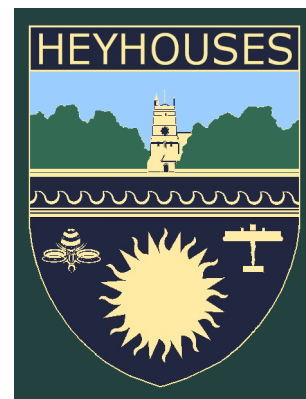


HEYHOUSES NEWS

Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 October 13th

Thank you
for your Generosity



Thank you to everyone for their generous harvest gifts. These have gone out to the elderly and bereaved in the parish and also to replenish the Food Bank we operate from school.

Thank you also to the Year 5 children who read beautifully at the Harvest service, everyone was very impressed.

Inside this edition of the newsletter you can read about all the work we have been doing in Worship time around the theme of Generosity and also about Year 3's Homework which was all about Harvest around the world.

"..Many Hands make a House

But many Hearts make our School."

- Heyhouses School Hymn



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PTA EVENTS

Friday 17th November: Film Night This will be held straight after school for the children and pick up is usually about 6p.m. The children will be brought to the Westall Hall and the ticket price will include food, a drink and popcorn, as well as the film. Full details to follow.

Friday 1st December

Christmas Disco



4:30p.m –6:30p.m. Infant Disco with a visit from Father Christmas

7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. Junior Disco

Parents need to choose which disco to attend if they have children in both the infants and the juniors. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ticket prices and details to follow.

Ear rings

Following the latest advice from the Health and Safety body in charge of School P.E. and Games sessions we would like to inform parents that the wearing of ear-rings in school P.E. and Games lessons is not allowed. The ear rings can cause accidents where items of clothing or equipment catch on them or in games where there is a high likelihood of physical contact, such as netball or football. It is not enough to tape the ear rings, they can still cause accidents where ear lobes are ripped.

On PE. Days we ask that children who wear ear-rings remove them at home before they come to school.

If the ears have just been pierced and ear rings cannot be removed, different PE provision is required for the 6 weeks, where there is no chance of accidental tearing of the ear rings out of the lobe. Thank you for your understanding.

Our Worship theme has been **Generosity**. This has fitted in well with our Harvest giving and our work in school. We have thought about being generous friends and giving generously of our time. We looked at these quotes.

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out. *(Frank A Clark)*



Have you ever been **generous** without telling anyone?

'If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. *(Mother Teresa)*



Remember one small way you have shown **generosity** to one person. (You don't always have to do big things for lots of people.)

A community flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit. *(A Greek proverb)*



When has your **generosity** served to help future generations?

Use what talent you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best. *(Henry Van Dyke)*



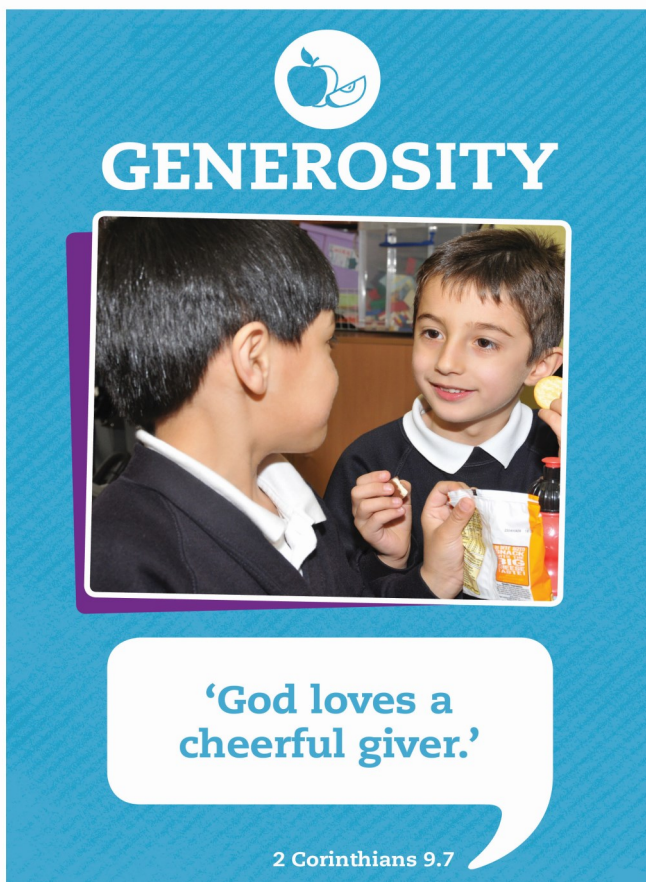
Have you ever been put off doing what you are able to do because someone might be able to do it better?

