



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Another Year Begins By Andrew Hunt

It has been lovely to see the children return to school this last fortnight. The start of the year always feels very special with many children sporting new uniform, shiny shoes and smart new haircuts. It is also a special time for our new children, especially those starting school for the first time in reception. I know Abi Flashman and the Class 1 team have been particularly impressed with the way these children have settled so quickly. When on playground duty, I have enjoyed seeing them at their play; it looks like they have been here for months not weeks with the way they confidently interact with their peers and older pupils.

As I wander around classrooms, in and out of lessons, it feels like many of our older children haven't been away; they have seamlessly transitioned back into the rhythm of school routines and expectations. I have already seen some excellent writing in the junior classrooms.

Now the children have settled we will introduce some of the exciting opportunities that enrich our learning offer. Teachers are planning trips and after school clubs will begin shortly. Abi Flashman, as our new PE lead, is planning inter-school opportunities and swimming lessons for Class 3 have already begun. Peripatetic music tuition has recommenced and Julie the brass teacher led an assembly this week to promote her lessons to Year 2 to 6 pupils.

A vital part of our learning offer is the support emotional health and wellbeing support worker Laura Littlewood provides. Laura can work with individual children or groups. She also provides support to parents/carers, which can include signposting on to other services. If parents/carers need to contact Laura, because they have concerns about their children's mental health or general wellbeing, her email is: laura.littlewood@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Safeguarding children and protecting them from harm is also an important part of our work. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Melissa Pinfield (Deputy Headteacher) is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you have a concern about a child, please contact us: head@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk or mpinfield@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Elaine Moyle and Lesley Connell oversee the administration of the school. Either, or both, can be contacted in the school office Monday to Thursday and Friday afternoon. They will be able to help you with school payments, school communication, changes to contact details and general enquiries. Please note that I will be in the office on Friday mornings and will do my best to help but may ask you to return when Elaine and/or Lesley return.

Parking for Parents/Carers

We know from feedback that parking at the village hall during the school run has been challenging at best. To compound difficulties, local buses are coming through at the same time as school pick-up. There is no straight forward solution but a few measures will alleviate the congestion:

- Walk to school if possible.
- Car share where possible.
- After school clubs start next week, staggering pick-up times for those involved.
- Some parents/carers could park a little further from the school and walk the last part of the journey e.g. park at All Saints Church car park and walk down the Coombe.
- Park as carefully as possible in the village hall car park to use space efficiently.
- Don't park in such a way that it blocks the road for other users, especially the buses.

Please also observe the following:

- It is illegal to park/stop on the yellow lines in front of the school.
- The school car park is for the exclusive use of staff and visitors. Regrettably, we do not have the capacity for parents/carers to use it too.

Achieve Believe Enjoy

Sensory Trail Revamp

We have a number of children across the school with sensory sensitivities. Sometimes, this can mean they are overly sensitive to sounds, smells, textures, tastes or visual stimulation. At other times, they might need to seek sensory feedback throughout the day to keep them calm and regulated. For these children we provide a sensory diet both in and outside the classroom. As part of this provision we have had a sensory trail for many years now. As with most things, overtime it has become tired and in need of repair work. Over the summer Laura Littlewood and her partner Russ have made and installed some fantastic new features. This week, Laura has been introducing them to those children who need to access the trail. Massive thanks to Laura and Russ for creating this wonderful new resource.



Dates for your diary

20.9.23 - Meet the Teacher sessions from 3.30pm
21.9.23 - Class 4 visit to The Box