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Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the new term, and a special welcome to Lily and Eden, our new pupils in Class 1 and also to our new class 2 teacher, Mr Hooper. I hope everyone will make them welcome and help them to settle into our school.

I hope you all had a good summer break, and that the children are looking forward to the new term. We have been busy planning lessons and organising the classrooms ready for the new year. One date for your diary is Sunday 27th September, when I hope you will be able to join us for the Harvest Festival service at Farway Church. Please indicate on the attached slip if you and your child/ren will be attending.

With the new term, we have a new menu which features a packed lunch option, and we also have a new system for ordering our meals. From next week, we will be ordering meals for the whole week on Monday mornings, so please return the slip on the back of the newsletter with your week's choices, as we will no longer be asking children for their choices each day.

Should you wish to change your order, we will be able to make adjustments on the day, so if a child is absent, or just if you change your mind, we will be able to cancel any meal previously ordered (or add one on!).

We are going to have a slight change on Friday afternoons. We have always had an assembly at the end of the week and we would like to invite parents and other close family to attend our 'Sharing Assembly'. During the assembly at 3pm the children will be celebrating some of the learning they have done during the week. You will remember that last year we reviewed the school behaviour policy and as a part of this the children developed The Farway Orchard Aims. The blacksmith at Branscombe has now made us an 'apple' trophy and so this will also be awarded during the sharing assembly to the most successful team. We will also award individual certificates for pupils who have demonstrated some of the Orchard Aims during the week. It would be really super to see lots of parents at this weekly event. We will begin next Friday.

As a school, we have to account for pupils' whereabouts if they are absent from school. Please help us to report accurately by informing us in writing the reason why your child is absent. If we don't hear after a certain time and 2 absence slips have been sent home without response, they'll be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School

Home Learning

During the recent staff training days we looked together at our policy relating to Home Learning. Across The Jubilee Federation, staff recognise that pupils who have spent a busy structured day at school need time to relax and unwind at the end of the afternoon. We are also mindful of the need to encourage children to pursue out-of-school activities e.g. swimming, ballet, music lessons, Cubs, Brownies etc.

We believe that home learning should be used to effectively reinforce and/or extend what is learned in school. Home learning is planned to be meaningful. We hope that children will feel a sense of personal satisfaction in a task completed well and that their efforts will be recognised and praised both at home and at school. This approach aims to support children's growing perception about their ability to complete a task outside the school environment. It also fosters the skills of independent learning.

We all recognise the importance of providing positive feedback to the children and, being generous in our praise, within the context of our expectations of each pupil's achievement. We encourage children to follow up an aspect of school work by visiting different sources of information e.g. local library, the internet, etc.

We want the children to think of this work as valuable and as a challenge. It should be undertaken to the best of their ability and following usual classroom presentation expectations.

Your children will shortly receive their Home Learning Exercise book for the year. The way we share tasks with you will be slightly different. Your class teacher will let you know about the routine relating to the day of the week that you will receive the task and the day each week that tasks need to be completed by. Each week in the Home Learning book you will find a slip that describes the task and also the areas that are going to be covered in class each week so that you see the context that the work has been set in.

We hope that you enjoy working with your child on the tasks. The full new policy will be on the school website shortly, or you can ask for a copy from the school office.

Farway Walk for Class 2

The title for this half term's Class 2 topic is 'Where Our Wellies Take Us' and we will base a lot of our work on the book 'Where My Wellies Take Me', by Michael and Clare Morpurgo. As a starting point for this learning, we will be going for a local walk, in our wellies, of course! This walk will take place on Wednesday 9th September. We will go on the walk come rain or shine! We will be photographing, drawing, painting, map reading, learning about local plants and wildlife, jumping in puddles, finding patterns in the clouds and, with a bit of luck, having wonderful adventures along the way.

If that sounds like fun to you, we would love you to join us - the more the merrier! You would be especially welcome if you know the footpaths and fields round here! Our walk will take most of the school day.

Children will need to bring:

- * a packed lunch and a drink
- * a backpack / bag that is comfortable to carry - this will need to fit their lunch, drink, a clipboard, paper, etc.
- * weather-appropriate clothing (not jeans). Covered legs would be best, in case of nettles and thistles, etc. Should include sunscreen and a hat, if appropriate.
- * wellies - these should be comfy and 'broken in'. If you don't have wellies, let us know, as we have a number of pairs at school that may fit. (We will be doing a few walks this term, though, so a pair of wellies would be very useful.)

You have all previously given consent for local walks so, if you are not happy for your child to come, please come and talk to us.

What do our children really need to learn?

