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Wednesday Weekly

Welcome to your latest edition of the Wednesday Weekly. I can't believe how fast these keep coming around. There was a lot of information on last week's so I will try to keep this one as brief as possible.

We had our first of the new PE sessions last week. All the children did very well on Wednesday but a special mention must go to the juniors who are now doing swimming in a morning and a PE session in the afternoon. Their resilience knows no bounds it seems. Friday's dance session with our new coach Sadie went very well. Sadie popped into my office before she left and reported to myself and Miss Grant that she was very impressed with all the children's efforts and abilities. Who knows – we may be seeing some of them on Strictly Come Dancing in years to come.

On Monday, the juniors will be visiting St Cuthbert's Church to be shown around by Reverend Salt and from there we will be heading to Our Lady's to lay a wreath. Rev. Salt is then going to come into Downholland Haskayne to speak with all the children about remembrance and give them all a poppy.

We have only had one response to the Christmas Event questionnaire so far – thank you to the family who have responded. Please follow the link below and answer a few quick questions to help us gauge interest in hosting the event. There is a copy of the QR code up on the noticeboard in the playground if you are unable to access it via the link below.

Tomorrow is **PYJAMA DAY** in school. The Friends of Downholland Haskayne School are trying to raise money to support the school and provide the children with exciting resources and experiences throughout the year. Children are invited to come into school in their pyjamas for the day. If you are able, please send in a donation which will be passed on to the Friends of Downholland Haskayne School parent/teacher group. I know that Mrs Gibson is giddy with excitement for pyjama day. I think she would have one every day if she could.

The Friends of Downholland Haskayne School are registered with Easy Fundraising. This is a website where you can help raise money for school by shopping with them. There is a poster on the noticeboard in the playground if you want some more information or you can follow the link at the end of this newsletter.

We had a good number of entries to the competition to design a flyer for the school. I was really impressed with every single one and it is going to be hard to choose a winner. I will share them with the governors soon and we will think very hard about which ideas we would like to be turned into a flyer to promote the school. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school. I hope you all have a lovely week.

Star of the week

Mason

The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today

Arlo, Sebastian, Adelle, Maya, Eloise

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE WITH JOY'

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Dates for Diary.

- 7th November - Pyjama Day – Cash Donation
- 11th November – Juniors visit to St Cuthberts & Our Lady's church. Remembrance Service in school for the children in the afternoon
- 21st November Non- Uniform Day – Raffle Prize Donation
- 26th November – First Forest School. Permission slip and kit list attached
- 27th November – Friends of Haskayne school Meeting
- 5th December – School Visit to St Thomas's Church
- 12th December – Christmas Event with a visit from Santa - Please complete questionnaire

Christmas Holidays Monday 23rd December to Sunday 5th January
Monday 6th January is an Inset Day therefore Back to School on Tuesday 7th January

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.

Please follow the link below and fill in the form for the Christmas Event

Please complete this by the 13th November

<https://forms.office.com/e/xaaawxs1SJ>



Easy Fundraising Link

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

