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Wednesday Weekly

Week 2 of the new year has come around really quickly. The children have settled back into school life really well. Routines and expectations are quickly being picked back up and school is being enjoyed by everyone. We have even managed to enjoy a sunny playtime or two which has been a welcome change after the snow and ice of last week.

This week has also seen us welcome Miss Hall to school from Edge Hill University as a trainee teacher. She will be working with Mrs. Gibson in Acorn class but will have opportunities to work with all the children in the school. Mr. Openshaw has also joined us from West Lancashire Sports Partnership for this term, he will be teaching PE on a Wednesday afternoon. Welcome to them both.

As new headteacher I am looking at ways to further improve communication with families, it has been lovely to meet most of you around school over the past week. Please do come over for a chat if you see me around school. If you do want to pop in for an informal chat at anytime please do get in touch. I will be arranging a parents evening to take place sometime before the Easter Holiday, this will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Gibson, they are both around most nights at collection so any quick questions can be asked there if needed. I hope to get to grips with Dojo so do keep an eye on there for updates of life in school. I also plan to set up social media for the school soon, I will let you all know when this is up and running.

Have a fantastic rest of the week and weekend.

Mr Swindells

Star of the week

Mason

The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today
Eloise, Maya, Sidney, Sebastian

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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 as 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>



Online Safety

On our website we will upload parent guides for various apps, games and social media sites that children may be using or talking about. I have found these really useful as a parent when talking to my own children so they don't think I'm a dinosaur but also how to make sure they are being used safely. The latest one is about tiktok. Please follow this link for the guide. <https://haskayne.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>