

# Halyrude RC Primary School

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Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Here are a few news items to share before the holidays.

## Rights Respecting Schools

We speak regularly in class and during assembly about the rights children have, for example, the right to an education, the right to play and the right to have their views taken into account. To build on this learning, after the holidays we will begin working with a Rights Respecting School Steering Group made up of children from P 5 – 7. The children will work with me and staff and other children in school to help us achieve firstly our Bronze Award over the next few months before moving on to working on achieving the Silver Award. As part of this process, children will be learning more about their rights and their responsibility to ensure everyone is able to enjoy the rights they are born with. We will share our learning with you in newsletters, on social media and through Showbie.

## Students in Halyrude

We have been delighted to welcome Miss Doyle to Halyrude this week. Miss Doyle is in her final year of teaching practice and will be working alongside Mrs Thomson in P6/7. We will also welcome another student, Miss Linton, who will be in P1/2 from 7<sup>th</sup> November until 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Support Available

At this difficult time for many people, a reminder of the support available to you all. We are able to refer you to Peeblesshire Foodbank if you need some help with food, alternatively you can contact them yourself and they will help you. We also have 'bags of tea' in school, bags filled with a nutritious meal including pasta. Please let us know if you would like us to send a bag home with your child or alternatively arrange to collect one from us.

We are also able to refer you to Tweed Togs. This is a confidential service, so your name is not shared. Tweed Togs can provide bags of high quality second hand clothing for your children including those not yet at school. The clothes are then delivered to school for you to collect at a time that suits you.

We have a stock of good quality second hand school uniform in school, please let us know if you require anything.

We are aware of the high cost of energy just now and the Parent Council have kindly paid for more chargers so that if required, your child can charge their iPad in school.

You were sent details yesterday via email about an app run by the NHS called Money Worries.

Breakfast club is open every day from 8.30 until 8.45 if children have not had the chance to have breakfast for whatever reason.

Finally, if you think you may be eligible for free school meals or help with school uniform, please click on the link and fill in the form. Thank you.

[Free school meals and help with schoolwear | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](http://scotborders.gov.uk)

### Flu Vaccines

A reminder that if you have given consent, your child will receive their flu vaccine tomorrow. If they are not in school, alternative arrangements will be made and NHS staff will advise.

We have all very much enjoyed the first term in Halyrude, it has been lovely to welcome families back to school again. There will be more opportunities to visit school over the coming months. A reminder that school closes for the holidays at 3.20 on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October and children should return to school for 8.45am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We hope that all our children and their families have a lovely holiday.

### Dates for the Diary

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

| Date                            | Event   |
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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.   | Flu vaccines<br>Last Day of term  |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct.    | In-service day – school open for staff only.  |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct.   | First day back for children.  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct.    | Halloween party during the school day.  |
| Tues 1 Nov                      | P1 growth reviews – NHS questionnaire will be sent home shortly   |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  | Parental Consultations – after school and evening appointments available. More details to follow nearer the time. |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.    | St Andrew's Day holiday – school closed.  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.  | Christmas concert: 6.30pm. More details to follow.  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.    | Possible second Christmas concert.  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. | Joint Schools Christmas Service for P3 – 7 in the Parish Church - am<br>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.  |

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| Wednesday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> February        | Thinking Day / Founder's Day – uniforms can be worn          |
| Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup><br>March              | Parental Consultations                                       |
| Wednesday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> March           | Reconciliation for P3 children in St Joseph's Church at 6pm. |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup><br>March              | Last day of term   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup><br>April              | First day back for staff and children.                       |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                    | May Day holiday – school closed.                             |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>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><br>May              | Sports Day   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>June              | Reserve Sports Day if the weather is wet.                    |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>June              | Confirmation in St Joseph's Church for P7 at 3pm.            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup><br>June | Forest Schools – class dates to follow.                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup><br>June | Forest Schools – class dates to follow.                      |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>June            | P7 Leavers' Assembly.  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>June             | Last day of term.  |

Yours sincerely

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