



# Downholland Haskayne CE Primary

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## Wednesday Weekly

Welcome to the first edition of Downholland Haskayne's Wednesday Weekly. The hope is that sending out the newsletter each Wednesday will give parents and carers the opportunity to get in touch on a Thursday or Friday if they have anything to ask about the information included. I would like to start this week's newsletter with a huge helping of gratitude in the form of a big **THANK YOU** to everyone here at Downholland Haskayne CE Primary School for making me feel so welcome and helping me settle in to my new role. It has been a whirlwind week since we returned to school to start the New Year but everyone is so friendly and welcoming it has made my job as easy as it could possibly be. The children have settled in incredibly well and it is wonderful to see them working hard in class and enjoying their learning. There have been a few changes over the summer. Most notably is a reduction in pupils and staff numbers in school. Other than myself though, every other member of staff should be a familiar face and you can come to any of us if you have any queries, concerns or comments about anything school related.

Schools are fluid, dynamic places and there are always changes at the start of a New Year. Some of those we have implemented this week are a new day for celebration assembly – it's now on a Wednesday at 2:50pm. We will announce a star of the week at the end of each assembly and they will be awarded their certificate the following week. This gives them a whole week of celebrations to enjoy the prestige and a chance for parents and carers to make arrangements to come and celebrate with us when the certificate is awarded.

We have also introduced the Downholland Haskayne Values Award. This can be awarded by any member of staff at any time when they see children showing good examples of our school values. Certificates for this will be given out in celebration assembly.

Lastly, we will still be collecting Dojos but we won't be doing a weekly award for these. Children now collect Dojos and will receive a certificate when they hit a significant milestone: 50 points – Bronze; 100 points – Silver, 150 Points – Gold. This is to acknowledge children who are following the three rules – Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Respectful - and allows children to collect them at their own pace, working towards a personal goal. We hope that this celebration of each pupil's success will inspire them to be their best and let their light shine



Star of the week

Eloise K

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



The following Children received Haskayne Values Awards in Assembly today  
Iver, Mason x 2 , Maya, Lukas, Charlotte

### Dates for Diary.

18<sup>th</sup> September – First celebration assembly this year 2.50pm

18<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming Starts for juniors

25<sup>th</sup> September – Friends of Haskayne School Meeting 3.15pm

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Flu vaccines