's hair and treat them if required. Thank you.

Pre-School Group

We are hoping to run a pre-school group on a Monday afternoon for six weeks as a trial to see if there is interest. This would be open to all pre-school children, toddlers and babies in the community along with their parent, grandparent or carer. It would be an opportunity to meet other families over a cuppa and play with some toys and read some stories. It would also encourage the community to come and visit our school. If you would be willing to come along to support this group, please could you let us know? Thank you.

Dates for diary:

Date	Event
Thursday 22nd February to 7 th March	P1-3 multisports with Mr Davidson 12.30-1pm
Thursday 22 nd February to Thursday 21 st March	P5-7 Netball, 3.30-4.15pm
Tuesday 27th February	6.30 – 7.30: P7 Parent meeting PHS <u>NOW 7 MARCH (or you can attend 5 March, please see email previously sent to P7)</u>
Thursday 29 th February	9.30 – 11.30: P7 visit to PHS with Mrs Mair
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – more details to follow Parental Consultations online – separate information to follow
Thursday 14 th March	P1 & P7 dental checks – see letter from NHS sent by email
Wednesday 20 th March	First Reconciliation 6pm in St Joseph's Church
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.
Friday 31 st May	Confirmation 7pm in St Joseph's Church

Wednesday 5th June	Leavers mass at 1.30 in church
Sunday 9th June	First Holy Communion at 9.30am in St Joseph's Church
Monday 10th June	P7 Parent information evening and tour of PHS – time TBC
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th 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 24th June	P7 leavers assembly in school
Thursday 28th June	Last day of term.

Yours sincerely

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