

HEYHOUSES NEWS

Newsletter Spring Term 2023 January

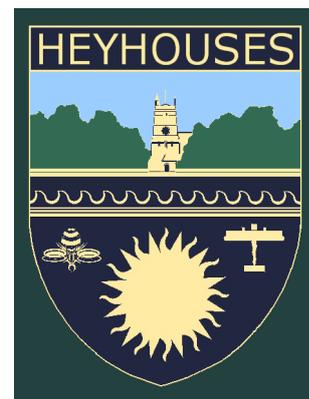
Happy New Year !

At the end of last term and at the end of 2022, it was good to reflect on all that the children had achieved in a truly momentous year. In 2022 we got the children back together fully as a school family with cross year group activities and inter-class events. The 'buzz' which is Heyhouses has returned and we look forward to 2023 and further improvements.

2022 is a year we will all remember. It was a year in which we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and also mourned her death. Her lifetime of service will continue to be an inspiration and we are planning for how we can honour her life at Heyhouses with a permanent memorial.

In 2023 we will mark the Coronation of King Charles III and will also receive an extra day's holiday.

Throughout school we have been focusing on curriculum development and ensuring that, after Covid, we have the very best curriculum for our children. In this newsletter there are more photographs of the new Infant Library. It is beautiful. Thank you to Lytham Schools Foundation and the PTA who have funded this.



"..Many Hands make a House

But many Hearts make our School."

- Heyhouses School Hymn



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Our Gifts to School



In worship time we have been thinking about gifts. At our Epiphany Service we thought about the gifts the wise men gave to Jesus. Inspired by the Wise Men we have been thinking what we can give to make a difference in all our lives. The children were given a challenge for 2023, to think of something they could 'give back' to school.

School Council are leading on this project and are encouraging all classes to think of something which will 'improve' school.

The children have suggested all sorts of gifts, most of which involve little money but lots of time, love and service. Ideas so far have been to keep different areas of school tidy, to inspire high standards of 'smartness' by wearing their uniform tidily, to create garden areas, tidy the pond, be friendship buddies, help younger children read, look after the willow dome and create a beautiful entrance area with children's art work. These suggestions are wonderful and it will be great to see what each class decided upon. Ask your child about their class ideas.

Hopefully the children will get lots out of this project, not least a sense of pride in their school and knowing that we all need to work together to make things even better. Well done Team Heyhouses! We are proud of you!



Each class will present their gift to school on Monday 17th January. We will inform parents after this date and then you may be able to support.

Morning Road Safety

ALL Children in Year 3 and 4 must be brought to the playground and the classroom doors, they must not be left to walk unaccompanied. We have had several distressed children who have been dropped off and told to make their own way into school.

Please walk with your child or ring Breakfast club if you needed earlier provision. 01253 722014

Or email: afterschoolclub@heyhouses.lancs.sch.uk

Parent Governor Elections

We have received three nominations for the position of Parent Governor. Thank you so much to the parents who have been willing to stand for this important role.

The ballot papers are being prepared and will be sent out on Monday, 9th January. We will have a ballot box in each building in the entrance foyer. Parents may come and put their voting papers in these boxes.

The Ballot will be closed on Monday 23rd January at 12 noon.

The vote will be counted at 1p.m. on 23rd January.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who supported Christmas Fundraising.

We raised £400 from the Christmas Cards.

PTA worked exceptionally hard and £3800 was raised from the Draw and Disco.

New events are being planned for 2023– keep looking out in this newsletter, more information next week.



Lancashire Wildlife Trust have installed a wonderful new willow dome and tunnel between Nursery and the Pod.

It will be interesting to watch this flourish over the coming months.





The allotments have been renewed and we will watch these develop in Spring. Den Building areas have also been developed.





Thank you to PTA and the Lytham Schools Foundation who have supported our new Library at the infants.

We are very excited about how wonderful the library looks! Thank you Mrs Barnes who organised this project, infant children will love visiting the library.

We are inviting parents to 'Sponsor' books in our new infant library. We will put a Book Plate with your family name in any books which are sponsored.

We hope this way to build up our stock of new books, both fiction and non fiction.

The reality is even better than the artist's plan!



The Library will be officially opened in the Spring.

Parents will be able to come and look at it with their children.

It is a brilliant new resource.



Infant Roof Restoration

We have received funding for Phase 2 of the Infant Roof Restoration. This begins tomorrow!

The site facilities will be set up in the infant car park and on Monday scaffolding will be erected around the infant front elevation, hall and side elevation facing the Church.

In January access to the infant school will only be possible from Church Road into the playground and directly to the main front door. Scaffolding will prevent access from the infant car park.

The works are scheduled to finish by February half term.

The firm we are using will work over weekends to ensure that during the school day the work undertaken will ensure a safe site.

The new fire pit and log circle at the Westall site.

The area can be canopied to ensure use all year round.

Thank you to the Lancashire Wildlife Trust for working on our school site since November. The improvements are wonderful.





ADMISSIONS

The closing date for receipt of applications for admission to primary school in September 2023 is **15 January 2023**. You need to apply for a place even if your child's brother or sister is already at the school. Late applications will not usually be considered at the same time as applications submitted by the closing date, so a late application could result in you missing out on a place at the school.

Apply online at <http://www.lancashiregov.uk/children-education-families/schools>

Elf Dash

Thank you to all children and parents for their kind donations to Brian House and the Elf Dash. The fundraising team at Brian House are delighted with our continued support and have written to express their sincere thanks. If any one would still like to make a donation we will send it in. The full total will be announced soon.

'You really are making a huge difference to the lives of so many children and families across the Fylde Coast and your kindness means so much to so many.'



Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to everyone who saw our tree at the Christmas Tree Festival and made donations. We have raised over £100 in memory of Mark O'Hara, much loved father of Emma and Rose and husband to Claire. The money will be given to Trinity Hospice.

Thank you to Mr Mulliner who donated the Christmas Tree at the front of the Westall building. It certainly enhanced our school at Christmas.

HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

	CLOSE after school on	RE-OPEN
		Monday 4 th September 2023
AUTUMN HALF-TERM 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023	Tuesday 31 st October 2023
CHRISTMAS 2023	Thursday 21 st December 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024
SPRING HALF-TERM 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024	Monday 19 th February 2024
EASTER HOLIDAY 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
MAY DAY 2024	Friday 3 rd May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
SPRING BANK HOLIDAY 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024	Tuesday 4 th June 2024
SUMMER 2024	Friday 19 th July 2022	

YEAR 6 CHILDREN: CHARTER TASK

Thank you so much to all the children in Year 6 who sang at the Carol Services at both St Annes Parish Church and at S Margaret's church.

The children's commitment to school was very pleasing. The children also sang beautifully and we have received many lovely comments about their presence at the carol services.



Thank you Year 6. The songs they sang are available to view on our You Tube channel.

https://youtu.be/cUmufiV_ddE

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