



NEWSLETTER

First Steps in Building a Future

Our Wonderful Staff

We have had a very interesting start to 2021, not exactly as we had anticipated! Schools were only open for one day before being closed on 5th January. Then the following weekend a member of our staff tested positive for the virus. This resulted in nursery being closed for 10 days as a precaution and to allow the setting to be deep-cleaned.

Thankfully the member of staff was not seriously ill and has made a good recovery. We were also really pleased that no other member of staff was affected, so all the additional cleaning, sanitising and social distancing etc has been worked.

As a result of the school being closed, several families decided to keep all their children at home. This resulted in lower numbers during the day, so trustees took the decision to reduce the number of staff in nursery whilst still maintaining ratios. This decision helps to protect both the children and staff. Staff have been working from home, on their

non-contact days. They have used the time to contact families, sending out ideas and activities which mirror the things we are doing in nursery.

Thank you to all the families who are sharing PicCollages with us of your children's fun and play at home. These have been shared in the weekly newsletter.

Reception and Year 1 have also been affected by positive cases and have had to isolate, again reducing our numbers at breakfast & after school clubs. So staffing has been adjusted accordingly.

Thank you for your support and patience over this half term, by working together we are overcoming the challenges.

Special thanks to our staff for their continued hard work, in challenging situations when they too have concerns for their own welfare and that of their families. They are doing an amazing job.

Heyhouses Church
of England
Nursery School

Spring 1

February 2021

Special Points of Interest:

- ☉ Activity Photos
- ☉ Amazon Smile
- ☉ Friends News
- ☉ Nursery Activities



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After School Club

The children have been very busy at the After School Club despite the restrictions and these have been greater than last term.

We are keeping the children in Year Group bubbles, plus nursery, so they are getting used to being with less children and reduced, rotated resources etc, but we are still ensuring that they have plenty to occupy them. We also appreciate all your lovely comments too. We realise how grateful you are that we are continuing to support you too as Critical Workers.

Miss Whiteside

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| Colouring | Construction | Lego |
| Outdoor play | Climbing | Dolls |
| Play dough | Duplo | Painting |



Nursery closes for half term
at the usual time of 4 pm or 5.45 pm
on Friday 12th February
Re-opens on
Monday 22nd February



Friends of Heyhouses Nursery



We had some 'thinking outside the box' to do before Christmas and are pleased to report that we paid £351 into the bank from the treasure hunt, raffle and cards. Additional monies were paid directly into the bank. So a huge thank you for your support.

Depending on what happens over the next weeks will determine if we do an Easter Treasure Hunt and raffle. We still have some prizes left. We will make a decision once schools re-open. In the meantime for ALL you online shopping please use

EASYFUNDRAISING - an easy way to raise money for nursery while shopping online, booking a holiday, purchasing insurance etc details further in the newsletter

OR

AMAZON SMILE, when purchasing items through Amazon, they will make a donation to a chosen charity.

Christmas is coming so **PLEASE, PLEASE** use these fundraising platforms., but they can be used **ALL YEAR ROUND** - details below

EASYSEARCH & EASYFUNDRAISING

This is one of the **EASIEST** ways you can help to raise money for Heyhouses Nursery, which costs you absolutely nothing:

www.heyhousesnursery.easysearch.org.uk

If you shop on line eg Amazon, M&S, book holidays etc then why not register with Easyfundraising?

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/heyhousesnursery

A percentage of your purchase will be donated to Heyhouses Nursery.

It is a very easy and painless way to raise money for us.

We have now raised: **£1,747.30 - over £100 this quarter with 50 supporters**

Amazon Smile

Another way you can help us raise additional funds, at NO cost to you is via **AMAZON SMILE**

You can search for a charity to support and **WE** are **THERE**

A percentage of your purchase is donated to us

So **PLEASE** have a look! <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Parents of Heyhouses Facebook Page



We now have a Facebook Page where we will post our newsletters and other important information

This is ONLY for information and will be monitored very closely

If you have any other tips regarding communication we would be pleased to hear from you



FEEES & DINNER MONEY



Thank you to everyone who has paid promptly, but

THERE ARE STILL SOME FEES OUTSTANDING THEY NEED TO BE PAID IMMEDIATELY

Lunch invoices for February will issued after half term, any credits will applied in March

Our bank details are:

Sort code: 77-26-20, Account no: 18795268



30 Hours Codes



Don't forget to renew your code
You need to do this every term



Uniform



Uniform will be with us very soon.

Please ask at the office if you require any uniform

PLEASE LABEL ALL items

Polo shirts - £8.50 Sweatshirts - £10.50 Cardigans - £11.50



SESSIONS



If you are interested in increasing sessions for your child from April as they prepare for school please let Mrs Brown know as soon as possible, no later than **1st March**, forms have been issued, ask a member of staff for a hard copy

Also for those children returning in September, if you know the sessions you require or are interested in taking up the 30 hours please let Mrs Brown know **ASAP**

ALSO

We are beginning to plan for September and the academic year 21-22

I appreciate it seems early, but we want to ensure that everyone has access to all the information as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition, especially under the current circumstances

If you know of someone who is interested in a place from September to be in touch with Mrs Brown ASAP either by email:

denise.heyhouses@btconnect.com

or

07483 310160

you can leave a message and we will get back to you

Here Are Some Activities You Might Want To Try At Home!

INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find a fork.
- Find something that is red.
- Find a tissue box.
- Find 3 things that have wheels.
- Find an orange crayon.
- Find something that is very soft.
- Find a band-aid.
- Find a key.
- Find 2 socks that match.
- Find something round.
- Find a sticker.
- Find a rubber band.
- Find a pair of glasses.
- Find an envelope.



fit activity for kids

what's your name!

SPELL OUT YOUR FULL NAME AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITY LISTED FOR EACH LETTER. FOR A GREATER CHALLENGE INCLUDE YOUR MIDDLE NAME & DO EACH ONE TWICE! FOR VARIETY YOU CAN USE A FAVORITE CHARACTER'S NAME OR A FAMILY MEMBER'S NAME.

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| <p>A jump up & down 10 times</p> <p>B spin around in a circle 5 times</p> <p>C hop on one foot 5 times</p> <p>D run to the nearest door and run back</p> <p>E walk like a bear for a count of 5</p> <p>F do 3 cartwheels</p> <p>G do 10 jumping jacks</p> <p>H hop like a frog 8 times</p> <p>I balance on your left foot for a count of 10</p> <p>J balance on your right foot for a count of 10</p> <p>K march like a toy soldier for a count of 12</p> <p>L pretend to jump rope for a count of 20</p> <p>M do 3 somersaults</p> | <p>N pick up a ball without using your hands</p> <p>O walk backwards 50 steps and skip back</p> <p>P walk sideways 20 steps and hop back</p> <p>Q crawl like a crab for a count of 10</p> <p>R walk like a bear for a count of 5</p> <p>S bend down and touch your toes 20 times</p> <p>T pretend to pedal a bike with your hands for a count of 17</p> <p>U roll a ball using only your head</p> <p>V flap your arms like a bird 25 times</p> <p>W pretend to ride a horse for a count of 15</p> <p>X try and touch the clouds for a count of 15</p> <p>Y walk on your knees for a count of 10</p> <p>Z do 10 push-ups</p> |
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CONSULT A DOCTOR BEFORE STARTING AN EXERCISE PROGRAM - WWW.THEYMELL.COM

CALM DOWN YOGA FOR KIDS



I am strong.

Use your strength to catch tricky waves.





I am kind.

Stretch high and spread kindness all around.





I am brave.

Be brave and fearless as you fly down the ski run.





I am friendly.

Stretch like a dog wagging its tail.





I am wise.

Be a wise owl perched on a tree branch.



Childhood 101 & Kids Yoga Stories

Sweet Corn Vegetable Soup Recipe For Toddlers

Ingredients

- ½ cup boiled sweet corn kernels.
- 1 small onion finely chopped
- 1 carrot finely chopped
- 2-3 french beans finely chopped
- 1 tsp butter
- ¼ tsp black pepper powder
- Salt to taste (optional)

Method

1. Pulse the boiled kernels to a fine puree.
2. Melt butter in a sauce pan. Add the chopped onion and saute.
3. Toss in the remaining vegetables and fry till done then add 2 cups water.
4. Stir and let the mix cook then lastly season it with salt and pepper.

Serve warm.





Here are some recipes for you and your little ones to try!



MOTHERCOULD PLAY DOUGH

YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup table salt
- 2 tbsp cream of tartar
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 cup boiling water
- Food coloring

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a bowl, combine the flour, salt and cream of tartar. Mix well.
2. Add the oil
3. Mix a few drops of food coloring into the boiling water and add to the bowl.
4. Mix everything very well and massage with your hand until it is no longer sticky.
5. Once it has fully cooled, wrap in plastic and put in an airtight container. Store at room temperature for about 6 months.



MOTHERCOULD TASTE SAFE SLIME

YOU'LL NEED:

- 1/4 cup chia seeds
- 1 + 3/4 cup water
- Food coloring
- 3-4 cups corn starch

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix the chia seeds, water and food coloring together.
2. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
3. Uncover and add the corn starch a little at a time. About a cup at a time. Mix and then continue until you achieve the desired consistency. Should be like regular slime. Slimy but can be easily taken off the hands.
4. Store covered in the refrigerator. You will need to add a little water each time you take it out to use it. It will reactive the slime.



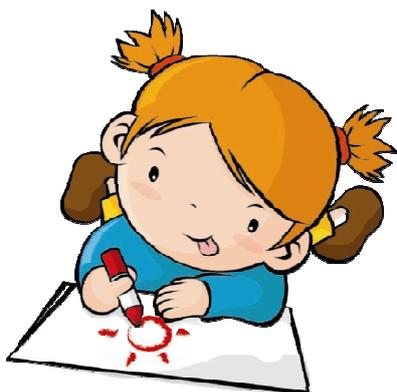
MOTHERCOULD PUFFY PAINT

YOU'LL NEED:

- Glue
- Shaving cream
- Food coloring
- Ziploc bag
- Scissors

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add equal parts glue and shaving cream in a bowl.
 2. Add food coloring and mix well.
- If you want to use the paint in a DIY piping bag:
1. Add the paint to a ziplock bag.
 2. Close the bag and cut a small piece of corner off.
 3. Squeeze the paint through the opening.