GENEROSITY

In school we have been thinking about how we can give generously of our time. The children in their different classes have been thinking what they would like to do 'giving their time' to a project for school. Parents, you too could think of ideas and let us know.

So far we have had suggestions of:

- Children and their families coming together to help tidy the allotments.
- A Sponsored Family Walk
- Creating arts and crafts which can be given to people to cheer them up
- Painting an outside mural
- Creating a quiet garden or area on the Upper Junior playground
- Allotment regeneration with painted fences, LED lights, new pavement with paving stones decorated by each class and facts about what has been planted.
- A giant sandpit for the infants



GENEROSITY

'God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9.7

School Council are still collecting ideas from the classes and then they will involve school in choosing the idea we will begin with next term.

We would like to involve families in whichever idea we choose- - many hands make light work!

We hope you will help.

Generosity is...

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

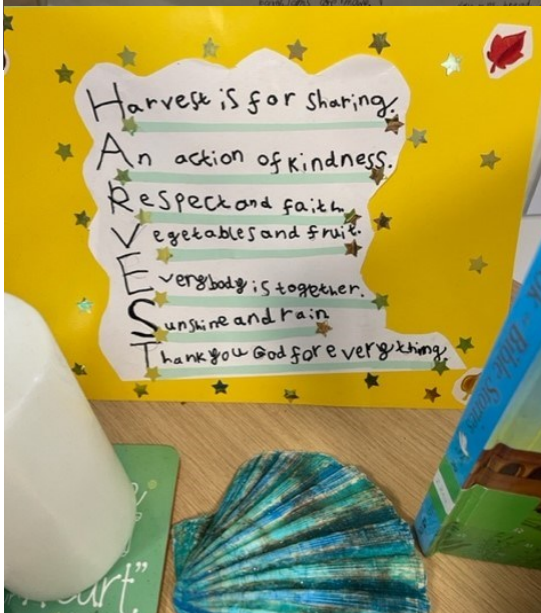
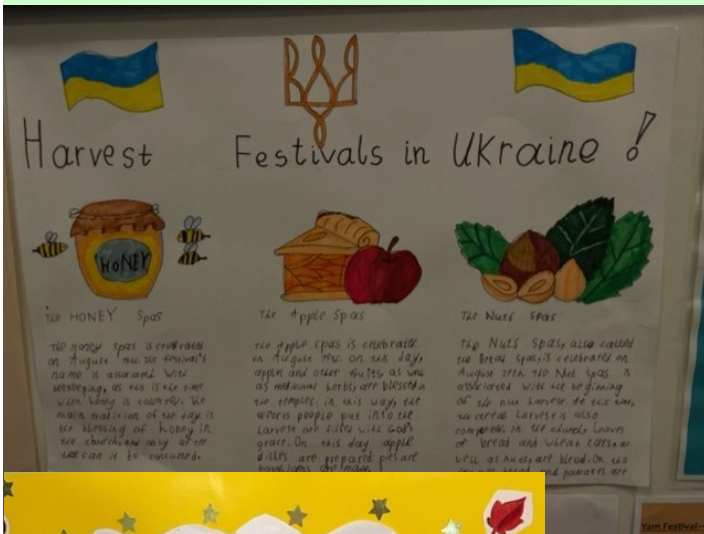
Taking care of God's creation for future generations

You first, me last.





WELL DONE YEAR 3! AMAZING HOMEWORK!





Year 3 have impressed us with their wonderful creativity and effort with their homework. Thank you parents for your support with this. The children have made things, drawn things and created Power-Points and recorded them– well done!



School has been chosen to take part in the Food for life programme run by the Soil Association. It looks like a wonderful opportunity for the children.

Food for Life is a Soil Association programme.



We work with schools, early years settings and caterers to ensure good food is the easy choice for everyone. We're proud to be working together in Lancashire.

Our aim is to support schools to:

Help children eat one **sustainable** meal every day

Get children **involved** in growing and cooking

Reconnect children with where their food comes from

Champion **well-sourced** ingredients

For more information contact your Food for Life Local Programme Manager Libby Shaw: lshaw@soilassociation.org

