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Dear Parents,

Well, what an eventful week! Even the weather didn't dampen our spirits or motivation as the children sang in the playground, 'Rain, rain, go away!' It certainly hasn't stopped us being superstars at Farway!

After successfully getting back into school routines so quickly, KS1 have excitedly started their new story writing literacy unit. They have been developing their story language by creating their own memorable actions for key vocabulary in the story of The Little Red Hen. In particular, they have been exploring the power of adjectives to describe their story characters. In maths, the children have been sharing their number knowledge and proving how and why they know something. Maybe when you are out and about at the weekend you can go on a number hunt. What is the biggest number you can find? Don't forget to come and tell us what you noticed!

Diary writing is keeping the pupils in KS2 busy this week. Linked to their Victorian topic, the children are working eagerly towards writing a diary entry in the role of Queen Victoria. They have been immersing themselves in the features of diary writing and the technical vocabulary definitions for the Victorian era. In maths, the children have started to explore place value and use resources to prove their understanding. Some of the children even attempted to construct the thousand number cube. The discussion and mathematical language following this work was incredibly insightful as the children enjoyed the challenge of working with four, five and six digit numbers!

In topic work, all the children have embraced their new themes. KS1 have started to explore 'Food' and where it comes from, while KS2 have begun researching the family tree of Queen Victoria. Why not share your top facts you've learnt in your new topic so far!

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 new school year resolutions?

Key Dates

Our Key dates for the upcoming year are included below. Please be aware that these dates are provisional and are subject to change if there are unforeseen circumstances. Timings will be confirmed nearer the time. We will of course keep you informed of any upcoming changes.

Autumn Term 2017

17th September – Harvest Festival at Church 11.15am
22nd September – Individual School Photos being taken
20th October – Last Day of Half Term
30th October – Non Pupil Day
31st October – First Day Back for Children
15th November - Parents' Evening
12th December – Christmas Play (evening)
19th December- End of Term

Spring Term 2018

3rd January - Non-Pupil Day
4th January - Term Begins
12th – 16th February – Half Term
22nd March - Parents' Evening
29th March - Last Day of Term and Easter Service (am)

Summer Term 2018

16th April - Term Begins
7th May - Bank Holiday
22nd May – May Day afternoon
25th May - Non Pupil Day
28th May – 1st June - Half Term
4th June - Children return to school
18th July- Open Evening
23rd July- Federation Sports Day (pm)
24th July - Last Day of Term and Leavers' Service (am)

Harvest Festival

A reminder that our annual harvest festival celebration, will take place in Farway Church, this Sunday 17th September, at 11.15am.

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets were sent home this week with every child please could you check all the details on the form are correct so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Please also ensure there is at least one local contact other than parents. Even if all the details are correct the form still needs signing and handing back to Tamsin in the office.

Clothing & Coats

Please can children bring a coat to school every day? The weather is very changeable at the moment, and we use the outside environment to support our learning - whatever the weather. All clothing also needs to be labelled with names. Thank you for your help with this.

Bags

Reading bags with reading books and reading records must be at school every day please. Children read on a daily basis.

Individual School Photographs

On Friday 22nd September the children will be having their individual school photographs. The photographs will be taken at the very start of the school day, so we would be grateful if you can arrive promptly. We would also appreciate it if the children can come to school, dressed smartly in their full school uniform, including sweatshirt/cardigan with logo. The children may wish to bring a hairbrush to school with them, on this occasion.

Outdoor clothing and P.E Kit

All children need to have appropriate outdoor clothing with them for every Wednesday afternoon. The children also need to have the full P.E kit in school every Monday, consisting of red Farway logo t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Thank you.

Headlice

There has been a recent case of Head Lice within school. **May we please ask that if your child has long hair it is tied back in school so it may help prevent the spread of head lice.** The following advice comes from the School Nurse: Please check your child/children's and close family members' heads tonight. We also generally recommend that your child/children's head should be checked once a week for head lice. The best way to do this is to wash your child's hair normally, towel dry and then apply plenty of conditioner. You should then brush and comb your child's hair and finally comb thoroughly through with a head lice comb. Current recommended combs are the Bug Buster Kit and Nitty Gritty. The Bug Buster Kit can be ordered from www.nits.net/bugbusting and the Nitty Gritty comb can be bought from local pharmacies.

It is important when using this "wet combing" method that you repeat the above method every four days for two weeks. This should ensure that all live lice, including any which may hatch during this time are removed. Health practitioners do not recommend the use of insecticides. For further information please contact your school nurse on 01395 576162.

Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Forgiveness. 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.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Maze

Design your own version of the maze tree in the story of Zacchaeus.

You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it.

It's up to you! Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.

Sidmouth Science Festival

The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival will take place from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with lots of free events suitable for everyone. Please visit the website at www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org for the full programme, news about events, and details on how to reserve places for some events.

BRANSCOMBE HARVEST FAIR 2017

16th September

12-4pm

Branoc Hall & Field

DOG SHOW Stalls
RAFFLE TUG-OF-WAR

VILLAGE SHOW

Bar ARENA EVENTS
Refreshments

FUN & GAMES Crafts



Adults: £1.50
(includes a Lucky
Programme)
Children: free

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