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Wednesday Weekly

It's been another busy and bustling week here at Downholland Haskayne CE Primary School. Yesterday we had a visit from an art consultant who is helping us to revamp and revitalise our art curriculum. We are all really excited about providing some opportunities for our children to express themselves creatively and produce some fantastic pieces of art that will really brighten up the school environment when they are displayed.

Yesterday we had a brand new interactive whiteboard fitted in the infant classroom. All the staff stayed behind yesterday to completely change the classroom around. This will make access to learning much easier for the children and they were very excited to see the new layout of the classroom when they came in this morning. As well as this, we have equipped the teachers with some new iPads and Apple Pencils. This will help them with the delivery of their lessons but it will also make it much easier for them to take pictures of the children doing exciting things in school and share them with you all on Class Dojo.

Also, yesterday (it was a very busy day!) we had our first forest school session of the season. Rachel came into school to lead all the children in outdoor activities and made great use of the faith garden. It was a very exciting session for all the pupils and they really enjoyed getting their hands muddy making things out of clay and playing games amongst the trees. We look forward to welcoming Rachel into school every Tuesday for the foreseeable future. Please make sure that wellies and waterproofs are sent into school every Tuesday so that your child gets to take part fully.

Parents/Carers of junior children – please can you sign the consent form for Bikeability which is taking place on Monday. So far, we have no consents signed and the session is fast approaching. If you have any questions or concerns about the session, please speak to Mr Chapman or Miss Grant and we will do whatever we can to help.

By the time this goes out, we will be holding another Friends of Downholland Haskayne meeting and planning ahead for some more exciting fundraising activities for your children to take part in. Coming up we have the Christmas event on 12th December and the deadline for purchasing gifts to be wrapped by your child is the 6th December.

Next week we are taking the whole school to St. Thomas Church to sing carols and do some Christmas crafts. If you have a booster seat that you can lend us for the day to help transport the children across, please can you let me know by Monday 2nd December. We would also like to borrow some to transport children to the Pantomime at St Cuthbert's on Friday

Finally – Santa has been to see me and dropped off an early Christmas present. I have some Cadbury advent calendars to give to the children for them to open each day in class. Please let me know if you would prefer for your child not to have one or if they have any specific dietary requirements.

Best Wishes, Mr Chapman

Star of the week

Sidney

The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today
Elijah, Riley, Eloise, Arlo, Adelle

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Dates for Diary.

- 28th November – Tempest Photographer. These will be offered for sale.
- 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 Jumper day & Christmas Event with a visit from Santa - Details to follow

Christmas Holidays & Inset day 23rd December to 6th January
Back to school Tuesday 7th January 2025

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.

Easy Fundraising Link

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



Bikeability

Juniors – please follow the link below to give consent for your child to take part in Bikeability training next Monday.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/tan-kit-pac>



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