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Our values:

Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to welcome everyone back to a new term at Halyrude and hope you have all had a lovely holiday.

We will continue to send our newsletters by e-mail. Please check your in box for any other messages as we are not able to use Groupcall texts unless it is an urgent message.

**Family Daily Mile**

Every Friday morning we invite our families to join us for the daily mile in the playground. Please wait in the playground and the children will join you after registration. We hope to see you all on Friday.

**Phonics Talk**

Primary one parents are invited into the classroom after the daily mile on Friday morning to hear about how we teach phonics in school. Miss Purves will also talk about homework and answer any questions you may have.

**Stay and Play**

Next week, Friday 30 August, primary one parents are invited to stay and play after the daily mile until 9.30am. After this, Jean and Margaret from Community Learning will be in the lunch hall serving tea and coffee. This is a great opportunity to meet other primary one parents, you are all welcome to attend. If you cannot come, grandparents are also welcome to attend.

**Dogs in school**

Could we please remind you that as per Scottish Borders Council policy dogs are not allowed in our playground? If you are bringing your dog to school to drop off or collect your child please stay well away from the school gates as some children are frightened of dogs. Thank you.

**Swimming**

P2 and P3 will begin swimming lessons next week, Friday 30 August. Please see the diary below for future dates. A letter will be sent home today with all P2 and P3 parents. Please return this letter if you are able to help with swimming. All offers of help are greatly appreciated as we would be unable to take the children swimming without parent helpers.

**Diversity Week**

Please see the poster in our window for details of what is happening during Scottish Borders Council Diversity week.

**Medication Forms**

If your child requires medication in school please come in and fill in a prescribed medication form. We cannot accept non-prescribed medication or medication which is from the minor ailments service.

**Gardening Group**

Our gardening group will continue this term on a Thursday afternoon. Please send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing. The children have very much enjoyed looking after our school garden and we would like to say a special thank you to the parents who have worked alongside Peebles CAN over the summer looking after our plants.

**Change to May Day and In-Service Day**

Due to the anniversary of VE Day the in-service day in May will now take place on Thursday 7May and the May Day holiday will take place on Friday 8 May.

**Diary Dates**

Please see below for the diary dates for term one. The dates for the remainder of the year will follow in our next newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Brunton

Head Teacher

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| Fri 23 August | Phonics talk for P1 parents after the Daily Mile |
| Wed 28 | School Photos (pre-school children 8.30am) |
| Thurs 29 | Peeblesshire News Photographer for P1 children  Gardening Group P4/5/6 |
| Fri 30 August, 6, 13, 20, 27 Sept. and 4 Oct. | P2 and P3 swimming |
| Thurs 5 Sept. | Gardening group P4/5/6 |
| Fri 6 Sept. | 8.45 – 9.15 – open morning, see my new classroom followed by the daily mile. |
| Thurs 12 Sept. | Gardening Group P6/7 |
| Thurs 19 Sept. | Gardening Group P6/7 |
| Thurs 26 Sept. | Flu vaccines  Gardening Group P6/7 |
| Thurs 3 Oct. | Gardening Group P1/2 and P3/4 |
| Thurs 10 Oct. | Gardening Group P1/2 and P3/4 |

**Mass Dates**

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| **In church** | **In school** |
| 1st October 10am | 26th August welcome back  1.15 pm |
| 1 November All Saints time tbc | 3 December Advent Service 1.15pm |
|  | 10 December 1.15 confessions – school? |
| 16 December pm and evening Carol Service in church | 21 January 1.15 |
| 19 December Joint schools service – Old Parish Church | 26 February Ash Wednesday in school |
| 31 March 10am | 3 March Confessions in school |
| 1 May 9.15am Rosary and the month of Our Lady, Father Tony |  |
| 21 May Ascension Day in church | 29 June Leavers mass in school |
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