

HEYBROOK PRIMARY AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



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Goodbye Heybrook!



We say a fond farewell to Mr Crowther and Miss Wheatley who are retiring. We appreciate all their hard work over the years and wish them a long and happy retirement.

They have a special message for the Parents and Pupils;

Thank you to all of you for making my time at Heybrook so special. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been involved with the success that is Heybrook Primary School. I will miss the warmth and enthusiasm of the School and the community. I know that you will deal with Mr Paul Stanley in the same open, honest and positive way that you have dealt with me. Thank you, I will take with me so many treasured memories. Kevan Crowther.

Heybrook School has been a wonderful part of my life for more than 28 years and now, it is time to say goodbye.

I haven't always been the Deputy Head - I first came to work as a teacher in Rochdale with the English Language Support Service and was given the job of supporting the children at Heybrook. Once I had worked in the school I fell in love with this community and the work which was being done in the school and didn't want to be anywhere else - I applied for the Deputy Head's job and got it, and the rest is history- I have been here ever since!

I can honestly say I have enjoyed every day I have worked in this school - the children are wonderful and the staff amazing and together we have built a fantastic school. I am so proud of what we have achieved together and I can only see the school going from strength to strength in the future.

I will miss not being with you. Tina Wheatley xxx

Team News

Nursery - This term the children in the Nursery have started their transition to the main school. Many of them attended our very successful Open Days in Reception. They enjoyed getting to know the teachers and playing in their new classrooms. We are sure they will settle into school life very well in September as they have already made a fantastic start to their education at Heybrook.

Team 1 - Had a fantastic time at Smithills Farm! They had a very busy day and enjoyed feeding the animals, going on a tractor ride, seeing the cows being milked and meeting lots of animals in Pets' Corner!



Back at school they have been writing non-fiction booklets about what they have learnt from their visit.

Team 2 - It has been a very busy and successful end to the year for Team 2, with both Year 1 and Year 2 doing extremely well. Firstly, Year 1 have achieved fantastic results in their Phonics Screening Checks. This success has then been reflected in Year 2, with all the children's hard work towards their KS1 SATS helping to achieve brilliant scores in Maths, Reading and Writing. All of the

children in KS1 should be incredibly proud of themselves, they've done fantastically well. To celebrate, the children have been on some exciting trips over the past few weeks. Year 1 travelled to the Ribbles Valley to visit Clitheroe Castle. All the children and staff had great fun exploring the area, climbing up to the castle



and taking part in dragon-themed workshops. Year 2 have been on a trip down to Touchstones and have had a terrific time learning about Rochdale wildlife and the habitats of the River Roch.

Staff changes



We welcome new Headteacher Mr Stanley. Mr Rigg and Mr Doyle are Deputy Headteachers, Mr Walker and Mr Hughes are Assistant Heads. New teachers are Miss Stringfellow (Yellow), Miss Bernstein (Blue), Mr Battersby (Jade).

We also say goodbye to Mrs Mayhew, Miss Khatun and Miss Mullen, they will be missed and go with our best wishes.

Design & Technology Week



We recently had a successful DT week, where children in all years were involved in making their own toys. Throughout the school children were designing, cutting and making a variety of models. They were able to use special equipment and tools to help them to make their products. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore their creative skills, producing unique moving toys to take home. Thank you to Mrs Oldham for organising DT Week.

Team 3 - Years 3 and 4 have had a fantastic time creating poetry over the last couple of weeks. They had the chance to work with Ian Bland to create some very funny poems about dinner ladies and things that frighten people. Each class have taken what they have learnt to create their own riddles, rhyming poems and rap about Mr Crowther and the school. Team 3 also had a brilliant Sports Day which all of the children enjoyed as they competed against each other. Both year groups have had a brilliant term and an excellent year. We hope everyone has a fantastic summer and continues to read so that they are ready for their return in September.

Team 4 - This term has been very exciting with year 5 and 6 getting involved with lots of different activities. Year 6 children recently went on their residential to Waddow Hall in Clitheroe completing activities such as: rock climbing, zip wiring, caving and fencing. It was so much fun and we also saw lots of bats! One group of children were lucky enough to spend the day at Sheffield ESI where they played volleyball and practiced their boxing skills. They also had a tour and met a world famous table tennis player! We completed the EarthWorks project with Falinge Park High School by visiting The People's History Museum in Manchester and performing our dance to the public. We also displayed all of the work we've produced over the project, like the coracles and didgeridoos we made! Bronze music medal winners for flute Level 1 award in music performance were Najiba Zerine and Nayaab Naveed. Last but by no means least, Heybrook Primary School (Year 4, 5 and 6 boys) were victorious in the Primary School League beating Whittaker Moss Primary School 3-1 in the final.

Can we remind parents to please label all school clothing with your child's name and class.

The cost of dinners will be £10.50 from September. Payable every Monday. If you wish to change your meal choice please do so at the beginning of term.

Thank You!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for your continued support. It has been a very busy year for everyone. Pupils have enjoyed many activities, visits and trips. They have worked very hard this year. School opens on **Wednesday 6th September**. We wish all our pupils and their families a safe summer.