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Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below for our latest news items.

Science Festival

P5 – 7 will be attending the science festival at the Eastgate tomorrow. This will happen during the school day and normal lunch arrangements will apply. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to accompany the children.

School Lunches

Just a little reminder, please cancel lunches if you know that your child is going to be absent as this saves on food waste. Thank you.

Exciting News!

All children and staff in Halyrude and Leader Valley will be going to see Treasure Island at the Lyceum in Edinburgh!

We are very grateful to the Parent Council who are making a financial contribution towards the trip but due to the costs involved, particularly in hiring a bus, unfortunately we will have to ask for a contribution from families as well. This will appear on ParentPay.

If you have difficulty in paying for this trip, please contact us and let us know. More details about the trip will follow nearer the time.

Parent Council

We sent out a short survey yesterday on behalf of the Parent Council asking for support, either by supporting a group or by helping at an event.

Thank you to those who have responded so far, if you haven't done so, all offers of help are very welcome!

Focus oncharity

We are very grateful that Peeblesshire Foodbank provides food for our breakfast club which runs every day and is free for everyone.

The foodbank are running a harvest collection and they would be very grateful for any donations.

If you would like to donate, please see the attached list. Items can be left in the reception area until Monday 7th October. Thank you.

Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Maria in P7 who has won the Young Artist competition for Great Britain. This is an amazing achievement, well done Maria!

Competitions

After Maria's success, there is an opportunity for all children to enter the following competitions run by the Rotary Club:

- Young writer
- Young film maker
- Young photographer
- Young artist

Entry forms and further details can be collected from school. We would encourage everyone to have a go!

Sickness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they are required to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode. NHS guidelines require this in order to stop the spread of germs. Thank you.

Facebook

You will have noticed that our Facebook page is missing. This is because it has been completely wiped. This has happened to several other schools. We are working with SBC to look for a solution to this and hope to be back up and running as soon as possible.

Retirement

As some of you may know, after over 24 years as our playground supervisor with us in Halyrude, Nancy, is retiring. We will miss her and wish her all the very best for the adventures that lie ahead! We have interviewed for a replacement playground supervisor and will share who this person is when all employment checks are complete.

Attendance

As shared previously, we will report on your child's attendance via Showbie at the end of term. In line with SBC policy, if your child's attendance is below 90% we are required to contact you via letter.

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
Wednesday 25 th September	Science festival for P5 – 7
Monday 7 th October	Flu vaccines – please let us know on the day if you have given any medication to your child that you did not mention when completing the form
Friday 11 th October	Last day of term
Monday 21 st October	In-service day
Tuesday 22 nd October	First day back for children
Thursday 24 th October	Parental consultations
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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