

# Halyrude RC Primary School

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Our values:  
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

A reminder of our Christmas arrangements including the carol service.



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.

Our Christmas concert this year will be carols and readings and will take place in the church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. The children can either leave their coats with their parents or at the back of the church. Tickets were given to children today to bring home, please check bags.

As well as the concert, there will be an opportunity for those who cannot attend in the evening, to attend the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, doors open at 1.45. 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 13<sup>th</sup> December, please wear something Christmas themed and on this occasion, children are very welcome to wear whatever they want including things on their head!

A huge thank you to everyone who planned and supported the Christmas fair. It was lovely to welcome so many people to our school. We will share the amount raised when all funds have been counted.

### Our School Library

It is lovely to see our new library taking place. Thank you for the kind donations of plants, if you would still like to donate any spare plants you have at home we would be delighted to receive them. Thank you.

### Internet Safety

We are constantly reminding the children about the importance of being safe online. We have had a few conversations recently with some groups of children who have been trying to look up games or films online which are not appropriate for primary aged children and we have requested that two sites are blocked from school iPads.

We have decided that in line with our work on Rights Respecting Schools, during our Fun 31 time there will be no iPads as we would like the children to focus on playing with each other rather. Fun 31 is our time to play and is called this because article 21 from the Convention for the Rights of the Child is the right to play.

### Rotary Competitions

Peebles Rotary Club has asked that we once again promote their competitions. Please click on the link for information.

1. Young Writer
2. Young Artist
3. Young Photographer
4. Young Filmmaker

[Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland - We are People of Action \(rotarygbi.org\)](http://rotarygbi.org)

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas carol rehearsal: Doors open at 1.45pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas carol service: 6.30pm. Doors open at 6.15pm <b>Tickets were sent home, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service, St. Joseph's Church at 3pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch – wear something Christmas themed
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Joint Schools Service P 3 – 7 in the Parish Church Christmas parties – in the afternoon.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back for staff and children.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>School closed</b> – staff in-service day

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day back for children – <b><u>please note this change</u></b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Thinking Day – uniforms can be worn
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30 – 7.30: P7 Parent meeting PHS
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 – 11.30: P7 visit to PHS with Mrs Mair
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations online
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 health reviews with School Nurse
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day back for staff and children.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	In-Service day – school open for staff only.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Halyreads Festival – more details to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Reserve Sports Day if the weather is wet.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest Schools – one day per class.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers mass at 1.30 in church
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Parent information evening and tour of PHS – time TBC
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <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.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 leavers assembly in school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term.

Yours sincerely

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