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Dear Parents,

Well, it's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new week at Farway, and we're feeling good!

Thanks to yet even more glorious weather this week, we have managed to take most of our learning outside again. From our daily physical activity sessions, Maths learning, Art workshops and Science, the children have embraced the outdoor learning opportunities with terrific enthusiasm.

Key Stage 1 children have continued to focus on writing their thank you letters, by looking closely at the format and features of an informal letter to someone you know and how to address an envelope. The children have collaborated confidently to generate a set of instructions to write a letter and even started to create a checklist of letter writing skills you would expect to see in a well written letter. Explain to someone at home the first thing you need to do when you write a letter to someone you already know.

'Women in Science' is the new text for Key Stage Two's present literacy focus. The pupils have spent time carefully researching key facts about some of these famous women and presented their findings as short speeches to each other and the rest of the school. Working in pairs, they had to collaborate together to consider how they might only share the most important details and information, as their speeches were on a set time limit of only thirty seconds! Don't forget to bring in any biographies from home for us to look at please, so we might make comparisons between different writing styles and text features, for our own class biography writing task at the end of this unit.

In Maths, the children in Key Stage One have been correctly identifying and describing the properties of 2-D shapes. Armed only with spaghetti and giant marshmallows, the children were faced with the challenge of constructing their own 2-D shapes. By calculating the number of spaghetti sticks and marshmallows required, the children were soon able to confidently describe the number of sides and corners of the 2-D shapes they'd made. Some of us even managed to skip to the spicier challenges, by attempting to construct a 3-D shape. Eventually though, and it was only a matter of time really, most of us gave into the temptation and decided to taste test the yummy marshmallows!



For Key Stage 2, identifying 3-D shapes from 2-D representations, has been their focus this week. Can you remember what this actually means? Explain to someone at home what is meant by 2-D representations on 3-D shapes and give an example of a 3-D shape where 2-D shapes have been represented. The children have also been looking at the nets of 3-D shapes and then attempting to construct the 3-D shape using spaghetti and mini marshmallows. Which clues in the shape net helped you to realise the 3-D shape you needed to construct? How many nets do you think you could create for a cube and how could you set about to prove there are no more to be found?

To further demonstrate all their shape knowledge and understanding, the whole school spent time outside collectively applying their 2-D and 3-D shape facts, by using the nature around them to help build and construct their shapes. It was tremendous to hear their rich mathematical vocabulary and witness such resourcefulness between all year groups. From tying knots to secure the edges of cubes or triangular prisms to create vertices, to stripping leaves from branches and cutting them to size for accurate shape side proportions, the pupils proved that once again they have great growth mind-sets and dedicated determination to succeed.



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 Week:

What are your hopes for your next year in school?



Key Dates

Summer Term 2018

Friday 29th June – HLC Games for Key Stage 2

Sunday 1st July- Exe Valley Challenge.

23rd July – Federation Sports Day & Race for Life.

24th July – Last Day of Term

Hockey at HLC

Congratulations to our Key Stage Two children who took part in the hockey event at Honiton Community College on Monday. The children played really well as a team, and narrowly missed out on winning the final. The referees said that 'if there was a prize for the most improved team, then Farway would have won that prize'. Well done to everyone involved!



Quad Kids Results

On Monday 11th June, our children took part in a Honiton Learning Community Quad Kids event. We have now got the results back from the event and are pleased to announce that even though our team did not win, both Summer and Ben did very well in the individual rankings. Summer was the 3rd place girl with 137 points, and Ben was the 1st placed boy with 186 points. Well done to them!

Sun cream and Hats

As the weather is becoming warmer, on warm days the children should have a sun **hat** with them, and have **sun-cream** already applied, before they come to school. We are not able to apply sun cream for the children. If children can apply sun cream themselves, please send them in to school with a named bottle of cream, to put extra on during the day (we have noticed that there is now roll on sun cream, which is easy for children to put on by themselves). Please can the children also bring a **water bottle** to school with them? Thank you for your help with this. **This is especially important to remember on the days that children will be doing P.E lessons, as they can easily overheat in the sun.**

Fundraising for Playground Soft Surface

We are going to start fundraising to raise funds, so that we can upgrade our preschool playground area, to a soft bouncy, rubber surface. This will make a huge difference to the outside area, which is in constant use by the children. If you have any ideas on how we can raise funds, please let us know. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch. We have now signed up for a **Bags2school** fundraising collection, so please get saving old clothes, duvet covers, shoes, towel etc. and we will let you know when to bring them into school. Thank you.

Federation Sports Day and Race for Life

On Monday 23rd July, all of the children will be taking part in our annual Federation Sports Day. As part of this event, we will be holding a 'Race for Life' to help raise money for the Cancer Research charity. We hope that you will aid us in raising money for this worthy cause, and give the children something to feel really proud of. Thank you.

Honiton Learning Community Sports Events

Throughout this year, we have the opportunity to take part in a selection of sports events at Honiton Community College. We would like our children to take part in as many of these events as possible, as they are a wonderful opportunity for the children to be involved in Physical Education, alongside friends from the Federation and other children in the Learning Community. They are also lots of fun! As the events are often only for a select age range, we would appreciate parent's help in transporting children to and from these activities.

The remaining event for this half term will take place on **Friday 29th June** and will be for **Key Stage 2** children. **Please note a mistake was made in the letter sent home regarding this, the event will be on Friday 29th June, not Monday 29th June as the letter stated. We apologise for this mistake. On this occasion we are asking you to drop your child off and pick your child up from Honiton.** Please speak to Tamsin in the school office if you are unable to do this. We would really appreciate your help with this. Thank you!

Collective Worship Activity

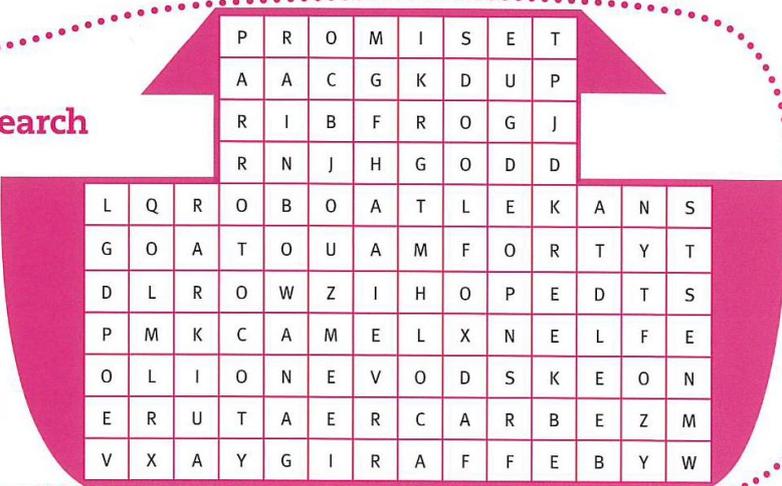
This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Hope. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've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



QUIZ Word Search

Find the words from the story of Noah.
12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

NOAH	CREATURE	FORTY
ARK	DAYS	HOPE
BOAT	DOVE	NEST
BUILD	FLOODS	PROMISE
	GOD	RAINBOW
		WORLD



Please order meals for _____

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at **week 1**.

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 25 th June 2018	Cost £2.50 per meal
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	

In accordance with our policy, if you pay for your child's meals then payments for school meals should be made on the Monday before the meals are taken.