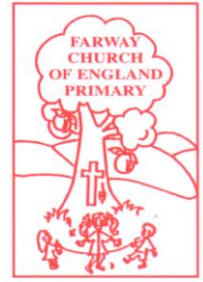


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. It is lovely to see all the children back, working hard and with a new burst of energy. We hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. This term will be particularly busy with lots of events and school trips. Please check your child's books bag daily and return any relevant paperwork to the school office as soon as possible. A lot of work goes into organising extra events and we would appreciate your help so that they can run smoothly. Thank you.

Class 1 have had an enjoyable and active month that started with the children taking part in the Honiton Learning Community Gymnastic Festival. The children thoroughly enjoyed their venture out in a mini bus and showed some fantastic sportsman skills, balancing on beams, jumping off spring boards and practising different rolls. They behaved extremely well and were a real asset to our school and federation.



In Literacy Class 1 have been exploring the book Meerkat Mail, by Emily Gravett. They have practised writing their own postcards, in the past tense, about Sunny's adventures to Farway and were extremely excited when Sunny came to join in with their music lesson.



In Maths, Class 1 have been going bonkers with conkers, using conkers to support their learning of addition. The children have been using their knowledge of part-whole models to combine different amounts of conkers, to find the total, whole number and have learnt to record this as a number sentence. This week they will begin to explore the concept of subtraction, using pumpkin seeds.

A huge thank you again to Jo, Jessica and Izabelle's Mum, for bringing her baby chicks into school to visit the children. Mrs Marsh also bought her pet tortoises into school to meet the children; these were fabulous opportunities for the children to expand their understanding and experience of animals, in line with our current Topic. Mrs Jackson thoroughly enjoyed sharing these hands-on learning experiences with the children and is looking forward to their trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park, this week.



In light of this, this week's homework is for the Class 1 children to choose one of the animals they see at Axe Valley and use books or a computer to research and gather interesting information, about this animal. The new focus in Literacy is writing a non-chronological report about a chosen animal, so this will be a great starting point for the children.

Class 1, are also having a real focus on Reading, this half term. Reading not only supports the learning of phonics, it also supports all areas of children's learning, through the exposure to richer vocabulary. Please support your children at home, by reading with them as much as possible. Thank you.

Class 2 meanwhile, have been very busy this month! As part of their Local Area topic, they have spent time in Farway's beautiful church, and have had the opportunity to create artwork for the church's Open day. Working alongside Tara, a local friend from the church, the children made sketches and rubbings to represent what was important to them in the area around the church. They created so much in one afternoon, that their art resulted in a zig-zag book and two shoebox windows! As well as sketching nature in their school environment, they have experimented with transferring images and anatomical sketches. All of this can be seen in the books, they have created in English lessons titled "Where my wellies take me".

The Open Day at the Church lead to the children meeting with and inviting some of the school's close neighbours to afternoon tea. Mr Lee attended Farway School with his siblings and cousins in the 1940's. The children came up with great questions for him, honing their words to ensure the questions were open ended and so would maximise their historical learning.

Just before half term they visited the Farmwise event at Westpoint. They represented Farway school beautifully. It was an incredibly busy day, full of activities and opportunities to talk with real farmers about their business. High points for the children were touching the insides of a pig, meeting a range of animals, and making bread and butter. This experience is contributing towards their next writing project- a report on "Farming in Devon" so watch this space!



Sporting opportunities this month have included a trip out to join Honiton Learning Community in Cross Country Running, and learning all about orienteering in P.E lessons in school.



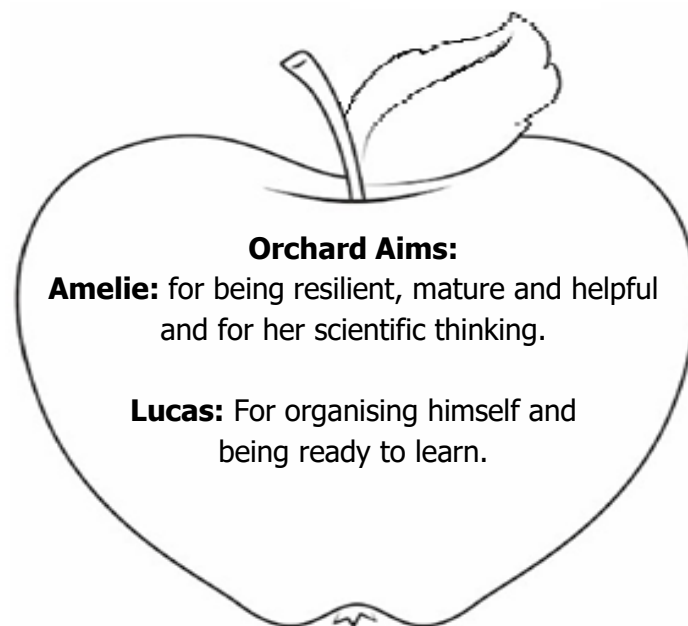
Thank you for all your continued support.  
God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

### **Question of the month:**

**Class 1:** Do all mammals have four legs?

**Class 2:** How many countries do our shops buy their fruit and vegetables from?



### **Open Mornings**

Our school Open Morning for prospective parents will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please help us to spread the word to any parents that you feel may be interested. The open morning will start at 10am and everyone will be welcome. Pre-school will also be open and we are now accepting children from 2 years old. Thank you.



