

# Halyrude RC Primary School

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Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone involved in our recent inspection from His Majesty's Inspector's of Education. Our visitors spoke to many of our children about their learning and leadership groups, observed lessons, met with me on a number of occasions and met with parent groups. They also looked at the survey results from children, parents, staff and partners. This helped them to build a picture of our school and we are very pleased that they have recognised our many strengths. As is always the case with an inspection, we have clear next steps for our improvement plan next year. You will receive a letter in approximately six weeks detailing the findings of the inspection.

## School Walk

We are looking forward to our school walk on 1<sup>st</sup> May and at the moment the forecast looks good! Please order the packed lunch option if your child would like a school lunch and send them in outdoor clothes such as joggers with appropriate footwear and a waterproof coat. Thank you. Thank you also to the Parent Council who are providing refreshments. Parents are welcome to join us and further details about time will follow but it is likely to be mid morning

A reminder that if you would like to contribute to the Parent council Just Giving page, all donations are very much appreciated. Thank you.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HalyrudeSpringWalk?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=Kqx5nK3kV](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HalyrudeSpringWalk?utm_id=1&utm_term=Kqx5nK3kV)

## Leavers Hoodies

This is a subject on which everyone has a different opinion. Several years ago, it was discussed with a group of children from across the school and they made the decision that hoodies were not something they wanted for Halyrude. We did offer alternatives at the time, but this option was also turned down. We understand that our current P7 children would like hoodies therefore going forward, we will take orders for P7 hoodies when the children are in their P7 year. They will be able to wear them for their residential and for the remainder of the school year. The specific design of the hoodie along with the cost will be shared with the current P6 parents when we have consulted various suppliers to see what options are available.

## Netball

Netball starts again on Thursday after school. Mr Murray from Active Schools has sent out letters about this. Thank you to our parent volunteers who run the club and give the children such an amazing opportunity.

## Little Learners

It has been lovely to welcome new families and children to our school. Next week is the final Little Learners, please spread the word. Thank you to our parents who have helped to run the group.

## Focus on .....screen time and sleep!

Screen time is very much part of life for us all now. Teaching staff have noticed that a small number of children are discussing games that are not appropriate for their age, particularly Grand Theft Auto. Please can we ask that you check carefully what your child is accessing online and that their devices are put away well before bedtime to encourage the best possible sleep ready for the next day? Thank you for your support.

## Summer Fair

Our summer fair is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 5 – 7pm. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the planning of this very important fundraising event. If you have not volunteered yet, please contact the Parent Council using the form provided as help is always very much needed and appreciated.

## Absence

Please could we ask you to report absences directly to the office by email, text or phone rather than passing on a message with a child or adult? Thank you.

## Active Schools

After eighteen years working in this area, Mr Murray is leaving his Active Schools post. He has offered so many sporting opportunities to our children over the years, for example, yoga, judo, running, netball, athletics etc. He has been responsible for training volunteers, setting up clubs and monitoring our participation data to ensure that everyone is given the chance to be active and to achieve success. We would like to thank Mr Murray for all he has done for our school and community and wish him all the very best in his new job.

### Uniform

A reminder that our school uniform is available for free, this not only cuts costs to families but is an excellent form of recycling. Thank you to the group of parents who are running this and organising all the uniforms into sizes and ensuring that they are clean and ready to wear. This has been a lot of work for the team and is very much appreciated.

### School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We can only take your child's photo on completion and return of the permission slip from Vanilla Moon which will be given to each child to bring home.

### Greener Peebles

All classes will have the opportunity to work with Greener Peebles this term and in the Autumn term in our playground and in the Community Garden. Please see the diary dates below. P7 will take part over the next few weeks and a separate letter has been sent to P7 parents. Please send your child in outdoor gardening clothes when it is their turn. Thank you.

### School Trip

We are busy planning a school trip – more details to follow!

### Three Bridges Race

This community event takes place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 1.30pm. Children have been preparing for this in running club but if your child does not attend, they are also welcome to register for the fun run – please see the Three Bridges Facebook page. Thank you to our running club volunteers who will attend to support the runners. As this is a community event and is not run by schools, parents are reminded that they are responsible for their children during the event. Good luck to everyone!

### **Dates for diary:**

| Date   | Event                |
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| Monday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> April –<br>Thursday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> April | Bikeability for P5/6 |

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| Tuesday<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> April   | Parent Council meeting 6.30pm<br>Agenda –<br><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hLJgGz4qisMg2caW6fvrijkSe7qJwEE-rWwcsMWILnso/edit?usp=drivesdk">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hLJgGz4qisMg2caW6fvrijkSe7qJwEE-rWwcsMWILnso/edit?usp=drivesdk</a> |
| Thursday<br>25 <sup>th</sup> April,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> May<br>and 9 <sup>th</sup><br>May  | Greener Peebles P7 (Session on 9 <sup>th</sup> May in the Community Garden)  |
| Tuesday<br>30 <sup>th</sup> April   | Vanilla Moon in school to take photos. Please return the permission slip sent home if you would like your child's photo taken. We cannot take any photos without this permission   |
| Wednesday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> May  | Whole school walk  |
| Monday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> May   | May Day holiday – school closed.   |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup><br>May  | In-Service day – school open for staff only.   |
| Wednesday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> May  | Halyreads Festival – more details to follow  |
| Sunday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> May  | Three Bridges Race   |
| Wednesday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> May   | Beltane Announcement – P6 and 7 will attend the Drill Hall with children from Priorsford and Kingsland and should be collected from Tweed Green. Details to follow.  |
| Thursday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> May  | Sports Day<br>Summer Fair 5-7pm  |
| Tuesday<br>21 <sup>st</sup> May   | P5 at Borders Countryside Day, Kelso – more details to follow  |
| Thursday<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> May,<br>30 <sup>th</sup> May<br>and 6 <sup>th</sup><br>June  | Greener Peebles P5/6 (6 <sup>th</sup> June in the Community Garden)  |
| Thursday<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> May  | Reserve Sports Day if the weather is wet.  |
| Monday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>Tuesday<br>4 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>Monday<br>10 <sup>th</sup> and<br>Tuesday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> June | Forest Schools – one day per class.  |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup><br>May  | Confirmation 7pm in St Joseph's Church   |
| Wednesday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> June   | Leavers mass at 1.30pm in church<br>P6 Inspire Day at Kelso - tbc  |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup><br>June  | First Holy Communion at 9.30am in St Joseph's Church   |
| Monday<br>10 <sup>th</sup> June   | P7 Parent information evening and tour of PHS – time TBC   |

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| 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. |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June      | Beltane week   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                                  | P7 leavers assembly in school  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                  | Last day of term.  |

Yours sincerely

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