Turn your home into a nail salon! Use paint or felt tips.

On a nice sunny day, make a beautiful stained glass or geometric pattern in the garden or on your path. Use masking tape or washi tape and some chalk, and peel back to unveil the masterpiece!



Create a sensory bin with a plastic bowl (washing up bowl), rice or oats, small toys and a pair of tongs (for fine motor skills).

Rainbows



The morning of 7th January, we saw a huge and beautiful rainbow over the school field, on our way into nursery. We all enjoyed looking at it and talking about the different colours we could see. Miss Whiteside provided the children with a range of colours of paints for them to paint their own rainbows.

The children were eager to have a go at this, we demonstrated how to use large arm movements to paint a semi-circle shape for the rainbow. The children were encouraged to think carefully about the colours they needed to make a rainbow, we also asked the children whether they were going to put the next colour underneath or on top of the previous one. While painting we encouraged the children to talk about the rainbow they observed and the one they were painting.

The children noticed and commented on how the colours mixed and changed as they painted their rainbow. The children showed lots of pride when they had finished their rainbow pictures.

Painting





Cutting Skills



CHINESE NEW YEAR!

AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AND NURSERY WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING CHINESE NEW YEAR BY MAKING OUR OWN CHINESE LANTERNS. WE BEGAN BY FOLDING THE PAPER IN HALF. NEXT THE CHILDREN DEVELOPED THEIR SCISSOR CONTROL SKILLS BY CUTTING SMALL LINES ALONG THEIR PAPER. AFTER THIS WE COLOURED AND DECORATED THE LANTERNS. THEY LOOK BEAUTIFUL HANGING IN NURSERY NOW.



Loves, Smiles & Kindness

With Valentine's Day approaching, we have been talking about love, smiles and kindness.

We have been thinking about the children's interpretation of love and what makes them smile and feel happy:

Grace: "I love giving Cooper a hug, sometimes he wants to eat me"

Mollie: "I love hugging Mrs Knight, it makes me happy"

Lyla: "I love Mummy she lets me have movie nights and food in bed, Grandma and Gran Gran love us too"

Junior: "I love playing with the Bee bot because I want it, I like it"

William: "I have Harrison and Mummy and Daddy, I love them"

Matilda: "I love Mummy, Daddy, Bella and Nana"

Finlay: "I love playing with my toys"

Harriet: "I love my Mummy"

We have also talked about the kind things we do to help each other:

Finlay had helped Matilda today to put her wellington back on when she was on the swing.

Grace was kind to two of her friends who were finding it hard to share; she helped them to take turns



Our Homes

The children had a busy morning using the large wooden blocks to make houses. They talked with each other about how many bedrooms they needed and how big the house was going to be.

This started us talking about our own homes.



Lyla said "My house is number 6 and my door is dark blue, I've got a garden too that's for Acey to play!"

Mollie said "I live in a house with an actual chimney, we have a black sofa and Mummy and Daddy cook in the Kitchen"

Jacob said "You know my house is grey and it has a number 4"

Freya said "My house is number 3 and it has a yellow door"

Grace said "wow Freya, my house is number 3 but you know I have a white door, you came to my house Mrs Ward"

Matilda said "I have a white door at my house too, me and Mummy live there"

Junior said "I live at number 2 *****, I have a bedroom and Carter has a bedroom, I've got Eyore in my house. We have a kitchen too, Mummy makes food, she makes me chicken nuggets"

We read the story of "The Tiger who came to Tea" and talked about the house and looked at some house keys like the ones Daddy had in the story.

It was a morning full of lovely conversations!



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Nursery Assistants

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Sessions

Breakfast Club - 8 am-8.55 am

9 am - 12 pm or 9 am-1 pm

1 pm - 4 pm or 12 pm-4 pm
or full day

After Nursery until 5.45 pm

Term Dates 2020-2021



SPRING TERM 2021

Closes Friday 12 February

Opens Monday 22 February - Closes Friday
26 March

SUMMER TERM 2021

Opens Monday 12 April - Closes Friday 28 May

Opens **Tuesday** 8 June - Closes Friday 16 July

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Opens Monday 6 September - Closes Friday 22 October

Opens Monday 1 November - Closes Friday 17 December

SPRING TERM 2021

Opens Tuesday 4 January - Closes Friday 12 February

Opens Monday 22 February - Closes Friday 1 April

SUMMER TERM 2021

Opens **Tuesday** 19 April - Closes Friday 29 April

Stamps



Please save your postage stamps.

They can be put in the box in the foyer.
They are sent to Derian House to help
them to raise funds.

Dates for Your Diary

**Watch this
space!**



HOLIDAY DATES

Nursery closes for the
holidays on

FRIDAY 12th February



We re-open on

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY

The Trustees and Staff would
like to thank you for your
support this term and hope that
you all manage a break over half
term

Parking

When dropping off and collecting
your children please **DO NOT** use
the school car park.

THANK YOU

