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Wednesday Weekly

Welcome to another edition of the Wednesday Weekly. Your guide to everything that is happening at Downholland Haskayne Primary School. We have had another great week here in school and I never cease to be amazed at the enthusiasm the children have for their learning. On my regular walks around the classroom, I always end up with a huge smile on my face as I get to see the wonderful work that children are completing. I've given out a couple of prestigious and hard to come by head teacher award stickers this week for children who have been sent to me with their outstanding work. A big well done to those children who have earned a special sticker this week.

On Monday, we were very lucky to have Rev. Susan come in to deliver one of her regular assemblies. The children were all gifted a conker as a seasonal reminder of God's gifts to us. They really enjoyed listening to the creation story as part of the assembly and then singing 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' which is one of our favourite harvest songs. Rev. Susan took away a special box with her that the children have produced for harvest on the theme of God's generosity. You can see some pictures of it in situ below or, you can pay a visit to the church to see it for yourself.

There are some details below about the harvest festival weekend where you and your families and friends are invited to visit the church. I want to give a special thanks to Mrs Gibson whose creativity, inspiration and hard-work made sure that the box was decorated beautifully by the children. We are very lucky to have people such as Rev. Susan and Mrs Gibson supporting the school and their efforts are certainly well noticed.

Also on the theme of harvest, we would like to invite families into school for our **Harvest Eucharist assembly** on **Monday 14th October at 2:30pm**. Rev. Salt will be leading the assembly and I have it on good authority that you will be treated to a rousing rendition of Cauliflowers Fluffy. We are asking families for a donation of some non-perishable food items and/or money to go towards the local foodbank. These can be brought into school on 14th October.

Following on from the visit to school by the author Sean Perkins, please could you ensure that all orders for signed copies of his book are into school no later than 18th October.

Unfortunately, the friends of Haskayne School have had to cancel the film night planned for 29th October due to a lack of interest. However, we would like to know if you would be interested in a children, family and friends Christmas event on 12th December after school. The exact format is yet to be decided but there will be refreshments available, a raffle and a visit from Santa.

Please could we ask that all Breakfast Club, After School Club and school meals are booked and paid for using the Scopay system. We are getting an increase in the number of requests for bookings over the phone and at the last minute. Unfortunately, we are unable to take booking of this nature as we need to plan for staff to be available to cover the sessions and there aren't that many of us. In case you didn't know, we offer pre-school care from 8:15am each day at the price of £2.50 per child per session and After School care is available until 4:45pm each day for £5 per child per session.



Star of the week

Iver



The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today

Charlotte, Maya, Max, Mason, Iver

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE WITH JOY'

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Dates for Diary.

- 14th October – Harvest Festival School Eucharist. 2.30pm all are welcome to attend
- 16th October – Friends of Haskayne School Meeting 3.15pm
- 21st – 25th October Half Term
- 27th October – Party in the Village Hall. Tickets can be purchased from school or Kathy 01704 841066 (cash only)
- 11th November – Remembrance Service in school
- 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.



St Thomas' Church, Lydiate
Come and join us celebrating God's
generosity during our Harvest Festival
Weekend



Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October 2024

Saturday 12th midday to 4pm
Church will be open. Come and see the decorations and find the harvest mice. Enjoy a trail that tells you a bit about the church.

Sunday 8am Said BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 11am Church Parade with the Scouts and Guides followed by refreshments. Come ready to join in and to give generously.

Sunday 4pm Harvest Songs of Praise with the choirs of St Thomas' Lydiate and All Saint's Rainford at St Cuthbert's Church

Bring a friend or a neighbour
Come and meet old friends and make new ones.

All are welcome.

