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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term in Halyrude, I hope you have all had a lovely holiday. We are looking forward to seeing all the children on Wednesday and to welcoming the children who are new to our school.

Please see below for some updates in advance of the new term.

First Day Back

Our new term begins on Wednesday 17th August at 8.45am for all children in P1 – 7. Children should come through the wooden gate to the side of the building in order to enter the rear playground. P7 children are asked to wait in the area near the gate to welcome their P1 buddy to school.

P1 parents are welcome to stay in the playground on the first morning and after that, parents are asked to drop their children off at the wooden gate so that they can play with their friends. P7 buddies will be there to welcome them this week and next week.

P1/2 and P2/3/4 children will enter school via the rear door and P4/5/6 and P6/7 via the main door. Teachers will be in the playground on Wednesday morning to greet the children.

A reminder that children should not arrive before 8.30am. This is when Nancy, our playground supervisor will be present.

Children in P1/2 and P2/3/4 will leave school via the door next to Rosetta. Children in P4/5/6 and P6/7 will leave via the main reception door and through the wooden gate.

Breakfast Club

This year, we are delighted to launch a breakfast club in school. The club is open to everyone who wants some breakfast before school. It will run in the dining hall from 8.30 – 8.45 in the morning from Tuesday to Friday beginning on Tuesday 23rd August. We hope to open it on a Monday in future but we do not have enough staff on this day at the moment. Please note, this is not a childcare facility, if your child does not need breakfast they should play in the playground as normal. We are very grateful to Peeblesshire Foodbank for supporting us and donating the food we require to run the club.

Family Mile

All classes participate in the daily mile which involves them jogging or walking around the playground with their class each day. On a Friday, we do this at 8.45 and parents and family members are invited to join us. The first family mile will take place on Friday 26th August. We look forward to seeing you then.

Stay and Play

Parents of children in P1 and P2 are invited to come into school after the family mile to stay and play on Friday 26th August and Friday 2nd September from 9.10 – 9.30am. P2 parents should stay in the open area and P1 parents in the P1/2 classroom. If you are unable to attend, a grandparent may wish to come instead.

Bus Travel

If your child travels by bus, they will be dropped off in front of the school in the morning and will come through the playground together into the rear playground. At the end of the day, Nancy, our playground supervisor will take the children to the bus and ensure they are all wearing their seatbelts.

Heating in School

Our school is a very warm building and as those of you who have had children with us last year will know, there was a problem with the heating being on at a high level as controlled by SBC. Please encourage your child to take their sweatshirt and cardigan off if they are too warm. All items of clothing must be named so that they can be returned if they are lost. Thank you.

I-Pads

If your child has an iPad at home, please ensure that it has been updated if required and is fully charged. Children should bring their iPad to school with them every day.

Lunches

Please could we remind you to book lunches for your child online before the children come back to school on Wednesday? The deadline for booking lunches is midnight the night before lunches are to be taken. It is also possible to book for a longer period of time, e.g. a week, or a term at a time. Please could we also ask that you discuss the choices with your child to ensure that they like what you have chosen? Please also remember that if you no longer require lunches to cancel as this saves wasting food. Thank you.

Children are also welcome to bring a packed lunch to school which can be eaten in the lunch hall or on one of our picnic benches outside. **Please can we ask you not to send nuts or fizzy juice and if you send grapes, please cut them in half from top to bottom to avoid choking.** Thank you.

We are aware that the school lunch booking system has not moved the new P1 children into our school and they are still showing as being in nursery. Hopefully this will be sorted by tomorrow evening. If this is not the case and your child wishes to order a ham, egg, tuna or cheese sandwich please email us on our school email address before Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Water bottles, Snacks, School Bags and Pencil Cases

Please send your child with a water bottle filled with fresh water each day. There is the opportunity to refill water bottles at our water coolers if required during the day. We do not allow juice in class, if it spills it causes a sticky mess and it is also important for

children to stay hydrated by drinking water regularly throughout the day. Children should also bring a small snack such as a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

Your child will be provided with all the equipment they need in school such as pencils, rubbers and a reading folder. They should also bring a school bag for their water bottle and spare socks. Pencil cases can be brought if the children wish to but this is not necessary.

PE and Music

Music will take place for all classes on a Monday morning and PE will be on a Thursday. Children are welcome to keep their PE kit in school however if you wish your child to bring it home on a Friday then please return it on a Monday. Your child's class teacher will also teach PE during the week.

