



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

**Wednesday 1st
May 2024**

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Happy Campers



Porthpean Residential Trip

This was our first trip to Porthpean since the centre was taken over by a private company. Despite finding out the canteen had burnt down since our last visit (new undercover catering facilities were provided), the camp was very well run and the range of new activities proved very popular. Of the new activities, laser tag and the silent disco were the most popular.

Feedback from the supporting adults was very positive about the children. Despite some first night anxiety about being away from home, they threw themselves into everything and were the standout school of the three schools visiting at the same time.

Thank you to staff members Sam Watts and Rachel Lane and also to volunteer Mike McLeish whose hard work ensured the children were cared for, supported and encouraged throughout.

We're already looking forward to the next residential opportunity.

Summer Term Headlines

The summer term is always busy with exciting experiences for the children. As ever, there are plenty of things to look forward to including: May Day on Monday 6th May, Class 2 & 3's trips to the Eden Project, Class 4's trip to Wagamama, Class 4 swimming, Class 3's trip to Bodmin Jail, the junior performance, end of year transition sessions, the Year 6 Brecon Beacon residential, our summer sports evening and a range of other sporting opportunities, including cricket and netball matches. There will be other opportunities too but they have yet to be confirmed.

Achieve Believe Enjoy



Porthpean High Ropes Course

The ever popular Jacob's Ladder is a test of courage, trust and team working. Can teams of three get to the top and ring the bell?

Advance Notice - Calling All Gardeners!

Last year we grew annual flowers for our wellbeing garden. These proved very popular with the bees and butterflies but, as annuals, they were only going to last for one season. This year, we are planning a perennial display and to do this we need to prepare the beds and plant our chosen range of plants. We are just waiting for our spring bulb display to finish flowering and then we will share a date for a working party session to get stuck in. This will take place immediately after school so that anyone can join in with their children. We will provide as many tools as possible but you may want to bring your own tools for weeding and planting. You don't need to have any previous experience; everyone is welcome. We will share a date for this shortly.

The Decider Skills Workshop

Millie Carthew, from the School Mental Health Practitioner service, is running four workshops with Classes 1 & 2 called The Decider Skills. These skills are designed to help children understand their emotions in different situations and how to manage them. Millie is also delivering a healthy sleep workshop to Class 4, which provides information on how to improve our sleep quality. Finally, Millie is providing some bespoke transition work with select Year 6 pupils, to help prepare them for secondary school.

Cornwall Council has asked us to share the message below.

The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3rd June 2024 either:

-be entitled to Council Tax Support or

-have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>.

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/>

It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/>

Why have we made this change?

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children. Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

Dates for your diary

6.5.24 - May Day celebrations at village hall from 12pm (our Maypole dancers will be performing)

8.5.24 - Netball match v Calstock Primary

9.5.24 - Class 2 trip to the Eden Project

13.5.24 - Year 6 SATs week