### **East Devon School Go Ride Cycling Event.**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October some of our Year 5 children took part in the annual Go Ride Cycling Event organised by the East Devon School Sport Partnership. Lexi, Joshua and Carmen showed great determination, grit and resilience by cycling round the cross-country track on tricky terrain! There was also excellent support and encouragement for team mates across the Jubilee Federation. Our Jubilee Federation team came 9<sup>th</sup> overall, out of 17 teams- an impressive result. Well done to them.



### **Forest School**

Our Forest School session on 16<sup>th</sup> October was a fabulous opportunity for the children to get outside. The children made autumn garlands and leaf people from leaves.



### **Key Dates**

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> November & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 2 swimming lessons.

6<sup>th</sup> November- Staying safe- Devon and Somerset fire service visit to school.

11<sup>th</sup> November – Act of Remembrance, 10.45am

11<sup>th</sup> November – Coordination event at HLC- some KS2.

13<sup>th</sup> November – Forest school – pm.

14<sup>th</sup> November- Farway Open Morning -10am.

15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need.

18<sup>th</sup> November - HLC Hockey event for KS2.

25<sup>th</sup> November - Athletics Event at HLC for KS2.

26<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening, 3.40pm -5.30pm.

29<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccinations.

9<sup>th</sup> December - Dance event at HLC for KS2.

11<sup>th</sup> December – Forest school – pm.

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play.

20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of school term.

8<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school.

## School Photos

Your child's school photo should have been sent home with them this week. If you would like to order a school photo, please order online within the next 7 days. Thank you.

## Staying Safe Fire Visit

Devon and Somerset Fire service will be visiting the children on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, please fill in your opt in / out slip and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Forest School** - Forest School will continue this term with this month's session taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to send in a spare change of clothes, with your child, that you don't mind getting muddy.

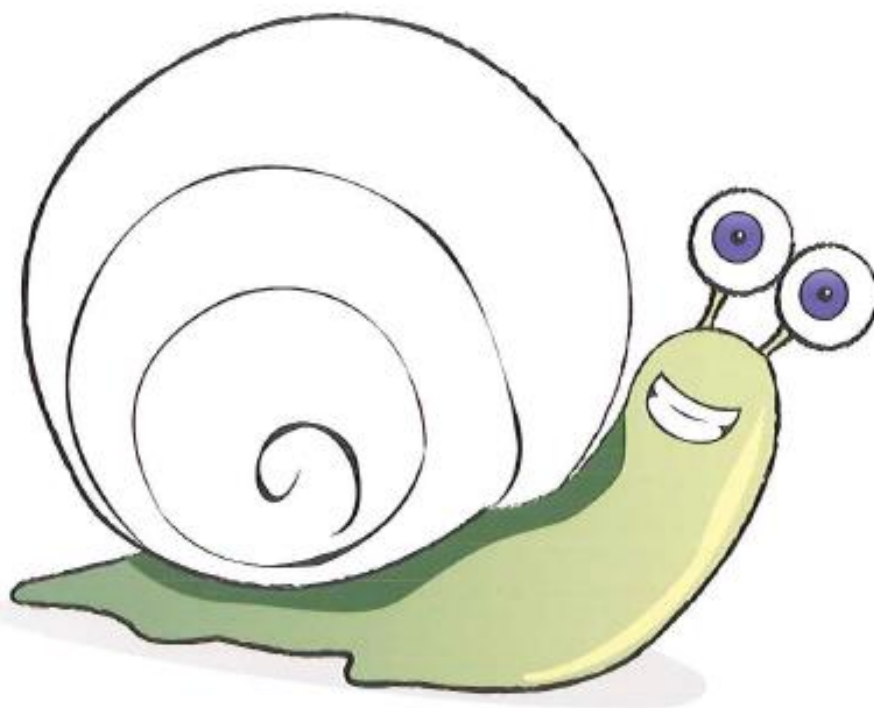
**Christmas Cards**- You should all have received a copy of your child's personalised Dandy Arthouse Christmas card. If you would like to order some of these, please do so before the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## Children in Need

This year we will be taking part in Children in Need with a non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please can children bring a donation for this charity on the day? We are also aiming to fill Pudsey's head with coppers, so if your children could bring any spare change to school with them that would be great. Thank you.

## Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Service. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



## Wellbeing

*There has been much press in recent months about children's mental health. As part of our drive to support this we are going to include something each week in the newsletter about Health and Wellbeing. We hope you find this section useful. If you have any topics you would like us to find some helpful tips about, please let us know.*

This week our Federation Mental Health Ambassadors met together to discuss and write action plans to think of ways they can support their peers to have positive mental health. One of the things we focused on is the Mental Health 10 a day and how the Ambassadors will promote this. Have a look again at the 10 a day and think how as a family you can support each other in achieving these.



## **Farway News**

### **Every Friday Night In November**

The Farway Winter Skittles League is in full swing with matches every Friday night during November. The bar opens at 7.30pm in the Village Hall – you are most welcome to join us.

### **Saturday 7 December**

Christmas Bingo at Farway Village Hall

Doors open 7pm - eyes down 7.30pm. Bingo prizes: chicken dinner box & chocolates – Raffle. Refreshments: tea, coffee & mince pies. All proceeds to Farway Church and Farway Chapel.

There have been no further reports of thefts in Farway. Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to make contact with the police about this. We urge all residents to remain vigilant and ensure outbuildings are secure.