

Heyhouses Church of England Nursery School
Half Term Newsletter
23rd October 2021



Dear Parent/Carers

We would like to share with you in our extended half term newsletter the wonderful activities all of the children have been able to participate in during this half term. Both the team and the children have worked hard to plan and prepare the nursery to benefit everyone's play and extended learning. There have been ongoing opportunities for the children to participate in our continuous provision within the nursery, whilst they play with their peers, sharing ideas, taking turns and making plans as to their very own play.

We have painted, glued, sung songs and rhymes, listened and joined in with stories, made playdough cookies, planted flowers, fed the birds, hunted for treasure, cooked, made potions, gone for autumn walks, gone to work as doctors, mechanics, fire persons, nurses, learnt about our emotions and begun to learn about our self help skills.

It has been a joy for all the team to observe and care for all the children whilst they settle into nursery life, observing each unique child to see what they enjoy, know and can do. The team uses their observations to prepare and adjust the environment to encourage extended play and active learning throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors.

We have also enjoyed getting to know you and our parents/carers over the last few weeks and welcome time to spend with you over the coming weeks and months to learn from you all how best we can care for your children.

This half term has very much been about settling everyone in and making adjustments to the nursery environment to support each child's individual needs and most importantly of all have fun! .

We hope you enjoy seeing the photographs within the newsletter of the children playing together, learning and having fun!.

Our team are all very much looking forward to the forthcoming half term as it is one of the busiest half terms in the nursery calendar. We have lots of activities planned for all our children and look forward to sharing the magic of winter and Christmas with you all.

Dates for the diary

St Annes Parish church

Memorial Service Sunday 7th November at 3 pm - St Annes Parish Church

A service will be held to remember and celebrate the lives of those whose funerals took place during the pandemic of 2020 & 2021. If you wish to attend please give your name and the name of your loved one to the Parish Office telephone: .01253 722736.



Friends of Heyhouses

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we held the first of our Friends of Heyhouses meetings on the 13th October. Plans for fundraising events and support for the nursery were discussed with parents/carers who have now joined. We have booked another meeting on Wednesday 17th November 7pm at the nursery where we will finalise details for the Christmas Fundraising event- Santa's Grotto on Sunday 12th December 1pm until 3pm.

We would very much like to see new parents/carers at the meetings. Your commitment can be as big or as small as you wish. There are many tasks that need carrying out, outside of the meetings for those who would like to contribute at their convenience the more the merrier, many hands make light work as they say!

Parent/carer workshops



Parent/carer workshops will be held over 2 evenings on the 23rd and 24th November 2021 starting at 7.30pm until 8.30pm. Following half term you will receive a personal invitation from your child's key person to invite you to attend the evening and speak with our Nursery Manager/Teacher Mrs Joanne Kaced and your child's key person. This is an opportunity to ask questions, seek advice and inform us of any relevant information to support your child's nursery journey and development.. Our team would really welcome any information you would like to share with us. Your child's nursery journey is a partnership with our team, this in turn helps us provide the next steps to your child's learning, the best care and opportunities for your children whilst they are in our care.

Christmas Tree Festival St Annes Parish church

11th and 12th December and the 17th to the 19th December 2021

This is a wonderful festival event held at the church each year for all the family. Local charities and businesses support the event each year. Nursery will be participating by having a Christmas tree on display that will be decorated with all the childrens individual Christmas tree decorations. Over the next couple of weeks we will send home with the children resources to make a christmas decoration for the tree. When invited to the team along with some of the nursery children will decorate the tree in the church. We will keep you informed as to when and what we would like you to help your child make for the tree thank you.

Our Board of Trustees and Team would like to say a very big thank you to Amy Davies of DNA Hair design Clifton Drive South Lytham St Annes for donating a real Christmas Tree for the event. The cost of a real 6/7ft Christmas tree can be pricey, following a small plea Amy has come forward in supporting a nursery to participate in the event. Thank you Amy

Little reminders please:

Please ensure the children have suitable outdoor clothing for the winter. They and the team like nothing more than being able to play outdoors, there is a lot of learning to be had in the great outdoors whatever the weather brings. Extra clothing at this time of year is also very much needed and helps ensure the children can be changed into something comfortable of their own. We thank you all for supporting us with this and for understanding how important it is for the children to participate in outdoor activities whatever the weather brings.

If we may also ask that for those children who wear nappies and/or are being toilet trained that you supply the appropriate items including nappies and wipes. As you can imagine we go through a tremendous amount of wipes and nappies, nursery fees unfortunately do not cover the cost of these items. We thank you for your support with this request.