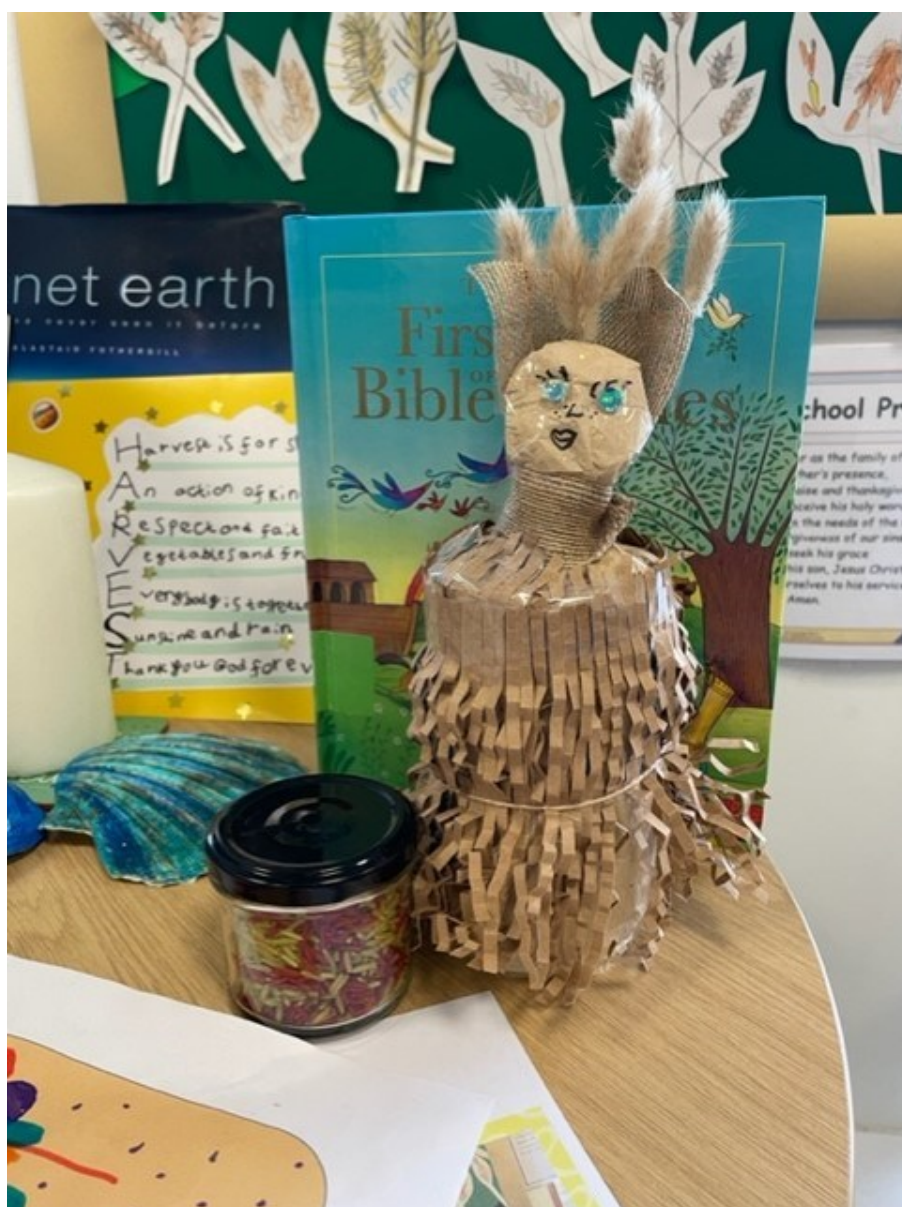
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We are delighted to announce that The Family Hub @Pod at Heyhouses has been chosen to be part of the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund

Thank you to Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Townsend and Mr Bailey for all their work in securing this grant. It will support The Family Hub which is part of The Coastal Collective.

From Sunday 22 October 2023 and for 12 months until 19 October 2024 the Family Hub will receive support from the Co-Op Local Community Fund. During this time, Co-op Members will be able to choose us as their cause and help us raise funds for our project.





Huge Congratulations to Mrs Tate our school Science Lead for successfully gaining the Primary Science Quality Mark for Heyhouses.

Mrs Tate worked very hard last year to develop Science at our school and all the staff were involved in promoting different areas of the science curriculum in their classes. It has been a wonderful team effort but Mrs Tate's leadership of Science has been exceptional. Her commitment to school science is inspiring.

Thank you Mrs Tate.

Costs for Parents

We are very conscious of the cost of things associated with school and want to support families whilst also ensuring we continue to provide some of the 'special' events and educational visits associated with Heyhouses.

With this in mind we are preparing information sheets for every year group with 'expected' costs this year and the term they might happen.

We hope in this way it will help families budget. As ever there will be ways to pay on Parent Pay whereby costs can be spread over a period of time.

Heyhouses C.E. Primary School has been registered with Easyfundraising for many years but we want to raise its profile with all our parents.

Easyfundraising means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heyhousesceps>

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Thank you so much!



Safety around school

Heyhouses is a NO SMOKING school, this include NO VAPING.

Please will parents refrain from vaping in the school grounds.