In recent years, there has been a great deal of change in education, both at a government level, in terms of curriculum, initiatives and assessments, and at a theoretical / philosophical level, in terms of how we learn best and what children need to create the best learning environment. We would like to invite you to come into school and learn with your child and to be part of the discussion about what our learning will look like this year.

We will run a family learning session entitled 'What do our children really need to learn?' from 2.30 - 3.30pm on Thursday 10th September. It will be an informal discussion session, where staff, children and parents will be able to discuss the key skills and priorities that we think are important and that will drive the way we will work this year. It will not be scary and no prior knowledge is required! If you want to think about it in advance (absolutely not required!), the focus for the session will be based around Guy Claxton's 7Cs (curiosity, creativity, communication, commitment, craftsmanship, confidence and collaboration) and the principles of a Growth Mindset. It would be really useful to know how many of you plan on coming, so if you can let Miss White know, that would be super. We are very much looking forward to the afternoon and hope you will enjoy attending.

Muddy Wolves Club will re-commence next Monday 7th September from 3.30 – 5.00 and will run until half term for all KS2 pupils. Any parents who would be willing to come along and help would be most welcome.

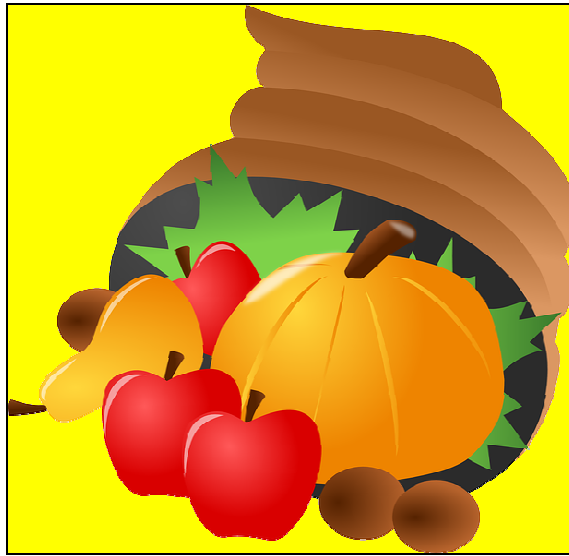
Choir - On 16th September Mrs White will be starting a choir group after lunch on Wednesdays. All are welcome, including any parents and staff who would like to join us. This will move to Mondays from 3.30 – 4.30 after half term.

Dates for your Diary
Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday next week Miss Prince will be in school on Thursday 10th September Sunday 27th September – Harvest Festival Service in Church at 11.15 Friday 23rd October - Last Day of School before the Half Term holiday

Class 1 have requested donations of clean plastic bottle tops and also any items for their junk modelling box. Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Farway News</u></p> <p>FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER</p> <p>The bar will be open on Friday 4 September from 7.30 pm. It is hoped to hold the final of the Tri Club Challenge, assuming everyone is back from holiday. The teams in the final are Hole in the Ground, Whitley Warriors and TTR.</p> <p>THEFT IN FARWAY</p> <p>A chainsaw was stolen from an outside shed in Farway last week. Please ensure all valuable items are kept under lock and key and if you see anything suspicious, alert the police.</p>

27th September – Harvest Festival 11.15 in Church



Please could harvest produce be in school by next Friday, 25th September as we shall be decorating the Church window during that day. All produce is then donated to St Michael's Centre in Honiton.

As we are a Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School, we have strong links with our local church and the Diocese. Therefore, there is a strong expectation from staff & Governors that children will attend these services wherever possible. As the children are taking an active role in the service, please ensure they attend in school uniform. Please indicate on the form below if your child can or cannot attend. Thank you.



_____ *Child's Name*

will

will not

(please delete as appropriate)

be attending the Harvest Festival service at Farway Church on Sunday 27th September.

Collective Worship Activity

This term's Collective Worship Value is Truthfulness. Please have a go at the activity below.



READ TOGETHER... A Day That Changed Everything

It began just as any other day.

Peter the fisherman was mending his nets as he always did.

But then Peter met Jesus. On that ordinary day his life was changed for ever.

Peter was to actually see Jesus heal people who were ill, make blind people see again, and turn 5 loaves and 2 fish into a feast for 5000!

Peter became Jesus' follower and friend. "I will do anything for you" he said to Jesus. "Just say the word!"

"One day you will tell people you never knew me" said Jesus, "and then a cock will crow."

"No" shouted Peter "Never, Never, Never!"

Sure enough, life for Jesus did become difficult - difficult and dangerous.

