

Downholland Haskayne CE Primary



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Wednesday Weekly

Welcome to another edition of the Wednesday Weekly. It has been another fun packed week here at Downholland Haskayne CE Primary School and let me tell you, there's lots more excitement in store for the weeks ahead. We have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure that the children who attend this gem of a school get the best possible learning experience and the most out of each and every day here.

Since last week, the Friends of Haskayne School have met and they have planned a fantastic program of events between now and Christmas. The dates can be seen at the bottom of the newsletter and more information about each event will be sent out nearer the time. Hosting fundraising and fun events is not easy at the best of times and is made more challenging here due to the small size of the school population. It is heartwarming to see that volunteers aren't going to let these obstacles get in the way of providing extra-curricular opportunities for the children and families. It will be so important to hang on to these events as the school moves forward on its journey as they will show to the wider community just what a special place to be Downholland Haskayne CE Primary School really is. My thanks, on behalf of the school, go out to those who have already given up their time to plan the events and I look forward to working with even more of you as the events roll out over the course of the term.

It has been a wet and windy week so far here at school. The rain on Monday was torrential and seemingly never ending. Thankfully, at the time of writing, it has settled down somewhat but the autumn season is definitely upon us. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to send in a pair of wellies for your child to wear outside on rainy days. We try to get the children out whatever the weather as fresh air and exercise is so important. If you would like to bring in a pair of wellies, and even some waterproofs if you are able, it will make access to the outdoor spaces so much easier. Please make sure anything you send in is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Each week I try to put a theme on my Tuesday assemblies for the children to reflect on. We also select a value of the week to keep in mind the principles which guide us each day. So far we have had assemblies on the Paralympics, International Literacy Day, National Fitness Day, International Day of Sign Languages and European Languages Day. This week we have the author Sean Perkins coming in to speak with the children and next week we will be focusing on National Poetry Day. The values we have covered so far are Love, Inclusion and Guidance. This week's value is Hope.

Yesterday the author Sean Perkins came in to school and introduced us all to his cats, the characters Oscar and Ben from his trilogy of books. The children were enthralled by the story and enjoyed singing along. Signed copies of the book can be purchased using the order for sent out by Mrs Winrow.

And finally - you will have received a letter yesterday informing you that the governors successfully appointed Mr David Swindells as a permanent headteacher from January 2025. This gives the school hope for the future and will provide much needed stability from which the school can grow and blossom. I will be working very closely with Mr Swindells to ensure a smooth handover before I finish at Christmas.



Star of the week

Charlotte



The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today

Mason, Riley, Maya, Noah, Leo, Sebastian

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Dates for Diary.

- 14th October – School Eucharist. All are welcome to attend
- 16th October – Friends of Haskayne School Meeting
- 21st – 25th October Half Term
- 27th October – Party in the Village Hall. For details and tickets please contact Kathy 01704 841066
- 29th October – Film Night. Please let the office or Sarah Kynaston know if your child would like to attend
- 11th November – Remembrance Service
- 26th November – First Forest School
- 5th December – School Visit to St Thomas's Church – Details to follow
- 12th December – Christmas Event with a visit from Santa - Details to follow
- 14th December – Santa's in the Village

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.

