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Our values:
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a lovely start to our term this year. Please see below for our latest news.

Sacraments

Please see our diary dates for information on when the sacraments of Reconciliation (P3), First Holy Communion (P4) and Confirmation (P7) will be celebrated.

Classroom Chefs

Our upper school children are loving the opportunity to participate in Classroom Chefs, preparing food using slow cookers. Everyone was very excited to take home their sausage casserole last week. At the moment it is the turn of P5/6 and later in the term, P7 will have the opportunity to cook. Thank you to Peeblesshire Foodbank who have provided the slow cookers and food for this project.

Scots Poetry and Stories

Well done to all the children who have been learning Scots poems, reading Scots stories and singing songs. We are looking forward to hearing from some of the children during assembly next week.

Antibiotics

If your child is prescribed antibiotics 4 x per day then we are happy to give them a dose in school. Please come into school to fill in the appropriate paperwork. If the medication is to be given three times per day, we would ask that the three doses are given at home. Thank you.

Halyrude Breakfast Club

Children were reminded in a recent assembly that our free, Halyrude Breakfast Club is open to all pupils, every morning, Monday-Friday from 8.30am, in our dining hall. Cereals, milk, toast and fruit are provided with low fat spread and low-sugar jams and preserves. Please arrive via the rear playground door to enjoy a healthy breakfast before the school bell at 08.45am. We are grateful to Peeblesshire Foodbank for supplying the food for our Breakfast Club.

Garden Group

Ms Wallace and Donna, our cleaner/janitor have kindly offered to run our gardening group in school. This week they have been busy clearing the enclosed garden and setting up a loose parts obstacle course for the children. If you have some free time on Friday 26th January and Friday 2nd February Ms Wallace and Donna would appreciate some help with clearing the garden. If you can help, please come along to the school at 12.30. We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with Greener

Peebles to provide opportunities for the children to take part in growing activities in the playground.

Sportshall Athletics

Congratulations to our upper school children who attended the Sportshall Athletics event yesterday along with other Tweeddale schools. Mrs Mair was very proud of their efforts and their behaviour. Well done everyone!

Attendance

We are happy to see that our overall attendance figures have improved this year compared to last year. If your child is unwell we very much appreciate you keeping them at home to avoid spreading germs. There are still a very small number of children who have frequent unauthorised absence. If children are not in school then they cannot learn and this results in lower levels of confidence and has an impact on attainment. Please do send your child to school if they are well enough to come. Thank you.

Showbie

Please see below for a note of what you will see on your child's Showbie page this term.

Week beg:	Focus
22.1.24	Numeracy example with voice note/written feedback.
29.1.24	Termly overview and targets (1 literacy and 1 numeracy)
5.2.24	Individual music comment P4 – 7 children.
19.2.24	RE photo and description
26.2.24	Writing example and individual written comment or voice note.
4.3.24	Individual PE comment P4 – 7 children. Life in class photo
11.3.24	Science comment and photo
18.3.24	Using technology to support learning photo and description (individual or group)

Dates for diary:

Date	Event
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term.
Monday 19 th February	School closed – staff in-service day
Tuesday 20 th February	First day back for children
Thursday 22 nd February	Thinking Day – uniforms can be worn
Tuesday 27 th February	6.30 – 7.30: P7 Parent meeting PHS
Thursday 29 th February	9.30 – 11.30: P7 visit to PHS with Mrs Mair

Thursday 7 th March	Parental Consultations online
Wednesday 20 th March	First Reconciliation 6pm in St Joseph's Church
Tuesday 26 th March	P1 health reviews with School Nurse
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Monday 15 th April	First day back for staff and children.
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
Thursday 16 th May	Sports Day
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 1.30 in church
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.
Monday 24 th June	P7 leavers assembly in school
Thursday 28 th June	Last day of term.

Yours sincerely

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