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Our values:
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is lovely to see everyone settled back into school life. Please see below for our latest news items.

Forest Schools Family Learning

Thank you to everyone who attended our outdoor family learning session run by Branching Upwards. The children loved the activities and it was a great opportunity for parents to enjoy learning outdoors with their children. The session due to take place last Friday will be rescheduled and there will be an opportunity to sign up again in the near future.

Family Holidays During Term Time

We remain concerned about the amount of learning some children are missing due to family holidays. Our average attendance is currently 91% with some children having already missed 15% of their schooling this year. We do understand that holidays are cheaper during term time however so much learning is missed and it is difficult for children to return and join in with everyone else.

Please only keep children at home due to illness or medical appointments. Thank you.

Halloween

Our Halloween party will take place during school time on Friday 27th October. Children are invited to wear either fancy dress or their weekend clothes. Please do not send children in inflatable costumes for health and safety reasons and do not send in pumpkins or fake weapons. Thank you.

Christmas

For those who like to get organised early, a 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.

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that currently the Universal Free School Meals offer covers P1 – P5 children. There has been no update from Scottish Government on rolling this out to include P6 and P7 pupils. We will keep you updated on this.

Netball

A huge well done to Summer and Alice from last year's P7s who were recently selected to play for Peebles Netball U13s squad. They got off to a flying start with 9 wins out of 9. A huge thank you to Mrs Noble and helpers who will carry on the club. News of that will follow.

Open Evening

A reminder that we have an open evening this Thursday for new families interested in enrolling their child/children in Halyrude. Please share the information from our Facebook and Twitter pages. Thank you.

Name Calling in the Playground

Today I have spoken with some of the upper school children about name calling in the playground which has been particularly nasty. Please remind your children at home about the importance of following our value of respectful. If something is worrying your child, please encourage them to tell an adult in school, someone in the playground, their class teacher or myself. Thank you for your support.

Showbie

Showbie is the method we use to communicate with you about your child's learning. If you have not signed up, please do so. If you require an additional copy of the access code, please let us know. Thank you.

Research Into Speech Development

Thank you if you have signed your child up to participate in this research project. The first session with a member of staff from the Universities team will take place tomorrow.

Date	Event
Thursday 21 st September	Open evening for new families 6 – 7pm
Wednesday 4 th October	P7 Science Festival at Eastgate Theatre. More details to follow
Thursday 5 th October	Flu vaccines Last Day of term
Monday 16 th October	In-service day – school open for staff only.
Tuesday 17 th October	First day back for children.
Thursday 26 th October	Parental Consultations (in person) – after school and evening appointments available. More details to follow nearer the time.
Friday 27 th October	Halloween party during the school day.
Monday 27 th November	St Andrew's Day holiday – school closed.
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas carol service: 6.30pm. More details to follow.
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas parties – in the afternoon.
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term.
Monday 8 th January	First day back for staff and children.

Friday 9 th February	Last day of term.
Monday 19 th February	First day back for staff and children.
Thursday 7 th March	Parental Consultations online
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.
Wednesday 5 th June	Leavers mass at 1.30 in church
Monday 24 th June	P7 leavers assembly in school
Thursday 28 th June	Last day of term.

Yours sincerely

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