

# Farway Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school – I hope your half term break was enjoyable, although it seems so long ago already! Now the children are back they have been busy – Class 2 have had a session with a Mr Carter – music teacher from Honiton Community College. Following the session they were all given a recorder to practise with. Class 1 have been comparing old and new toys as well as experimenting with clay in preparation for making a bust of either themselves or a family member.

We welcome Mrs Crawford into Class 2 this week. She will be working in the class until Easter when Miss Abigail White will take up her role as Class 2 teacher on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. We would also like to welcome Lewis, a new fledgling into the pre-school, which is steadily building into a thriving group.

With the approach of Mothering Sunday on 15<sup>th</sup> March, we would appreciate it if the enclosed slip could be returned on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to enable us to plan the role the children will play in the service. As you know this is an important service in the joint calendar of the church and school, so please make every effort to join us for this lovely service as it is our contribution to the church and village community.

The numbers for Eden and Beam House are now finalised. Further details about the Eden Project trip will be sent home next week.

You will notice today that there is a new feature in the newsletter relating to our Collective Worship value for the half term. We will be including something each week for you to look at as a family. This may be a quiz like the one you will see at the end of this newsletter, or perhaps some facts, a thought for the week, or a challenge. This half term our theme is Compassion, and this week's quiz relates to the story of The Good Samaritan.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless

*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School*

**Question for the week - Class 2:** How do people and animals keep warm in the winter?

## Parents' Evening

Appointment times for the Parents' Evening next week should come home today.

## World Book Day

Because of some clashes in the school diaries we will be celebrating World Book Day on **4<sup>th</sup> March** (***please note this is a change of date from the last newsletter***). This year for World Book Day our theme is "Story Bears". We will be looking at bears made famous through stories (such as Paddington, Pooh Bear and Rupert) and writing our own bear story. We are planning an afternoon of cross-curricular activities around the theme. Children are welcome to dress up as a bear if they wish and we will be encouraging them to bring their own bears to school (we will bring ours too!). We would love to hear from any parents who may be interested in joining us at some point during the afternoon to talk with the children about their own favourite bear stories.

## Do you, or anyone you know, have a little spare time on Thursdays and Fridays?

Farway Primary School would love you to come and join our team. We need a Catering Assistant to collect meals from Honiton High Street, serve meals, and clear the kitchen.

We have a newly fitted kitchen with a dishwasher, so clearing the kitchen afterwards is reasonably quick and easy. 2 hours per day from 11.30-1.30 @ £7.00 per hour, plus a mileage allowance, term times only.

**We also need a Mealtime Assistant** to supervise in the playground or indoors during wet weather from 12.30-1.30 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, @ £7.00 per hour, term times only

Previous experience is not necessary, just a kind disposition and plenty of enthusiasm is required! Please contact the school office on 01404 871239.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS disclosure will be required for this post.

## Class 1 Reading, Spelling and Keywords

Please help your child to learn by practising their spelling and keywords and reading with them at home – just a few minutes each day can make a real difference. Spelling tests are on Friday morning, and if children have not practised these their day starts badly. Please help your child to enjoy school and learning by ensuring that they are prepared and ready to succeed – they really will benefit so much from your input.

## Sainsburys Active Kids

Sainsburys Active Kids promotion will run until 5<sup>th</sup> May, and we would appreciate your support to help us collect vouchers which we can use to buy resources for the school. Any vouchers you may collect during this period can be posted in the collection box in our entrance hall.

KEY DATES	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Celebration of World Book Day
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Life Education Bus at Farway – more details to follow
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Comic Relief Day
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothering Sunday Service

## Farway Events

Winter League Skittles Matches continue every Friday night in Farway Village Hall during March. As we get towards the end of the season, matches are becoming increasingly competitive, with Steve Loud's "Kingpins" in the lead, closely followed by the "Bailys". The bar will be open from 7.30pm and the fire will be burning brightly - if you can get near it!

Saturday 7 March - "Skills of the Hills" - Gorwell Farm, Hemyock

Hedgelaying competition – this event is now one of the largest in the country where you can see more than 80 hedgelayers in action.

Woodland activities – interesting activities for younger visitors, such as making stick men or learning woodworking skills

Hedgerow crafts – numerous craft and local produce stalls, demonstrations and activities to take part in. There will also be trade stands exhibiting farm and garden machinery

*Hot food and refreshments by the Smeatharpe WI*

Admission £2 per car - Spectator parking from 9.30am (dogs welcome)



## READ TOGETHER...

### The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers.

"As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37



## QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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|---|------|
| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the                 | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog          | ---- |
| The Samaritan ____ the innkeeper to look after the man            | ---- |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was ____                     | ---- |
| We sometimes talk about the ____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | ---- |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find)                    | ---- |
| The Samaritan in the story was                                    | ---- |

# **NEW** MENU – Week 2 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

MONDAY	Cheesy Wheels with Salad
	Vegetable Quiche with Salad
	Fruity Flapjack
TUESDAY	Cottage Pie with Vegetables
	Cheese Ploughman's
	Chocolate Mousse
WEDNESDAY	Mild Chicken Curry with Rice
	Jacket Potato with Tuna
	Lemon Sponge
THURSDAY	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Potatoes and 2 Veg
	Vegetable Fingers
	Creamy Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Ham Pizza with Salad
	Vegetable Pizza with Salad
	Fresh Fruit Salad

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

Please order meals for \_\_\_\_\_

	Choices for Week Beginning Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2015	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	<b>Amount Enclosed</b>	<b>£</b>
	– Please make cheques payable to <b>Devon County Council</b>	

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**My child ..... will / will not be attending the  
 Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**