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Wednesday Weekly

Welcome to this week's edition of the Wednesday Weekly. Your one stop shop for all the news and information about things that have happened, are happening or are going to happen here at Downholland Haskayne CE Primary School. Would you believe that this is issue number 10 of the Wednesday Weekly? I have been having a look back through the previous editions and reminding myself of all the fantastic things that have taken place in and around school since September. I don't know where the time has gone - Some of them seem like a lifetime ago.

Since the last edition we have welcomed two governors into school to do a health and safety audit. We welcome pairs of eyes helping us spot ways in which we can keep the children safe. Overall we were given a clean bill of health with only a few minor adjustments needed to ensure that bumps and bruises are kept to a minimum. Thank you to Mrs Dyer and Rev. Salt for giving up their time to come and support the school with this.

The Friends of Downholland Haskayne CE Primary School have another exciting fundraising activity for everyone to take part in. We are going to be offering a gift buying and wrapping service. For a small donation of £5, children can purchase a gift that they will wrap in school and give to a loved one for Christmas. You can buy as many gifts as you like and there will be options of gifts for men and women. Please see the separate information letter and the products option on Scopay if this is something you are interested in taking part in.

Tomorrow is a non-uniform day. We are inviting children to come into school in non-uniform with a suggested donation of a raffle prize for the Christmas Event.

On 2nd December, Bikeability will be coming into school to do some training with the junior children. More information will be sent out very soon but, in the meantime, it would be helpful to know if your child can ride a bike and if they will be able to bring a bike and helmet with them to school on that day. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions about this.

Mrs Winrow has asked me to chase up the forest school consent forms as this begins next Tuesday afternoon. There will be some more information about this on Dojo and coming home as a letter today but we must have consent forms completed ASAP to ensure that every child can take part.

We have now had many more responses to express an interest in the Christmas event so we are looking forward to hosting that on 12th December. Thank you to everyone who responded to the form to let us know that it will be well attended. I can't wait for a visit from the big man himself – Santa!

Finally, we are very much looking forward to heading to the church on the 5th December for a day of festive crafts and carols. We are also hoping to go to Halsall St Cuthbert's on the 6th December to watch a pantomime. More information to follow soon.

Have a lovely week and thank you as always for your continued support.



Star of the week

Maya



The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today

Sidney, Riley, Eloise,

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE WITH JOY'

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Dates for Diary.

- 21st November - Non-Uniform Day – Raffle Prize Donation
- 26th November – First Forest School
- 27th – Friends of Haskayne School Meeting
- 28th – School Photographs
- 2nd December – Bikeability for the juniors
- 5th December – School Visit to St Thomas's Church – Details to follow
- 6th December – Visit to Halsall St Cuthbert's for the pantomime in the afternoon
- 6th December – Deadline for present wrapping purchases
- 12th December – Christmas Event with a visit from Santa - Details to follow

DfE changes to Penalty Notices

The Department for Education have recently announced national charges to penalty notices issues for unauthorised absences in term time, these came into effect on the 19th August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for the offence after the 19th of August 2024 will be charged at the new rate of £160.00 however if paid in 21-days this reduces to £80.00.
- Any second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child in a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160.00 to be paid within 28-days with no option for a discount.
- Penalty notice threshold is 10-sessions equivalent to 5-days of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.
- Maximum of 2-penalty notices may be issued for the same child within a rolling 3-years period, so at the 3rd or subsequent offence another course of action will need to be considered such a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.

Please follow the link below and fill in the form for the Christmas Event

Please complete this by the 13th November

<https://forms.office.com/e/xaaawxs1SJ>



Easy Fundraising Link

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fodownhollandhaskayneschool/?searchSessionId=82da24c8-1c2b-4c47-8bac-263ffaa6110a>

