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Our values:
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term at Halyrude, and a special welcome to children and families who are joining us for the first time! The children have all had a good first week and it has been lovely to see them enjoying being back with their friends.

Please see below for our news items. Diary dates will be updated regularly so please check this section in every newsletter.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open to anyone who wishes to attend every morning at 8.30. Fruit, toast and cereal is available, and this is free for everyone.

Our playground is supervised from 8.30, if you arrive before then, please wait with your child. Thank you.

Uniform

It is lovely to see everyone looking so smart in their uniform. If you have any uniform at home that your child has grown out of, please donate it to our sharing shed. If you are looking for uniform, there is a good selection available, but more stock would be very welcome. Thank you.

Our Share Shed

Our share shed is available for all members of our school community. It is the shed with the green door on the right as you come into the playground. There is a lockbox on the wall with a key in it. The lockbox code will be emailed to you separately.

The shed contains uniform as well as some care products such as shampoo, soap and sanitary products. It also contains some food items. If you are able to donate more food items such as tins of fruit, soup, beans etc. and dried food such as pasta then that would be very much appreciated.

If you have suggestions for other items to be included in the share shed, please let us know. Thank you.

Sanitary Products

A reminder that we have sanitary products in all our bathrooms for using in school or for taking home.

Please encourage your child to help themselves.

Little Learners

Last year we ran a Little Learners group, a pre-school group open to pre-school children and their parents and carers.

We hope to start up this group again soon and are inviting volunteers who may be interested in running this group to get in touch or to come along to the next Parent Council meeting where we will discuss this further. Thank you.

Focus onattendance

At the end of last year, we posted your child's attendance and lateness figures on Showbie. We will be doing the same again this year at the end of each term.

We understand that children are ill at times, and we appreciate it when they stay at home rather than spreading germs around their class.

There are, however, children who regularly miss more school than we would like.

Parental holidays during term time are marked as unauthorised and are strongly discouraged.

Children who are in school when they are well have the best chance of making good progress. Please continue to support us by sending your child to school every day and ensuring that they arrive on time. Thank you.

If your child is absent, please call, text or email rather than passing on a message to a member of staff in the playground as this will save us contacting you unnecessarily if messages are not passed on. Thank you.

Tweed Theatre

There is an opportunity to be involved in the Tweed Theatre Christmas production. Miss Prenton worked with a number of children on The Twits last year – if you are interested, please see below.

TWEED THEATRE'S CHRISTMAS SHOW READINGS and AUDITIONS in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Bring the repulsive Mr and Mrs Twit to life on stage. If you'd like to be involved, why not come along and find out more? We are looking for 8 adults and 10 children aged 10 plus to be in the production which will be on at The Eastgate Theatre from December 5-7th, including a Saturday matinee. Sunday, 18th August from 2.00-4.00 at The Masonic Hall, Northgate, Peebles.

If you have questions, please go to Tweed Theatre's Facebook page or contact Ros on 0743 2097 851. Hope to see some new faces as well as familiar ones!

Parent Council

Our Parent Council meeting dates are listed below. All meetings take place in school, and everyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to share ideas and to become involved in the life of the school.

We hope to see you there.

Meet the Teacher

You are invited to come into school at 2.45 on Thursday 29th August to meet your child's teacher and visit their classroom.

This is an opportunity for them to show you around only. You will be able to look at their work during parental consultations and on Showbie.

Our Playground

As some of you know, SBC have allocated funding to improve our playground. We would like to invite a small group of parents from Halrudd and Leader Valley to work with us to support this and other improvements to our outdoor learning space. If you are interested, please email the school email address to let us know. Thank you.

Holiday Dates

Please click on the link for information on SBC school holiday dates.

[School term dates for 2024-25 | Term, holiday and closure dates | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Dates for diary:

Date	Event
Tuesday 27 th August	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Thursday 29 th August	2.45pm: Meet the Teacher.
Monday 7 th October	Flu vaccines – more information to follow.
Friday 11 th October	Last day of term,
Monday 21 st October	In-service day
Tuesday 22 nd October	First day back for children.

Monday 28 th October	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Friday 1 st November	Halloween party in school time.
Monday 2 nd December	St Andrew's Day holiday
Tuesday 3 rd December	Casual holiday
Thursday 5 th December	5.30 – 7pm: Christmas Fair
Monday 16 th December	Christmas concert – date to be confirmed.
Wednesday 18 th December	Joint schools Christmas service in the Parish Church – children in P3 – 7 only.
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term.
Monday 6 th January	First day back.
Thursday 16 th January	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Friday 14 th February	Last day of term
Monday 24 th February	In-service day
Tuesday 25 th February	First day back for children.
Thursday 6 th March	Parental consultations
Monday 31 st March – Wednesday 2 nd April	P6/7 residential to Ford Castle
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term
Monday 21 st April	First day back
Wednesday 24 th April	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Monday 5 th May	May Day holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	In-service day
Wednesday 21 st May	County Sports
Thursday 22 nd May	Halyrude Sports Day
Tuesday 27 th May	Inspire Learning Day for P6 in Kelso
Wednesday 28 th	Reserve date for County Sports
Thursday 5 th May	Reserve date for Halyrude Sports 5.30 – 7pm: Summer Fair
Friday 20 th May	11.30am: P7 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 25 th June	Last day of term

Yours sincerely

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