



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

**Monday 20th
September 2021**

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Welcome Back



It was lovely to welcome back all our families after what we hope was a lovely summer holiday for everyone. A special welcome to all our new children, who appear to have settled into life at Harrowbarrow extremely well; they seem very happy to be here, as you can see by their smiley faces in this picture.

Coronavirus Update

With the lifting of all restrictions at the end of last term, schools are no longer subject to the

protective measures we have had in place for the last 18 months. However, we have retained some common sense measures to limit the spread of the virus, should it come into the school. Good hand hygiene and ventilation are part of this. The Department for Education is supplying schools with CO2 monitors at some stage this term, to help indicate whether ventilation measures are adequate or need to be improved. The current guidance for schools states that any pupil with symptoms or who has had a positive test, should not come into school and should self-isolate for 10 days. We will continue to set work for children forced to stay at home, using Google Classroom, as long as they are fit and well enough.

If you or a family member experience Covid symptoms, check the NHS website for information on when to isolate and what to do: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Our music teachers are holding lessons on site again this term. Children can access keyboard, guitar, brass and flute lessons. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument and you would like to find out more, please contact the appropriate teacher:

Brass lessons: Julie Dobson - doubledottedcrotchet@gmail.com

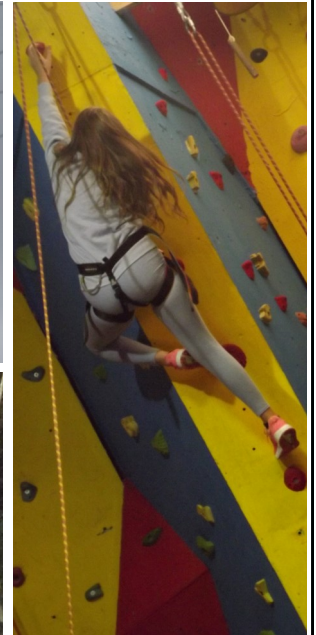
Guitar Lessons: Harvey James - harveyacoustics@gmail.com

Keyboard or flute: Katherine Maitland - kmaitland@live.co.uk



Porthpean 2021

It may have been the wettest Porthpean residential trip for a few years, but this did not put a dampener on the enthusiasm of the children. Having missed out last year, we were delighted to be taking the largest group we've ever had; 61 pupils attended. We thought the children were incredible and hope it has given them a super start to their new year. Thank you to all those adults in attendance. We share some photos of the children enjoying the adventure activities they participated in.



Bike to School Week 2021

27 September – 1 October

To help reduce congestion around the school and promote more sustainable travel, we are encouraging everyone to join in with Bike to School Week 2021.

Attached to this newsletter is further information.

We will:

- Talk to children about this event in assembly and explain the benefits, including for health reasons.
- Explain how participants need to keep themselves safe.
- Survey how children arrived at school each day.
- Award certificates to all participants at the end of the week.

Why not join in with your children whilst the weather is still pleasant.



A few reminders

We have all enjoyed returning to our pre Covid ways of working, but it has been confusing trying to remember what we did before Coronavirus. So, these reminders should help:

- After school extra-curricular clubs will be starting again this term. Please encourage your child to sign up if they are interested; the information about Plymouth Argyle clubs has been emailed out to all families already and we hope to offer other clubs soon.
- A prompt arrival at school ensures children are prepared to start their learning on time. Late arrival may mean your child is missing the start of a lesson, which can disadvantage them. The school arrival time has returned to 8.40 - 8.50am. If you arrive after the gates have been locked, please take your child to the school office for entry.
- With all children starting school at the same time, we are aware of the increased congestion on School Road and at the village hall car park. Please drive with due care and attention to prevent accidents, avoid parking on the yellow zigzags and park with consideration at the village hall.

Thank you for your support in these areas.

Dates for your diary

27.9.21 - 1.10.21: Scholastic Book Fair in library every day from 3.10pm
18.10.21: School photograph day (to be held at the village hall and details to follow)
21 & 22.10.21: School closed to pupils for staff training
25.10.21 - 29.10.21: Half term week