



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

**Friday 20th May
2022**

For up to date information and copies of all letters sent home, please view the school website at www.harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Perfect Poetry



On Monday 16th May, four children from Class 4 (Evie, Matilda, Hannah and Kira) went to Launceston on a trip to do some poetry. This was to inspire us to enter the Charles Causley poetry writing competition. We took a walking tour with Calstock and Stoke Climsland School. Mr Towe the headteacher of both schools would read out a poem every stop we came to on the poetry trail. At the church, we did a challenge where we had to throw a stone backwards on to Mary Magdalene's back without looking; Mr Towe got it on first try. We went to Launceston castle and had to walk a lot of steps to get to the very top. By Matilda, Evie. Hannah and Kira.

If you would like to hear the late Charles Causley reading some of his poems, try searching for him on the Children's Poetry Archive: www.childrens.poetryarchive.org/

You can search for other poets and their poems too. The link to this site has also been put onto the 'Reading' page on our website: www.harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk/reading-harrowbarrow/

Class Organisation for September 2022

Due to current pupil numbers, we have been able to keep Class 2 as a single age group this year; it happens very rarely. For September, Class 1 will be a single age year group for the new reception children. Our classes in September:

Class 1: Reception children

Class 2: Year 1 & Year 2 children

Class 3: Year 3 & Year 4 children

Class 4: Year 5 & Year 6 children

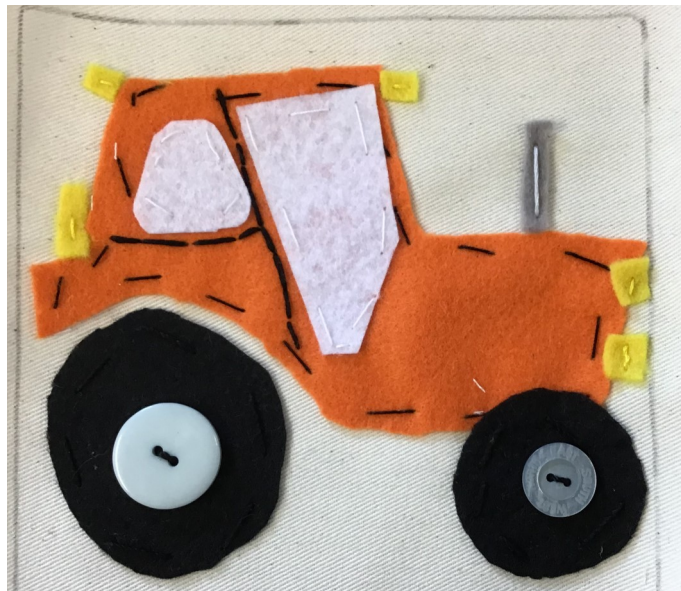
Another suggestion we had for our sesquicentennial celebrations is to give each class a name. We have no record of our classes ever having had names other than a number. We welcome all sensible suggestions and may put the best ones to a public vote; so no 'Classy McClassface' type proposals! Children to bring in their suggestions by the end of June.

Staff Carpark

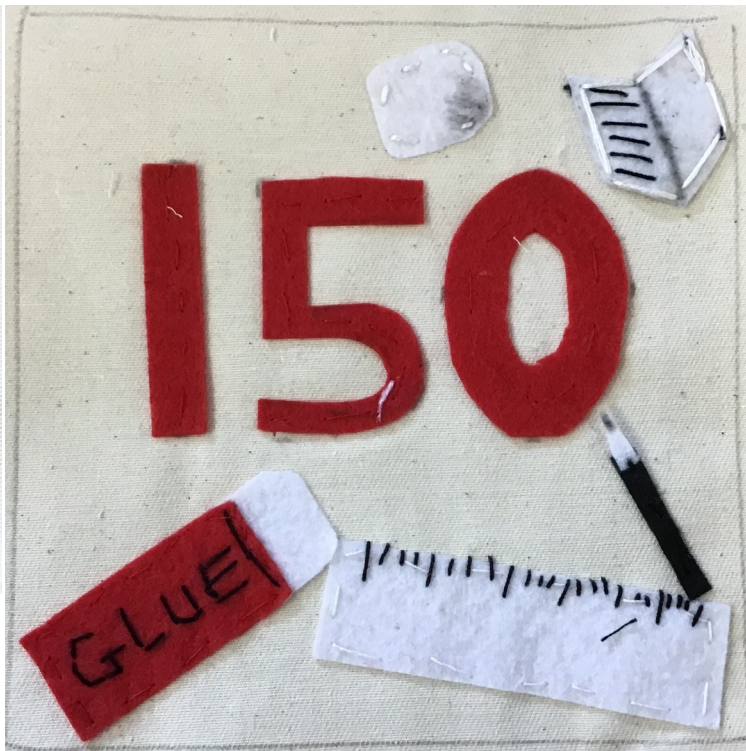
We politely request parents and carers do not use the staff carpark during school drop-off and pick-up times, as it is expressly for the use of staff and visitors. The only time it may be used by parents and carers is for breakfast club drop-off or after-school childcare pick-up at 5.15pm (not extra curricular clubs which finish earlier). We have an increasing number of external professionals visiting the school again, following the pandemic, and some have been unable to find a parking space on arrival. We are also using the school minibuses a lot for swimming and trips this term and getting them in and out of the carpark is becoming very challenging. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Sesquicentennial Celebrations

Thank you to all those children who sent in garden design ideas for our commemorative wellbeing garden. There were some wonderfully creative ideas which would make any garden a place to relax and appreciate. Unfortunately, one of our funding applications has been unsuccessful but we hope another will provide the financial support we need to start building the garden. In the meantime, we will pull together our favourite ideas from the children's designs to create an overall plan for us to work from. For now, here are some more of the fabulous tapestry squares from Class 4 children. They are going to look amazing when all stitched together to form one single tapestry that celebrates 150 years of the school's history. We are grateful to our wonderful team of parents and grandparents, who are doing such a tremendous job in supporting the children with this.



Charlie's tractor is more part of his history than the school's, but we love it.



150 years of stationary is remembered in Alannah's tapestry.



Evie loves the rabbits that visit our school field overnight and are often still out having their breakfast when we arrive in the morning.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Please remember, there are many opportunities to join in with the community celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A reminder of events, including details of timings will be forwarded to all families next week.

In addition, each child will be presented with a commemorative mug, to mark the occasion. These have generously been provided by Calstock Parish Council.



Dates for your diary

- 24.5.22 - Class 4 trip to Tavistock Guildhall
- 25.5.22 - Last swimming session for Class 3
- 6.6.22 - Extra bank holiday due to jubilee - school closed
- 7.6.22 - School closed to pupils - staff training day