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Dear Parent/Carer,

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to school ready to learn after a lovely holiday. Please see below for the latest news from Halyrude.

Book Donations

Staff recently cleared out old books which the children were no longer using and donated them to a charity which was sending books to Ghana. We have received a message from the organisers of the appeal which we would like to share with you.

Many Thanks to the team at Halyrude for their generous donation of books for the Ghana school appeal.

Katy and her team were so delighted and touched to hear about the fabulous supply of resources that had been donated by Halyrude and have asked me to pass on their sincere thanks.

We have had a great response locally and the donations will be shipped off to Ghana shortly, along with another collection her family have made in London.

Thanks again for your support!

P6/7 Outing to Dynamic Earth

Mrs Bony and P6/7 are looking forward to their visit to Dynamic Earth on Wednesday. Please send children in school uniform and with a packed lunch. Please also remember to cancel any orders on ParentPay for that day. We look forward to hearing all about the trip when they come back.

The Daily Mile

We would like to invite parents, grandparents and members of the church community to join us on our daily mile every Friday morning. If you would like to join in, please make your way to the rear playground after the lines are taken in. The children will register and join you in the playground. This is an open invitation to anyone who is able to join us; the mile will only be cancelled if the weather is particularly bad, e.g. heavy rain, snow or ice. We look forward to seeing those of you who wish to attend this Friday.

Please note: **Children who wish to run the mile should come to school wearing their trainers and bring their school shoes to change into.**

Piano

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Parent Council who have paid for a new digital piano. Mrs Inglis is very excited about it and it will help singing in tune and help pupils to perform more easily. As a result of this purchase we have a piano looking for a new home. The piano will need to be tuned but is otherwise in good working order. If you are interested, or would like to look at it, please contact the school before Friday. If we have a lot of interest, we will pull names out a hat.

Recorders

Mrs Inglis would like to teach the children in P6/7 to play recorder. If your child has their own recorder, they are welcome to bring it to school. If not, we do have recorders available for sale which the children will be able to keep. The cost is £5 and the option to purchase will be available on ParentPay.

Football Coaching

A football level 1 (early touches) CPD course has been organised for Sunday 22nd January, and will take place at Queens Leisure Centre in Galashiels from 10am-4pm. This course is attendance based and anyone taking part in the course will receive their football level 1 qualification. This would be a great opportunity for any teachers/school staff/parents who may already be involved in helping with school football and don't already hold a qualification.

If any parent is keen to attend and would perhaps like to help us with coaching for a block during the year, the cost of the course will be covered by Active Schools. Please contact us at school if you are interested.

ParentPay

ParentPay have informed us that if parents are having problems with their account please follow the following advice:

Go on to ParentPay home page > Parent > Using ParentPay > Help and Support > Bottom of Screen > Having Problems?

You should then fill out the support request form and the ParentPay support team will help with your query.

St Joseph's Church

We have been asked to bring to your attention a new group in church which is available to help families who may find themselves in need of support, for example if they require help with food or clothing. Please speak in confidence to me if you would like support from this group.

Dalguise

A reminder that the next payment for Dalguise is due on 31 January. Thank you.

Viking Visit

A former pupil, Robbie Leeson has offered to come into school on Friday morning with his colleagues to stage a Viking display. Please look out for photos on Facebook and Twitter.

Dressing Up

If you have any dressing up costumes at home, particularly related to the theme of People Who Help Us, Miss Purves and Mrs Ireland would be very grateful if you could donate them to the school. Thank you.

Wellbeing and Rights Respecting Schools

This term during our assemblies, we will be focussing on Rights Respecting Schools and as part of that we will be exploring the wellbeing indicators of Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Respected, Responsible and Included. The children will explore the indicators through games which will be available to play in class and related them to their rights. PC Furness is going to visit us to work with Sophie and Chloe our Junior Road Safety Officers to present an assembly about road safety, relating to the indicator of Safe. We hope to welcome other visitors to school to talk about their role in looking after our children and protecting their rights.

This also helps children in Halyrude to understand about the world of work. We will also be discussing this with them in school. Please look out for photos and updates on Facebook and Twitter.

