

HEYHOUSES NEWS

Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 September

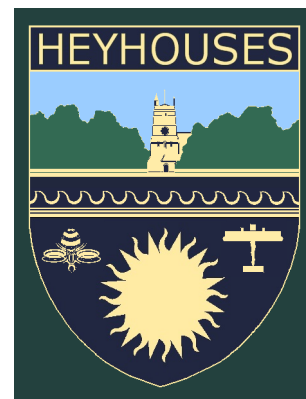
Welcome Back!

We have had a busy start to the term and it has been good to see the children enjoying their lessons and playtimes. The children and staff have already shown they are ready for the opportunities and challenges of the new school year. The old Heyhouses 'Buzz of learning' has returned and it is lovely to see. The children are enjoying our new maths scheme, Power Maths and our new reading and writing resources. It has been a positive start to the term and we are thankful for each new day.

And Welcome for the First Time!

September has brought another wonderful group of children to join our school family. Reception New starters are settling in beautifully and the calm atmosphere is a sign of excellent things to come. The children are enthusiastic and inquisitive, we are all enjoying working with them.

Welcome, parents of new starters to the Heyhouses Family, it is a seven year journey which we are pleased to be sharing with you.



*"..Many Hands make
a House*

*But many Hearts
make our School."*

- Heyhouses School Hymn



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Harvest 5th October

The children will all be attending St Annes Parish church on Thursday 5th October to celebrate Harvest.

9:15 a.m. Junior classes

10:30 a.m. Year 1, 2 and Reception classes

Parents are welcome to join us.

The children will lead the services. If you feel able to send your child with a small gift for Harvest the parish have asked for the following:

Toiletries, tins, pasta, rice, fruit and vegetables. Any gift will be gratefully received and will be taken out to members of the parish in need.



For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals which means that their school lunch is provided free. From Year 3 onwards school lunches are still available but at a weekly cost of £12.50. We have two fantastic kitchens at Heyhouses which provide excellent food for the children. School lunches are very popular and we are delighted we have so many children choosing this option. However, we have had a lot of people expecting to change their lunch options at a morning's notice. This is not possible, a week is needed for the office to make the adjustments. When a child forgets a lunch box or we cannot contact home we would obviously provide a school lunch, but this is exceptional circumstances.

We can accommodate families who want a flexible pattern of perhaps 2 school lunches per week, this would be at a cost of £2.50 per meal.

Please contact the school office for more information.

Or look at the Schools Catering website [School catering - Lancashire County Council](#)

Thank you Mrs Richardson

Mrs Richardson has worked in school for the last 19 years and for the majority of that time she has been our Pastoral Lead, working with children across the school who needed some extra support for a variety of reasons; bereavement, anxiety, living with sickness in the family and simply having experiences in life where they needed someone to talk to who would listen. Mrs Richardson has excelled in this role, she has listened and has provided reassurance and emotional support to countless children. She has made a lasting difference in the lives of many children and we are very grateful to her for her hard work and for the warmth and love she has shown towards so many.



In mid September Mrs Richardson is moving on to a new role which we know she will do brilliantly, helping children and their families. Mrs Richardson has loved working at Heyhouses but is ready for new experiences. We will miss her and want to make sure she has a very special farewell.

There will be an informal tea and cake 'get-together' for Mrs Richardson with staff, pupils, both past and present, and parents who may like to come along too. This will be on Friday 15th September in the Junior Hall from 3:30 pm.

We hope lots of you will be able to join us to thank a very special member of Heyhouses.

For those children who see Mrs Richardson on a regular basis her work will be passed to Miss Rebecca Harrington who we are delighted will be re-joining school in a new role.

THANK YOU!

[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](#)

Don't be late!

School doors are open at 8:45 a.m. and the registers are taken at 8:55a.m. Children are late if they arrive after this time.

Parking

The **car parks** at both buildings are for **staff only**. Disabled spaces are allocated with a Disabled Pass which must be displayed in the car window.

Parking outside school has been dreadful since the start of term, with many people parking illegally. The safety of all our children must be paramount –please be careful, and legal, when you park. Residents of Vicarage Close near the infant building have filed a complaint with the police over parking in front of their houses. One resident missed an urgent appointment because they could not get their car out of the drive. Please be more considerate .

Mobile Phones in school

Mobile phones are only allowed in school if a child is in Year 5 or 6 and is walking home. The phones must be given to the class teacher at the start of the day and will be stored in a lockable box until the end of the day. School does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones in school.

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.

Information Evening on Wednesday 27th September at 6:30p.m.

At this meeting you will be able to sign up for a tour.

School Tours at 9:30a.m. on

2nd October

9th October

16th October

6th November

13th November

20th November

27th November

Or ring 01253 722014 to book on a tour.

Volunteering in School

Every year we ask for voluntary help from parents and every year we are delighted by the response we receive. It is a very important role and one which I know parents have enjoyed over the years and also found very useful in the process of gaining qualifications and experience for job applications. If you have an hour or two spare on a regular basis we would love to hear from you. We must stress that it needs to be regular help, the staff and children look forward to the help and ideally it needs to be every week.

Parent helpers are used in a variety of ways, depending on their skills and interests. Some hear readers, some run the library for different classes, some help with art or maths or computers. Please contact the school office on 01253 722014 if you are interested in volunteering to help.



School on the first day of the new school year– the sun has shone all week!

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