

# Halyrude RC Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach Christmas, we would like to share the following information with you.

## **Christmas Fair**

We would like to thank the team of parents who organised our Christmas fair as well as all families and friends of the school who supported this event. Approximately £1000 was raised which is a fantastic amount!

## **Christmas Cards**

As per our school policy, if your child wishes to send a Christmas card to their friends, please send only one for the class. Children should not bring cards in for each other as children are at times left out in error. We are also keen to cut down on paper waste. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Christmas Gifts**

A reminder of information sent out in our first newsletter.

## **Poverty Proofing**

Last term, Miss Purves and Mrs Noble, our parent representative attended a course to raise awareness of poverty and the impact it can have on children and families. Some of the issues raised were discussed with our Parent Council and over the course of the year we will continue to look at how we can poverty proof our school. During our meeting, it was decided that in our first newsletter we would kindly ask parents not to buy gifts for teachers at the end of term and at Christmas time. While these gifts have been very much appreciated over the years, we are aware of the financial costs involved and would like to ask for your support with this. Thank you.

We would like to share a link from the BBC website to support our poverty proofing efforts.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-46275919>

## **Christmas Hampers**

Please contact me if you would like to receive a food hamper or Christmas gift hamper for your children in December. This is open to anyone who requires it and the information will be treated with strictest confidence.

### **Playground Supervision**

Please could we remind you that there is no supervision in the playground until 8.30am? We have noticed that some children are arriving without parents before then and are waiting in the dark and cold alone. Please ensure children only arrive from 8.30am. Thank you.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Thank you to all who purchased books at our recent book fair. We received over £400 commission to buy new resources from them.

### **Contacting the School**

If you wish to contact the school, please use the general Halyrude e-mail address, [HalyrudePS@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:HalyrudePS@scotborders.gov.uk) rather than contacting a member of staff directly. Important messages can be missed if staff members are teaching or out of school. The Halyrude in box is monitored every day. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Bad Weather**

In the event of bad weather, we will do our best to keep the school open. Groupcall will be used to keep parents informed of any school closures. Resilient/snow schools will not operate this year.

### **School Meals/Clothing Grant**

Please check to see if you are entitled to free school meals or a clothing grant using the following link:

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20040/clothing\\_meals\\_and\\_transport/480/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_help\\_with\\_schoolwear/1](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20040/clothing_meals_and_transport/480/free_school_meals_and_help_with_schoolwear/1)

Yours sincerely

Leigh Brunton

Head Teacher

### **Dates for the diary:**

12 Dec	Choir visiting the Bakehouse
13 Dec	Christmas singalong afternoon & evening
14 Dec	P4/5 carol singing at Dovecote
18 Dec	P6/7 carol singing at Riverside
19 Dec	Christmas parties pm all classes – children should bring party clothes and will change at lunchtime. Older children will help younger children get ready.
20 Dec	Christmas lunch – wear something Christmassy today Peebles CAN gardening club P6/7 Carol singing in Tesco 1.15pm
21 Dec	Joint schools service Old Parish Church School closes for the holidays 12.15pm
7 Jan	All back 8.45am
10 Jan, 24 Jan	Gardening group today
25 Jan	Burns celebration
30 Jan	Open afternoon – maths
7 Feb, 21 Feb	Gardening group today

15 Feb	School closed – Staff in-service
18-20 Feb	School closed for holidays
21 Feb	All back 8.45am
22 Feb	Founders Day – children can wear uniform of organisation they attend
25 Feb	P1 & P2 Little Giants science show in school
27 Feb	P7 at High School am
7, 21 & 28 Mar	Gardening group today
21 Mar	Parents evening
27 Mar	Open afternoon - potted sports pm
29 Mar	Schools closes for Easter holiday 12.15pm
15 Apr	All back 8.45am
16 Apr	P1 & P7 group photo
18 & 25 Apr	Gardening group today
19 Apr	School closed – Good Friday
22 Apr	School open 8.45am
2 May	Gardening group today
3 May	School closed in-service day
6 May	School closed May holiday
9 May	Gardening group today Team Games at St Ronan's 6pm
16 May	Gardening group today Sports day pm
22 May	County Sports
23 May & 30 May	Gardening group today
30 May	Ascension Day Mass in Church 10am Summer Fair
6 Jun, 13 Jun	Gardening group today
12 & 13 Jun	P7 at High School
28 Jun	P7 Leavers Mass in school 9am
1 Jul	P7 Leaver's assembly 2pm
2 Jul	Holidays begin 3.20pm

### **Sacramental Programme 2018/2019**

<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>	<b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Catechesis Meeting for Parents</b> Wednesday 16 January 2019 – Time TBC, St Joseph's	<b>Catechesis Meeting for Parents</b> Wednesday 23 January 2019 – Time TBC, St Joseph's
<b>Rite of Illumination</b> Sunday 20 January 2019 – 9.30am, St Joseph's	<b>Presentation of the Creed</b> Sunday 27 January 2019 – 9.30am, St Joseph's
<b>Celebration of First Confession</b> Wednesday 13 March 2019 – Time TBC, St Joseph's	<b>Presentation of the Our Father</b> Sunday 12 May 2019 – 9.30am, St Joseph's
	<b>Celebration of First Holy Communion</b> Sunday 2 June 2019 – 9.30am St Joseph's