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Wednesday Weekly

There is so much to tell you about what's been happening in school this week, I may struggle to fit it all in one newsletter. Christmas is fast approaching and we have been doing lots of exciting things in school and out in the community. And there are lots more exciting things to come before we break up.

On Thursday last week, the whole school took a trip to St Thomas' Church and The Millennium Centre. Rev. Salt welcomed us into the church and gave us a tour of the historic building. The children did a treasure hunt and learned lots about what the different parts of the church and some of the artefacts in there are used for. We finished the tour of the church with a retelling of the Christmas story by Rev. Salt.

In the millennium centre, we spent the day making Christmas decorations. Most of these are hanging around school making the place look festive. Mrs White led the school in making some angels which are now hanging on a tree in the church as part of the Christmas tree festival. I'm sure you'll agree that they look beautiful. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff here who went out of their way to plan, prepare and lead the craft day. Events like this take a lot of time and energy to prepare and deliver but they really do showcase the love and care that the staff here at Downholland Haskayne show for the children.

The following day, Friday, we spent the afternoon at Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary School. They had kindly invited us to join them to watch the pantomime – Jack and The Beanstalk. It was a fun-filled, raucous performance and our children thoroughly enjoyed it. It's not often you get encouraged to shout out loud in school. Thank you to all the staff and the parent helpers who came and made the visit possible. And thank you to Miss Hampson and her team for inviting us to join them.

Today we have enjoyed our Christmas lunch together. Mrs Gibson has put some photos on Class Dojo for you to see. It was a delicious lunch and the children really enjoyed pulling crackers and wearing party hats.

Tomorrow is our Christmas jumper day. We are inviting the children to come into school in their brightest Christmas outfits and make a small donation to the school fund. In the afternoon we will enjoy watching a film together and then straight after school we will be hosting the Christmas Fair run by the Friends of Haskayne School. We have lots of raffle prizes up for grabs so bring plenty of change to purchase lots of tickets. Thank you to all those families and friends who have generously donated and below there is a list of companies who have given something to help us raise funds for the school.

On Monday we will be walking up to the village hall in the morning to sing for local residents at their coffee morning. Please make sure the children have their warm coats with them ready for the walk up there.

Have a lovely Week and Merry Christmas



Star of the week

Adelie



The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today
Lukas, Mason, Adelie, Teddy, Noah, Halle, Tobee

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Dates for Diary.

- 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day – FHS Christmas Event
- 16th December – Children singing in Haskayne Village Hall
- 17th December – Cash for clothes collection

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/odownhollandhaskayneschool/?searchSessionId=82da24c8-1c2b-4c47-8bac-263ffaa6110a>



Thank you to the following businesses who have donated raffle/Tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair

- Church View Farm Shop – Hamper
- Haus of C Ormskirk - Blow dry
- Christmas at wrights – Wreath
- Esquire Barbers UK - Hair Cut
 - Tree surgery Paul Richard's Liverpool - 2 x £50 vouchers.



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