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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below for our latest news items.

Christmas Plans

We have had confirmation from Scottish Borders Council that unfortunately there can be no in person audiences for our Christmas concerts this year. The children have been busy preparing to share their learning with you and we will record their concert to be shared with friends and family at home. We understand that this is disappointing but in line with all schools in SBC we have to follow the latest Covid guidance.

As we have much higher levels of absence in our lower school than normal we have decided to postpone recording until the last Tuesday of term. This will hopefully mean more children are able to take part.

A reminder that parties will take place in upper school and lower school groups on Wednesday 22nd December. Please send children to school in the morning in school uniform and party clothes in a bag. Children will have time to change after lunch before the party begins. Thank you.

The staff in Halyrude are making up a Christmas food hamper. Children will have the opportunity to enter a raffle to win this hamper on Friday 17th December. Tickets cost £1 and children can purchase more than one if they wish. Please send money on Thursday 16 or Friday 17 December and not before. Good luck everyone!

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 16th December. It would be lovely if children could wear something Christmassy that day, e.g. a Christmas jumper or a Christmas hairband.

Covid Measures

All families will have received our warn and inform letters recently. We are continuing to wash our hands and sanitise regularly and social distancing measures continue amongst staff including no face to face meetings. Our school is cleaned regularly in line with SBC guidance.

Please can we ask that if your child brings their own sanitiser to school that it has the recommended alcohol content? Children who bring their own sanitiser must sanitise at

the same time as everyone else so should ensure their sanitiser is in their coat pocket at all times.

Children should not come to school when they are unwell, Covid presents in many different ways in children and it is always better to keep children at home when they are unwell and do a lateral flow test, booking a PCR test if they have Covid symptoms.

Please also ensure that when collecting your children you continue to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules to limit the possibility of spreading the virus. Thank you for your support.

Tea Towels

Thank you to everyone who purchased a tea towel, the children really enjoyed taking part in this activity and we have raised the fantastic sum of £358.30 for school funds.

Netball

The current block of netball is finished for the term and will restart in January.

We would like to congratulate former netballers Katie M and Milena for being selected for Peebles High school S1 team and Peebles netball club and we wish them good luck for the season.

School Lunches

Please could we ask again that you chat with your children about what they would like for lunch before ordering? We have noticed an increase in food waste and children refusing to eat what they have ordered. Please also remember to cancel lunches ordered if your child is absent, even if they are free to you. They still need to be paid for by SBC as the food has been cooked.

School Transport

If your child travels by taxi and they are going to be absent or not use the taxi provided please let the taxi company know so that the driver knows not to wait for your child. Thank you.

Contacting School

A reminder that the best way to contact us is by phone or using the general school e-mail address at the top of this letter. Please do not contact staff directly as they may be teaching all day and do not have the chance to look at their e-mail. The general school e-mail address is monitored by more than one person so that messages can be passed on.

Mrs Learmond is also receiving a high number of messages from parents asking her to remind children or staff of their end of the day arrangements or changing the plans they have made in the morning. We do understand that plans can change during the day however we would very much appreciate it that where possible you make pick up arrangements with your child in the morning in order to save learning being interrupted during the day. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our Parental Consultation feedback form. We appreciate all comments and hope that the launch of Showbie as a means of sharing learning will be welcome by all parents.

Bikeability – P7

Tomorrow, Friday 10th December, P7 will have the opportunity to join the Bikeability team for bike maintenance, the session that was cancelled during our Bikeability week. P7 children should come to school wearing casual clothes such as joggers. Thank you.

We know that a number of people in our Halyrude community are not feeling well just now and we wish everyone a speedy recovery. We hope to have everyone back soon ready to enjoy the Festive Season.

Yours sincerely

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