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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with the latest updates from Halyrude.

Halloween Party

The children had great fun at our recent Halloween parties. Thank you to all staff involved in organising the parties, the Parent Council for supplying juice and crisps and children and families for getting into the spirit of the occasion with such amazing costumes!

Remembrance

P5/6 will be leading a remembrance assembly for all classes this week.

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties will take place during the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd December. Children should come to school in their school uniform and change in class after lunch. A small number of children choose to go home for lunch that day but there will be plenty of time to change after lunch before the party starts so there is no need to do so.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

A reminder that we kindly ask that parents do not buy gifts for school staff. This is a policy that we have had in place for some time. There is enough expense for families at this time of year without buying gifts for staff, not to mention deciding what to buy.

Children are also asked not to send individual cards to their friends in school. There are a number of reasons for this, the main one being that it is difficult to remember the names of everyone in the class to ensure they all receive a card, if someone is forgotten by mistake it can be upsetting for the child. In addition, we used to find cards in trays long after Christmas and we wish to minimise the environmental impact of wasted cards. If your child wishes to send a Christmas card they can send one to the class, e.g. Dear P1/2, Happy Christmas love from ... The cards to the class will be displayed for all to see.

Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 16th December. Please order in the usual way.

Christmas Concert

The children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas concerts; it is lovely to hear singing again in school after being without it for so long. It is not likely that we will be able to perform for families in person but we will confirm when we receive updated guidance from Scottish Borders Council. We will however record the concerts for all families to watch at home.

Parent Council Fundraising

As previously mentioned we are hoping to raise funds for the Parent Council through the production of a school tea towel. All of the children have drawn themselves and their pictures are featured on the tea towel. An envelope will come home this week giving you the opportunity to place an order if you would like to do so. The tea towels cost £5 each. Well done to all the children on their beautiful drawings.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING ORDERS TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER, AS WE ARE ON A TIGHT TURNAROUND TO ENSURE ITS PRINTED AND RETURNED TO US BEFORE CHRISTMAS LATE ORDERS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

Parental Consultations

Thank you to all parents who signed up for our recent parental consultations. This is the first time we have held consultations via video conferencing as per the latest SBC guidance. We had some difficulties with connection issues, in some classes the majority of parents were able to connect and in others, not at all. We will feed this back to SBC and would welcome your feedback on the consultation you had via a short form which we will send later this week.

Rotary Photography Competition

A reminder that the Rotary Photography competition closes on 30th November. Photos should be given to your child's class teacher and we will then pass them on to the Rotary Club. This competition is open to children in P3 – 7; please see the e-mail we sent last week with full details of the competition.

Fire Drills/Alarms in School

Each term in school we have a planned fire drill where we practise our evacuation procedures so that the children and staff know what to do if there is a fire alarm. We have very sensitive fire alarms in school in order to keep everyone safe. Last week our alarm was triggered unexpectedly and I would like to congratulate all the children on the way they safely and calmly followed our evacuation procedures. We knew immediately that this was a false alarm but as the alarm was triggered, we had to wait in the playground for the fire service to arrive and give us permission to return to the building. The children waited patiently and followed all instructions given carefully – well done everyone!

Enrolment Week

Enrolment week is once again taking place online. If you know anyone interested in sending their child to Halyrude please send them this link. We now have the largest school roll we have had for many years and we would like it to grow more! Unfortunately, we are still unable to invite parents into school but a virtual tour is available on our website.

Please see below for the information from SBC.

Parents and carers of any child who is five years of age before 28 February 2023 need to enrol their child for primary school.

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment>

Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday 11th November from 6.30 – 7.30pm on Microsoft Teams. All parents are welcome to attend. Please click on the link below to join. Thank you.

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Netball

We will continue to play on our outdoor court as much as possible this term (weather permitting). Please remember to bring suitable warm clothes (eg. joggers, hoodie and trainers) for netball club on a Monday. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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