Reports and Parental Consultations

In a change to last year's arrangements, we would like to issue reports at the end of March and then hold parental consultations in May. This is because we would like families to have the opportunity to read the report and discuss it with the class teacher during parental consultations, asking any questions they may have.

Netball Kits

Thank you to our Parent Council who has generously funded new netball kits. (Photo on Twitter and Facebook) Mrs Peterson kindly asks families to return the kits unwashed and they will be washed in school together. If kits are damaged at home, the cost of replacement will be £6.50 for a top and £14.55 for a skirt. Thank you as always to Miss Purves and Mrs Peterson for supporting the team.

Church Meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents of children preparing for the sacraments in St Joseph's Church House at 7pm on Monday 23 January. This meeting will be for all families in the Parish and will be led by the church.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held in school on Thursday 2 February at 7pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Poetry

All classes are currently learning Scots poems. The teachers will swap classes, listen to all children say their poem before selecting some children to recite their poem at our Burns themed assembly in school. Finalists from this assembly will be asked to recite their poem at the Callants competition on 9 February. Details of this event will be sent home to the children involved.

Founders Day

Wednesday 22 February is Founders Day and children are welcome to come to school dressed in their uniforms (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts)

Please let us know if you have any questions, suggestions or enquiries. We look forward to working with all our families over what we are sure will be a busy and exciting term.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Brunton

Acting Head Teacher

Swimming Lessons: 10.30am at Peebles pool	
Class	Dates
P2/3	21 st April, 5 th & 12 th May
P1/2	19 th , 26 th May, 2 nd June
P1/2 & P2/3	Fun swimming session 9 th June

Mass Timetable	
St Joseph's 10am	School 2.30pm
1 March – Ash Wednesday	7 February
20 March – Feast of St Joseph	2 May
	20 June – Leaver's Mass

Dates for diary	
Fri 20 Jan	Daily mile 8.45am – all welcome Viking visit
Mon 23 Jan	Sacrament meeting in the church house – 7pm
Wed 25 Jan	Burns lunch
Thurs 26 Jan	Tweeddale Netball Competition 4-6pm
Tues 31 Jan	Dalguise payment due
Thurs 2 Feb	Parent Council meeting 7pm
Sun 5 Feb	Rite of Illumination Cross – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Reconciliation)
Mon 6 Feb	PC Furness and JRSO road safety assembly PHS info evening at Kingsland 6.30pm P7
Tues 7 Feb	P1 & P7 dental inspections
Thurs 9 Feb	Callants Burns Competition for Halyrude, Priorsford and Kingsland
Fri 10 Feb	School closed to pupils: Staff in-service day
Mon 13 – Wed 15 Feb	School closed: holiday Re-opens Thursday 16 February
Tues 21 Feb	Rotary Quiz, Union Club, Innerleithen 6 for 6.30pm
Wed 22 Feb	Founders Day – children can wear uniforms P7 morning visit Peebles High School with Mrs Bony Scottish Opera workshops P4-7
Sun 5 March	Rite of Enrolment – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Confirmation and Communion)
Tues 14 March	Scottish Opera workshops with performance P4-7
Thurs 16 March	Borders Cross Country Championships, Galashiels
Sun 19 March	Presentation of the Gospels – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Confirmation and Communion)
Fri 31 March	School closes for Easter holidays 12.15pm and re-opens Tuesday 18 April 2017
Sun 2 April	Presentation of the Creed – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Confirmation and Communion)

Tues 18 April	P1 & P7 group photographs
Sun 23 April	Presentation of the Gospels – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Confirmation and Communion)
Tues 25 April	2pm Reconciliation in St Joseph's
Fri 28 April	School closed to pupils: Staff in-service day
Mon 1 May	School closed May Day holiday
Sunday 7 May	Confirmation Service, 12 noon in St Joseph's
Mon 22 May	ChildLine presentations in school
Sun 28 May	First Communion
Wed 21 June	Beltane lunch
Wed 28 June	School closes for the summer at 3.20pm