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Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to share some news items with you as we approach the Easter break.

Sacraments

Congratulations to the children who made their First Reconciliation last week. They all worked very hard to prepare in school and at home. Thank you to all the families involved.

Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin after Easter.

Cross Country Event

Congratulations to the team who attended the cross-country event in Galashiels last week. They ran so fast and were a real credit to themselves and their school. Well done everyone!

Sanitary Products

A reminder that we have sanitary products in all our bathrooms for using in school or for taking home. If you would like some sanitary protection, please just send us an email and we will be happy to give you some. Thank you.

Foodbank

Please remember that you can contact Peeblesshire Foodbank directly if you would like a food parcel. The foodbank will deliver enough nutritionally balanced food for three days. We also have 'bags of tea' in school which again we are happy to send home. Please just let us know.

Little Learners

It has been lovely to hear such positive comments from families who have been to Little Learners. Please spread the word and encourage others to come along on a Monday from 2 – 3pm. Thank you.

Focus onattendance

Every second person seems to be coughing at the moment, despite this, we are delighted that our average attendance has increased. There are, however, some children who have missed 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. 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.

A big thank you to the Peebles & District Round Table for providing funding to Halyrude which will help towards the purchase of items for playground play around literacy and reading. We will create outdoor reading opportunities (e.g. covered plastic tubs on wheels for books, chinks for drawing characters outside, books for neurodiverse readers). We are also looking to purchase outdoor phonics blocks and mobile (wheelie) bookcase for senior pupils to take books outside (and return inside) during breaktimes.

Parental Consultations

Thank you for attending our recent parental consultations. The survey we sent out afterwards indicated that almost all families who responded said that they were given clear information about their child's progress and next steps. If you have any further questions, please let us know and your child's teacher will contact you.

The response to the question about the format of parental consultations indicated that 60% of those who responded would like one in person event and one online next session. Thank you to those of you who filled in the form.

School Inspection

We are looking forward to welcoming the team who will inspect our school after the holidays. We are sure they will be very impressed by everything they see in our lovely school. A report will be shared with you after their visit.

Whole School Walk

We are going on a whole school walk on 1st May. This is not a sponsored walk, however if you, or anyone you know would like to donate towards fundraising efforts by the Parent Council, please click on the link below. The aim is to raise £500 towards playground equipment. Thank you in advance for your support.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HalyrudeSpringWalk?utm_id=1&utm_term=Kqx5nK3kV

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and a lovely holiday!



Dates for diary:

Date	Event
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Monday 15 th April	First day back for staff and children. First day of our inspection by His Majesty's Inspectors of Education
Monday 22 nd April	Bikeability for P5/6
Wednesday 1 st May	Whole school walk
Monday 6 th May	May Day holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 7 th May	In-Service day – school open for staff only.
Wednesday 8 th May	Halyreads Festival – more details to follow
Sunday 12 th May	Three Bridges Race
Wednesday 15 th May	Beltane Announcement – P6 and 7 will attend the Drill Hall with children from Priorsford and Kingsland and should be collected from Tweed Green. Details to follow.
Thursday 16 th May	Sports Day
Tuesday 21 st May	P5 at Borders Countryside Day, Kelso more details to follow
Thursday 23 rd May	Reserve Sports Day if the weather is wet.
Monday 3 rd , Tuesday 4 th , Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th June	Forest Schools – one day per class.
Friday 31 st May	Confirmation 7pm in St Joseph's Church
Wednesday 5 th June	Leavers mass at 1.30pm in church P6 Inspire Day at Kelso - tbc
Sunday 9 th June	First Holy Communion at 9.30am in St Joseph's Church
Monday 10 th June	P7 Parent information evening and tour of PHS – time TBC
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th June	P7 transition days at PHS. Children are to make their own way to school on both days. Their Halyrude teacher will not accompany them but they will be supported by PHS staff and follow a high school timetable.

Sunday 16 th – Saturday 22 nd June	Beltane week
Monday 24 th June	P7 leavers assembly in school
Friday 28 th June	Last day of term.

Yours sincerely

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