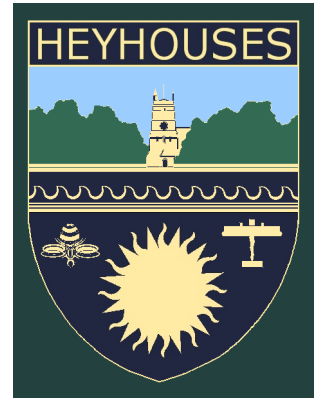


# HEYHOUSES NEWS

Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 September

## Year 6 at Winmarleigh Hall



*"..Many Hands make  
a House*

*But many Hearts  
make our School."*

*- Heyhouses School Hymn*



The children in Year 6 have just returned from a three day residential at Winmarleigh Hall, near Garstang. The children have had a wonderful time although we will wait to hear their full news when they have slept! After spending the first day with them their enthusiasm and bravery was inspiring. The children were determined to achieve their personal goals, whether it was to abseil or to get to the top on the Giant Swing. Their team spirit and support for each other was lovely to see and some children demonstrated skills we never have the chance to see in school. We have some intrepid explorers and some who are fearless of heights, as well as some who simply love the outdoors. It was lovely to see.

A huge thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants who went on the visit. They willingly gave up time with their own families to ensure the children had an amazing experience. Their care and support for all the children is always exceptional but especially when the children are away from home it makes a huge difference. The children are very blessed with the adults who looked after them, the staff genuinely care for the children and help them achieve their best.

Thank you teachers, on behalf of the children and their parents. Sleep well tonight everyone!

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Abseiling Fun!





The children all had a great time with lots of different activities. Day 1 was dry, Day 2 was very wet, so by Day 3 they were very muddy as well as very tired! Still smiling though!



## PTA EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA AGM last night, it was lovely to see so many people and to hear how many would like to be involved, even if they could not attend last night.

The PTA have planned a variety of 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.

# Pack Up Your Troubles

## ANTI-BULLYING & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PLAY

Artyfact Theatre entertained the children with two amazing shows on Wednesday.



***“Pack Up Your Troubles”*** has been specially created for Primary schools looking at bullying & emotional wellbeing issues. The production is a light-hearted look at a serious subject.

**With Amazing Scenery, costumes, Puppets and music. A Real WOW factor production for the whole school to enjoy.**

### ***Brief Story Line:***

Pack Up Your Troubles has been devised by our successful writing team at ARTY-FACT Theatre to explore the issues of bullying in schools.

Ben has arrived at a new school and has found it difficult to settle in and make friends, he takes comfort in reading old diaries about the war and he discovers a valuable lesson.

### **HARVEST THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our Harvest appeal. The many boxes of food, fruit and vegetables were wonderful to see. They will be used to help support families in our local area, those who are sick or housebound and those who have been bereaved.

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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.**

## **School Admissions for 2024**

Information posters about the 2024 school admissions cycle are displayed in both departments.

Primary and Secondary Applications must be submitted online.

If you wish to apply for Heyhouses Primary School for either a September 2024 or September 2025 start we will be holding an [Information Evening on Wednesday 27th September at 6:30p.m.](#) Staff will be able to advise about the process of applying online and there will be the chance to look round school.

**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 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**

9th October

12th October-new date added

16th October

6th November

13th November

20th November

27th November

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

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.

Young People  
Scan this QR  
code to find  
support

Text a school nurse directly to talk about  
health or emotional wellbeing:  
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:  
**07507330510**  
or scan the QR code

hcrq  
Care Group

ChatHealth

Parents scan  
this QR code to  
find support

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our  
Lancashire ParentLine for support on:  
**07312263554**  
or scan the QR code

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**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://wearitpink.org)



Financial Reporting  
REGULATOR

Breast Cancer Now is a charity registered in England and Wales  
(264496), 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