We also ask that now that we have come through our first half term and have settled into a routine, that sessions and lunch choices remain the same until January 2021 if not throughout the 2022, unless there is a specific reason for changing. We are always committed to accommodating everyone's wishes when possible and for the benefit of a child. The changing of sessions however does have an impact on invoicing and funding, and therefore not as straightforward as just changing the session or lunch. Please may we ask if you do have a request that you put it in writing or an email thank you.

Pod@Heyhouses

We currently have vacancies both on evenings and weekends for the Pod@heyhouses building, the building set within the school grounds is available for Community Out of School organisations. The Pod building is a modern purpose built building to provide a large single, easily accessible space, Screen and Wifi available, with toilets and an open kitchen. The building can be easily managed for any organisation, there is also parking available within the school car park for anyone using the building. For more details please email:

Suzanne.williams@heyhousesnursery.co.uk or telephone: 01253 640110

Outdoor Play area

We hope you have enjoyed reading and seeing photographs in previous newsletters demonstrating the activities the children participate in within our fabulous outdoor space. We have several areas for the children to play and learn in, including our Gravel kitchen which as you can see in the photograph below, frequently changes its service delivery by the day. This week the children enjoyed making a Popcorn kitchen, selling popcorn to their peers and the team. Unfortunately due to the cost of a Popcorn tub it is now delivering another service!

The development of the areas is an ever evolving mission for the team lead by Miss Kelly who is currently looking to enhance the water play area for our budding Marine biologists, divers and scientists. There are many different resources that can enhance the water and sand play, if we may please ask if any of our parents/carers who have contacts in the construction or plumbing field have any pipes or tubing that would be child friendly (no sharp edges please) or any other items that would make great water and sand play, we would welcome your contribution to our play areas. The resources support all areas of learning from Communication and Language, Maths and Understanding of the World

Over the half term the children have had the opportunity for so many different experiences, enabling them to develop their Personal, Social and Emotional skills, communication and language, whilst developing both physically and creatively and learning about the amazing world around them.

New to the NHS and outdoor doctors surgery too!!





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The children have really enjoyed exploring pumpkins this term. Today, the children had fun painting their own pumpkin pictures. They began by painting a circle, next they observed the pumpkin carefully and noticed the green lines, and the stalk on the pumpkin. The children used green paint to add details to their pumpkins and straw to make the stalk. Finally the children added seeds to their pumpkins, the children showed a great understanding of what we could do with the seeds and what will happen if we plant them. The children were very proud of their pumpkin pictures.



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Celebrating Harvest Festival

The children have had the opportunity to contribute to St Anne's Parish Harvest Festival, whilst learning about different foods available to us at this time of year, including the Pumpkin and freshly picked Sweet Corn thanks to Lyla and her brother.

The children made their very own Pumpkin soup for afternoon tea, learning to chop, de-seed and cook a soup from raw ingredients working together to achieve. The aroma of the delicious soup gave way to a cozy nursery afternoon.





What could possibly be more enjoyable than sitting together with friends to share a bowl of homemade soup!

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Alongside the very busy nursery life team members also deliver a very popular Breakfast and Afterschool Club Monday to Friday helping support parents/Carers with their childcare needs.

Both sessions are very well attended; the familiarity and consistency of the Nursery being based on the school site and the Nursery team for whom many of the children have been cared for when previously attending the nursery ensures for an excellent partnership between parents, school and Nursery.

Over this half term endless activities have taken place including painting, puzzle solving, role play, water and sand play, small world including trains/cars, Bikes and scooters, Balancing and obstacle courses and arts/crafts in abundance.

Please see below photographs of the children during Afterschool Club this half term.

Today in After school club we made treasure maps! We drew our design, thinking carefully about what we needed to add to our map. Then we used tea bags to stain our maps and make them look old and strengthened our fingers by ripping the edges of the map.



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The After school club children have enjoyed painting beautiful autumn tree pictures. They began by painting the tree trunk, then they used corks to stamp different autumn colours onto their trees to make the leaves. The children commented on how the colours mixed and changed as they added to their painting.

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Local family events during half term
Lowther Gardens
Pumpkins in the Park
Sunday 23rd October - Sunday 31st October 2021



Lowther Gardens
Drive-in Cinema
Friday 29th October @ 6pm
Monsters Inc



Visit :[Lytham St Annes Family Events](#) for many more half term activities including Spooky sand sculptures Friday 29th October at 10am.



Why not enter the Lancashire County Council Name a gritter competition details above or email nameagritter@lancashire.gov.uk the closing date is Friday 29th October 2021, 5pm.



We wish you all a very enjoyable and fun half term break and look forward to caring for the children during the forthcoming half term.

The Heyhouses Church of England Nursery School team