The day came when Jesus was on trial for his very life. He needed his friend to stand by him. But Peter said "I don't know him, I never knew him, I never saw him before."

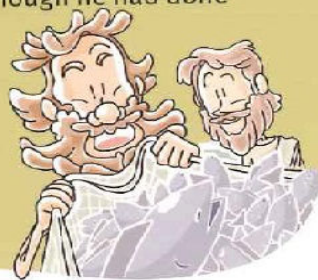
And at the end of the day a cock crowed.....just as Jesus had said it would.

Jesus was sentenced to death and crucified, even though he had done nothing wrong.

But death could not defeat God's Son! Three days later Jesus was alive again and went to find his friend, not to blame him but to forgive him.

It was a new day and Peter had another chance.

Everything was different!



QUIZ

Words in the Fishing Net

Pair letters from the net together to make words from the story.

You could colour matching halves...

For answers, see reverse.





School Nursing Service

The School Nursing service across Devon is required to make sure all children and young people in Devon's maintained schools, colleges and academies have access to a School Nurse 52 weeks a year, (not just when schools are open) to provide information and support to all school aged children.

We will be working in partnership with schools to support the schools in the development of health policies that impact on all children and young people. Complimenting any taught health related classroom based programmes being delivered.

We will be working in partnership with schools to:

- Support the development of health policies that impact on children and young people.
- Complement health related classroom based programmes.
- Support children and young people with medical conditions, to ensure they access the whole curriculum and are not disadvantaged.
- Ensure that school Staff have the information they need to support children with health concerns.
- Provide drop in sessions in arrangement with secondary schools
- We aim to start running sessions in the community for all school aged children.

The School Nurse normally works from 09:00 until 17:00 however we will do our best to make ourselves available to you outside of these hours. We provide drop in sessions in secondary schools in arrangement with schools, colleges and academies and will be starting to run sessions in the community for all school aged children (and their parents).

For the schools within the Honiton Learning Community, The 'School Nurse Community Drop-Ins' are on the first and third Tuesday of the month 2pm-4pm at Jerrard Wing, Honiton Hospital.

You can contact your local School Nurse - Vanessa Ireson on 01404 540512 or 07816 957133 (usual working hours are Mon-Thurs 9-4pm)

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's health and how they can be supported in school please contact your School Nurse.

From September 2015 we will not be routinely testing reception hearing. Should you have any concern regarding your child's hearing at any time please contact the School Nurse, class Teacher or your GP for further guidance / assessment.

If you have recently moved in from abroad and want to check if your child requires a BCG vaccination please contact the School Nurse for further information. All children under the age of 16 are eligible for free vision checks and dental care. Please ensure that your child has an annual check up at the opticians and is registered with and sees the dentist.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU – Week 2 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

MONDAY	Sausage Roll, Baked Beans & Mashed Potato
	Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Baked Beans & Mashed Potato
	PACKED LUNCH: WHITE SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: HAM, TUNA MAYO, EGG MAYO or MILD CHEDDAR SIDE: of Mixed Sticks: Carrot, Celery & Cucumber with Humous Dip
	Chocolate Mousse
TUESDAY	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables and Roast Potatoes
	Roast Vegetable Tartlet, Seasonal Vegetables and Roast Potatoes
	PACKED LUNCH: WRAP with Choice of: MILD, SPICY CHICKEN or SPICY BEANS with LETTUCE SIDE: of GRATED MILD CHEDDAR and CHERRY TOMATO
	Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Ham Pizza Sticks with Mixed Salad
	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Sticks with Mixed Salad
	PACKED LUNCH: WHOLEMEAL SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: BLT (unsmoked) or SLICED EGG (& salad cream) SIDE: of HOMEMADE WALDORF SALAD (without walnuts)
	Banana Custard
THURSDAY	Cottage Pie with Peas & Carrots
	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Peas & Carrots
	PACKED LUNCH: COLD PASTA POT With Choice Of: HAM or HALLOUMI in a Tangy Tomato Sauce SIDE: of BUTTERED CHEESE SCONE
	Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY	Fish Goujons with Chips, Coleslaw & Salad
	Cheesey Wheels with Chips Coleslaw & Salad
	PACKED LUNCH: MULTIGRAIN SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: ROAST PORK & PICKLE or TUNA SALAD SIDE: of COLD VEGETABLE FRIED RICE POT
	Flapjack

Salad to include: Lettuce, Cucumber, Grated Carrot, Grapes, Cherry Tomatoes, Coleslaw
 Drink: 200ml Semi Skimmed Milk is included with each meal

Please order meals for _____

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 7 th September, 2015	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	

Please ensure this form is returned to school on Monday Morning