

# Downholland Haskayne CE Primary



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## Wednesday Weekly

Welcome back to a new half-term. I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and are refreshed and relaxed after some rest. We have a jam packed half-term ahead with lots going on in and around school. The Friends of Haskayne School have been very active in planning lots of fundraising events to take place over the coming months which we hope you will all get involved in. I have put the details of some of these below.

On the **7<sup>th</sup> November** we will be having a pyjama day where the children are invited to make a cash donation to the FHS and come in their pyjamas for the day. Following that, on the **21<sup>st</sup> November**, we are asking for donations of raffle prizes and are holding a non-uniform day.

The children in the Juniors have been invited to lay a wreath at Our Lady's Catholic Church for Remembrance. We have been invited by Rev Salt to attend a service at the church and represent the school when laying a wreath. As part of this visit, we will also visit St Cuthbert's Church where we will be shown around by Rev. Salt in preparation for the confirmation service that some pupils will be attending. This will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

The next visit will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024** and the whole school has been invited to the St Thomas' Church for a day of Christmas activities in the church hall. We will transport the children to the church and spend the day singing Christmas songs and making Christmas decorations to bring back and decorate the school. This promises to be a fun packed day and will really get us into the festive spirit.

On the bottom of this week's newsletter, I have put a link and a QR code which will take you to a form to register your interest for our Christmas Event Day. We are hoping to host a Christmas Event on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be a Christmas Jumper Day during the school day where children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper. Towards the end of the day, we will put a film on in the hall for the children to enjoy which we will aim to finish at 4:30pm. Then we will have refreshments, hold a raffle and enjoy a visit from Santa Clause before rounding off at approximately 5:30pm and from there, we hope you will head over to the church to take part in the Ecumenical Carol Service starting at 6:30pm.

Parents/Carers/families are welcome to come and join us for the event or collect your child at 3:15pm as normal if not. Before we commit to hosting the event, we would like to know if you would be interested in your child/children attending and if there are likely to be any additional family members coming along. Please fill in the form to let us know if you are willing and able to attend.

I was delighted to read the results of the recent Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition when our Chair of Governors, Mrs Wendy Kelly, sent them over to me recently. Haskayne came 8<sup>th</sup> out of 15 in the small villages section and the school came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 20 in the school section. Well done to everyone in the community for making the area such a nice place to be.

And finally, I want to give a special mention to two pupils who amazed me with their factual knowledge just before we broke up for half-term. I love random facts and have many books of them lined up on my shelf at home but I was amazed to hear from Max and Sidney that a baby ant is called a 'callow' (I hadn't even thought about baby ants before!) and a baby worm is called a wormlet. You can keep these in your memory banks in case they ever come up in a pub quiz!

Star of the week

**Teddy**

The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today

Charlotte, Noah, Teddy, Elijah, Mason

**'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE WITH JOY'**

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## Dates for Diary.

- 7<sup>th</sup> November - Pyjama Day – Cash Donation
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service in school
- 21<sup>st</sup> November Non- Uniform Day – Raffle Prize Donation
- 26<sup>th</sup> November – First Forest School
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – FHS meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – School Visit to St Thomas's Church – Details to follow
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and fun Christmas event with a visit from Santa

**Christmas Holidays and inset day: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Back to school Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> November

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