NO DOGS are allowed in the school grounds, even if carried. Please do not bring them with you. There was a serious incident a few years ago where a child required plastic surgery after a dog bit them at the school gates. A dog regarded as always friendly simply reacted to a child patting it. We would like to avoid any more such distressing incidents.

Wear it Pink Friday 20th October

All children and staff are invited to Wear it Pink on Friday. This might be a small pink bow or ribbon to accessorise the uniform or if preferred children are allowed to wear pink for their whole outfit! Apparently there are some amazing pink jumpsuits out there! And a lot of Barbies in the making!

We simply want to raise money for Breast Cancer and raise awareness.

Thank you in advance for your support.



THE COASTAL COLLECTIVE

Working together to achieve more

We are delighted to announce that our school is now working with the newly formed charity, The Coastal Collective. We are joining with all the other local primary schools to use a £1.5 million grant to improve outcomes for our children and their families. The Coastal Collective will also work on supporting children as they move to Year 7 at our local Secondary Schools.

The new charity aims to provide the following: support for children and families with additional needs or vulnerabilities, promote health and well-being and provide specialist support for both children and their families. All these additional services will be focussed on the FY8 community, our local children and their families.

Starting school in 2024?



Book a Tour of School

Tours of school will be held for parents seeking admission to school for their child in September 2024. These will be taken by the Headteacher and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.

School Tours at 9:30a.m. on

16th October

6th November

13th November

20th November

27th November

Or ring 01253 722014 to book on a tour. More dates to be added!

Primary and Secondary Applications must be submitted online.

Secondary applications must be made online by October 31st, 2023.

Primary applications must be made online by January 15th, 2024

[Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

The School Nurse Team have provided the following phone numbers and QR codes for young people and parents to use if they have any worries or need information.

PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY

BEFORE TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME

We have been inundated with Leave of Absence Requests in the last ten days. Please think before you apply. Anyone with a request for 5 days or more must book an appointment with Mrs Hodgson.

In law you **must** ask for permission for your children to miss school.

Leave in term time **will only be agreed where the Headteacher feels there are exceptional circumstances**. Also, it is possible that leave **will not be agreed** when attendance already includes **unauthorised absence** and/or attendance is already causing concern.

You can request “leave in term time” for your child using a request form available at the School Office. Parents who take a child of compulsory school age on holiday without permission from the school may be issued with a **penalty notice**.

TO HELP YOUR CHILD DO WELL IN SCHOOL, YOU SHOULD:

Arrange family holidays to coincide with school holidays. Never take your child out of school when there are important examinations or tests. Be aware of the potential impact on your child’s education

Avoid taking your child out of school when they are just starting. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new environment as quickly as possible.

WEAR IT
PINK

BREAST
CANCER
NOW The research
& care charity

YOU'RE
INVITED
TO WEAR IT PINK



On the 20th of October we invite you all to add some **PINK** to your school uniform in exchange for a donation to help raise money to fight breast cancer.



Be pink-tastic and support a great cause!

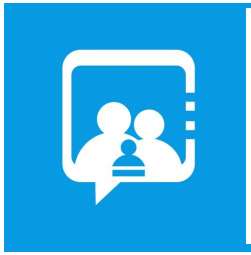
FOR EVERYONE AFFECTED
BY BREAST CANCER -
WE WILL WEAR IT PINK.

Find out more at: wearitpink.org



Financial Reporting
REGULATOR

Breast Cancer Now is a charity registered in England and Wales
(264430), Scotland (SC045544) and the Isle of Man (1081)



parentapps
Keeping you Connected

Following a lot of research we are changing our communication app provider. On Friday 20th October 2023 we will stop using MyED and transition over to Parentapps Connect.

Currently, we are in the process of designing the app. We have done a lot of research and feel that this communication app allows for a more modern, smooth and consistent messaging facility as well as incorporating all existing parental requirements, such as Parentpay, School Calendar and Events, School Uniform Shop, Parents Evenings and many more.

On **Friday 29th September** you will receive an SMS text message with a link to download the app and register to become an active user. To register, our database must have your correct email address and mobile number. We are currently in the process of identifying families where this information is missing and will be sending home letters to these families, however, please contact either school office if you need to update your records.

We will be sending out more information before the launch to ensure a successful transition so please take the time to read through and activate the invitation link when you receive it. We will be using this app for all home school communication so it is essential that you have access to ensure you do not miss important school news.



Contact Us

Phone 01253 722014

Option 1

Sir John Alcock Building Years 1 and 2 are in the Sir John Alcock Infant building

Option 3

Westall Building

Junior classes and Reception classes are in the Westall building

Option 5

Breakfast and After School Club