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Dear Parents,

Please see below for the latest news from Halyrude.

Sacramental Preparation

Thank you to our families in P3 who have returned their Baptismal certificates. We have passed copies on to Father Wojciech. We are however aware that there are a number of children who have not returned copies of Baptism certificates. Please do so before Wednesday 9 November if you would like your child to enrol in sacramental preparation this year. Sacramental preparation is the responsibility of parents, the Parish and school staff. All children are expected to attend mass regularly if they wish to receive sacraments. Please see below for dates which form part of the journey of preparation.

Thank you

Mrs Feller from the Tweeddale Support Centre would like to thank all the children who took part in the recent Halloween lucky dip. She would also like to thank our additional needs assistants who kept everyone entertained while they waited for their turn! The magnificent sum of £45 was raised for Tweeddale Support Centre funds.

Buddy Up Day

Thank you to all families who supported Buddy-Up day. We raised £65 for Peeblesshire Youth Trust.

Community Learning

Margaret Smail from Community Learning will join us at our parental consultations and will have information about support available to families for whom English is not their first language. She is also available to assist with any other community learning related queries. We very much look forward to welcoming Margaret to our school for the first time.

Parental Consultations

Mrs Hughes our Support for Learning teacher will be available in the P2/3 classroom from 3.30 – 5.40 and then again from 6.45 to 8pm. The appointments will be available on a drop in basis. If you do not have the opportunity to speak to Mrs Hughes and would like to do so, please write a note in your child's diary and another appointment will be arranged for you.

As per the letter e-mailed last week, please remember to sign up for your Christmas concert tickets in the St Joseph's Centre when you are in school for your appointment. Please note, all adults and children will require a seat; this is due to fire regulations.

There will be no members of staff available for child care during consultations. If you do need to bring your child, please encourage them to bring a book to read while they wait for you. Thank you for your co-operation.

Poppies

A reminder that poppies will be available in school this week for a minimum donation of 20p.

French Visitors

We look forward to welcoming a group of French teachers who are coming to visit our school on Wednesday. They will be touring the school and spending some time in P6/7. We are sure they will love our school as much as we do!

Enrolment week

Enrolment week for children starting P1 in August 2017 is Monday 21 – Friday 25 November. If your child will be 5 years old on or before 28 February 2018 they can start school in August 2017. Forms will be available from the office during that week. Please also bring your child's birth certificate, baptism certificate if they are baptised into the Roman Catholic Church and proof of address. Those who are not baptised are still welcome to enrol and a placing request form must be filled in.

Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday 23 November P6/7 will walk to the Gytes to attend Sportshall Athletics. They will require appropriate indoor sports clothes/shoes and also be dressed appropriately for the walk to the Gytes. A packed lunch will be required: please remember to cancel any ParentPay meals ordered.

Open Morning

In response to feedback after our stay and play sessions, we would like to invite parents and families to join us on Friday 25 November from 9-9.45am. The focus during this open morning will be learning logs. You are invited to join your child or if you have more than one child in school gather them together with you as they reflect on their learning and fill in their learning log. For family groups, there will be tables set up in the St Joseph's Centre for you to share learning. Please wait at the tables and we will send children to you. There will be tea and coffee available in the hall from 9.45 until 10.15am when the hall will be set up for brunch.

Spare Tights

If you have any spare tights at home which no longer fit your child, we would be very grateful if you could send them into school for our spare clothes box. Thank you.

Parent Pay

Please remember to cancel your child's lunch if they are absent from school. This applies to all year groups and helps us not to waste food. Thank you.

Playground Safety

Please could we remind everyone that scooters and bikes but not be used in the playground? If your child is cycling or scooting to school they must dismount before they come through the gate and walk their bike or scooter to the place where they park it. This is to avoid people being knocked down by bikes and scooters in our playground. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Brunton

Depute Headteacher

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
10 January	6 December
1 March – Ash Wednesday	7 February
20 March – Feast of St Joseph	2 May
	20 June – Leaver's Mass

Dates for diary	
Tues 8, 15 Nov	P4-7 Active School's dance
Wed 9 Nov	Parental consultations
Thurs 10 & Fri 11 Nov	School closed to pupils: Staff in-service day
Thurs 17 Nov	P6/7 after school athletics Parent Council meeting 7pm
Fri 18 Nov	Family & individual photographs
Mon 21 Nov	Enrolment week
Tues 22 Nov	P2/3 + P6/7 read-a-licious, Eastgate Theatre
Wed 23 Nov	P1/2 + P4/5 read-a-licious, Eastgate Theatre P6/7 Sportshall Athletics, Gytes 10am-12
Fri 25 Nov	Open morning 9am – 9.45am
Sun 27 Nov	Signing with the Cross – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Reconciliation)
Mon 28 Nov	School closed: St Andrew's Day holiday
Fri 2 Dec	Christmas Fair 11.30am-1pm – please note this is a change of time from our evening fair
Mon 12 Dec	Christmas concert 2.15pm & 6pm
Tues 20 Dec	Christmas lunch
Wed 21 Dec	Christmas parties pm
Thurs 22 Dec	Joint Schools Christmas Service, Old Parish Church Holidays begin 3.20pm
Mon 9 Jan 2017	School opens 8.45am
Wed 25 Jan	Burns lunch
Sun 5 Feb	Rite of Illumination Cross – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Reconciliation)
Fri 10 Feb	School closed to pupils: Staff in-service day
Mon 13 – Wed 15 Feb	School closed: holiday Re-opens Thursday 16 February
Sun 5 March	Rite of Enrolment – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Confirmation and Communion)
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)
Sun 23 April	Presentation of the Gospels – mass in church for children enrolled in Sacramental preparation. (Confirmation and Communion)

Fri 28 April	School closed to pupils: Staff in-service day
Mon 1 May	School closed May Day holiday
Wed 21 June	Beltane lunch
Wed 28 June	School closes for the summer at 3.20pm