

# Halyrude RC Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Here is our final newsletter of the year including some important Christmas updates for you!

## Christmas Concert

Thank you to you all for booking tickets for our Christmas concert. The link below will take you to a form to request additional tickets. As tickets for the evening in particular are limited, if we do not have enough tickets we will allocate one per family. We are limited to the number of seats we have in the hall due to fire regulations.

Please note, by attending our concert, you are agreeing to entering by ticket only. No additional entry is available. All children over the age of one must have their own seat. You are also agreeing to remaining seated during the performance. Tickets will be sent home later in the week. Children should arrive back at school at 6.15pm, entering via the door by the dining hall. The front door for the audience will open at 6.20pm.

Please do not take photos or film the concert. We will post photos online for you. Thank you for your co-operation.

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## Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to our fundraising committee for planning such a successful Christmas Fair. Thank you also to those who ran stalls and supported the event. We will let you know how much was raised before the end of term.

## Playground

Representatives from SBC will meet a group of children to discuss their views on our playground when we return to school in January. We understand that a budget for the work has now been agreed so it is lovely to see this project moving forward.

### Focus on .....footwear!

If you have boots, wellies or shoes that are still in good condition, we would really appreciate it if you could send them in with your child. We are often in need of spare shoes, and we can also put a selection in the share shed.

Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Cards and Gifts

A reminder that if your child wants to send a Christmas card to their friends, they simply send one to the class rather than individual cards. This is to ensure nobody misses out and to save us finding cards in trays in January! If they want to give individual cards, please arrange to do this out of school.

We also ask that you do not send gifts in for staff, we very much appreciate kind words however we would ask that you spend money on your own families rather than on our staff. Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

P1-3 should bring party clothes in a bag to change at lunchtime. P5-7 can wear their party clothes in the morning but should bring something warm to wear in the playground.

### Family Learning

Unfortunately, despite several people signing up, nobody turned up for either of our family learning sessions on sleep. This was a real shame as the children really enjoyed their session and the presenter came from Edinburgh to host these sessions for us.

We will review our family learning offer for future occasions.

### Netball

Halyrude recently took part in the Tweeddale Netball tournament at PHS. We played against strong oppositions but the hard work and determination from our team shone through, working hard as a team and putting into practice what they've been learning. Halyrude were winners of Pool B. Well done to everyone. Thank you to Kelly Noble and Jen Whelan for giving up their time to run the club.

## 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 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas concert 2.15pm and 6.30pm – see separate information for tickets
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Joint schools Christmas service in the Parish Church – children in P3 – 7 only
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	First day back for children
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Parents and children info evening at PHS 6pm (time to be confirmed by PHS nearer the time)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Orientation morning at PHS 9.30-11.15am Parental consultations
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm: Reconciliation in St Joseph's Church
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	P6/7 residential to Ford Castle – <b><u>final payments due by 5 January 2025</u></b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	First day back
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day holiday
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	In-service day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	County Sports
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Halyrude Sports Day

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Inspire Learning Day for P6 in Kelso
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve date for County Sports
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Reserve date for Halyrude Sports 5.30 – 7pm: Summer Fair
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	9.30am: First Holy Communion in St Joseph's Church
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm: Confirmation in St Joseph's Church
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Curricular Information Evening at PHS 6pm – tour starts at 5.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	11.30am: P7 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term

Yours sincerely

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