PE uniform is black shorts, a white t-shirt and gym shoes. Please name all items of clothing. Thank you.

Absence

Please let us know if your child is unwell and will not be in school or if they have an appointment. We will also contact you if we are concerned that your child is unwell. If we are unable to contact you in the event of absence or illness we will contact the people you have listed as emergency contacts for your child.

Contacting School

If you wish to speak to us about anything, please either phone, e-mail using our general school e-mail address, HalyrudePS@scotborders.gov.uk (not individual email addresses) or use Groupcall to do so. Our general school email address is monitored by both Mrs Learmond and myself so that if either one of us is absent or out of school messages can be read.

School Uniform and Outdoor Clothing

A reminder that our school uniform is a green jumper or cardigan, black or grey shorts, trousers or a skirt and a white or yellow polo shirt. Uniform is available from Brown and Out or the Castle Warehouse. Children should wear black school shoes, not trainers. We ask that shoes are strong enough for playing outside in all weathers, some children wore pumps last year and this resulted in very wet feet! Children are also encouraged to wear wellies on wet days. We do not ask children to change their shoes during the day although if their feet are wet a spare pair of socks kept in their school bag is very useful. If children have wet feet or are wearing wellies they can change into their gym shoes in school.

We ask that all children follow our uniform policy as it ensures everyone is the same and removes competition and demands for the latest trainers etc. which tends to happen when uniform is not worn.

We hold a stock of good quality second hand uniforms in school. Lorna Murray, a member of our Parent Council has kindly agreed to stock the uniform in her shop, The Dispensary which can be found at 9 Bridgegate. Uniform is free for all to use. If you have any good quality second hand uniform to donate, please send it to school with your child. Thank you.

Please could we also ask that you send a coat with your child every day, even if it appears to be nice in the morning? The weather can change quickly and children will

be outside playing unless the rain is very heavy. Children will also be learning outdoors during the school day therefore a coat is required. All items of clothing including shoes, coats and school bags should be named to save us time in matching children with lost clothing. Thank you.

Term Dates

For holiday dates this year –

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20009/schools_and_learning/621/term_holiday_and_closure_dates/2

Please ensure you scroll down to the bottom of the page where you will find casual holiday dates for Tweeddale Cluster.

Free School Meals/Clothing Grant

All children in P1 - 5 are entitled to free school meals. Regardless of whether your child is in P1 – 5 or in P6 – 7, If you think they may be eligible for free school meals or a clothing grant I would encourage you to apply by clicking on this link.

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20040/clothing_meals_and_transport/480/free_school_meals_and_help_with_schoolwear

Free school meal entitlement can also give access to additional support if it is required.

Dates for the Diary

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

Date	Event
Friday 26 th Aug.	Stay and play for P1 and P2 parents.
Thursday 1 st Sept. 3.20 – 4pm	Meet the teacher event in school – please come in to look at your child's classroom and meet their teacher.
Friday 2 nd Sept.	Stay and play for P1 and P2 parents.
Thursday 6 th Oct.	Flu vaccines – to be confirmed. Last Day of term
Monday 17 th Oct.	In-service day – school open for staff only.
Tuesday 18 th Oct.	First day back for children.
Friday 28 th Oct.	Halloween party during the school day.
Thursday 24 th Nov.	Parental Consultations – after school and evening appointments available. More details to follow nearer the time.
Monday 28 th Nov.	St Andrew's Day holiday – school closed.
Thursday 15 th Dec.	Christmas concert: 6.30pm. More details to follow.
Wednesday 21 st Dec.	Christmas parties – in the afternoon.
Thursday 22 nd Dec.	Last day of term.
Monday 9 th Jan.	First day back for staff and children.
Friday 10 th Feb.	Last day of term.

Tuesday 21 st Feb.	First day back for staff and children.
Thurs. 16 th March	Parental Consultations
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Monday 17 th April	First day back for staff and children.
Monday 1 st May	May Day holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 2 nd May	In-Service day – school open for staff only.
Thursday 25 th May	Sports Day
Thursday 1 st June	Reserve Sports Day if the weather is wet.
Wednesday 28 th June	P7 Leavers' Assembly.
Thursday 29 th June	Last day of term.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Brunton

Head Teacher