

# Farway Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

The federation skittles and autumn activity day was a huge success, tremendous fun, and highly engaging. As usual, the children from Farway did themselves proud by being excellent role models at all times!



Being 'honest and reliable', 'positive and hardworking', 'kind and caring' and 'treating others as we would like to be treated' are just a few of the Farway Orchard Aims the children at Farway have been focusing on this week. Who will become our new Orchard Aim Stars? Don't forget to find out by looking at our Orchard Aim Stars' notice board situated by the entrance.

The children in KS1 have been getting down on the farm with 'Farmer Duck' in their new literacy unit this week. Having watched a short video clip of the delightful tale and shared the book together several times, the children have been enthusiastically creating actions to help them recall the story language. Mask making and puppet making have also kept them busy, as they have continued to familiarise themselves with the characters and plot, by acting out the story to remember the order of events, in Farmer Duck's rather hectic day!

In their maths learning, the children in KS1 have been exploring some new resources to help them identify the value of each digit. They have looked at '10' sticks and '1' cubes and some of us even looked at the '100' squares. The children soon realised that the digits within a number have different values and were keen to create 2 and 3 digit numbers using the new resources. Explain to someone at home how you would make 43. Explain how many '10' sticks and '1' cubes you would need to represent the value of the digits in the number 43. Now describe what the number would be, if you saw, 8 '10' sticks and 7 '1' cubes?

Malnourished, diseased, scrawny, filthy and miserable are just a small selection of the amazing adjectives chosen by KS2 to describe their new literacy character from their new 'Fair's Fair' text. Carefully creating a character profile, the pupils have analysed the writer's use of detail and description, to pick out the key facts required for their profile. Linked to the Victorian topic, the new KS2 text tells the life a poor young boy from the Victorian era. The children are incredibly entranced by this seemingly dark tale so far, and wait curiously to discover the fate of the book's main character, Jackson.

Multiplication madness is keeping KS2 on their toes presently. Realising that multiplication is so much more than knowing your times tables, the pupils have been keen to identify ways in which they can apply their multiplication knowledge, to solve problems relating to division. Having recently established that division is the inverse operation of multiplication, the children have been methodically calculating and applying their skills. What patterns have you spotted along the way? Explain to someone at home how sometimes knowing one formula can impact on solving similar calculations.

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:**

**Key Stage 1: Why can't we just eat what we want all the time?**

**Key Stage 2: What qualities does a ruler/ monarch need to have?**

### **Key Dates**

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

20<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day of Half Term

30<sup>th</sup> October – Non Pupil Day

31<sup>st</sup> October – First Day Back for Children

10<sup>th</sup> November- Science Workshop at HCC – more details to follow.

15<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evening

12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play (evening)

19<sup>th</sup> December- End of Term

### **Outdoor clothing for Wednesday Afternoons.**

All children need to have appropriate outdoor clothing with them for **every** Wednesday afternoon. The weather is becoming more wet and muddy outside, and the activities are not suitable to do in school uniform. The clothes need to be practical, allowing the children to move freely – no skinny jeans please! We appreciate your help with this.

### **Reminder**

Please can you make sure that items from home, such as toys and swapping cards, are not brought into school? Also no jewellery should be worn to school, including necklaces that have been made at forest school. Items from home are easily lost and can cause distractions. 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. This term the events are scheduled to take place on Mondays.

The next event, is Sports Hall Athletics, and will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** and is for children in Key Stage 2. If you are able to help transport children to and from this event, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. Any help with this would be gratefully received.

## Fun Craft Club

We are lucky to have some parents who have volunteered to run an after-school craft club. There will be seven sessions, taking place on Thursday evenings after school, throughout next half term from 3.30-4.30pm, the cost will be £10. This will be a great opportunity for the children to take part in a range of different crafts, including lots of Christmas Activities. The children will be provided with a drink and snack, the Christmas CD will be on and Emily and Rachael look forward to lots of FUN! Please send in an old shirt or apron as we can guarantee your children will come home covered in glue and glitter! A separate letter has been sent home about this.

## 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](http://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.

## Flu Vaccinations

If you have returned an NHS Flu vaccination pack, the vaccinations will take place in school at 1pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## First Day Contact

Please could all parents be aware that they should let school know **by 9am** if their child is going to be absent or late for any reason, both on the first day, and on any subsequent days. Please do this by **phoning** rather than emailing, you can leave a message if nobody is able to answer.

If a child does not arrive at school and no message is received, we have a duty to establish a reason for their absence. This week we have received a letter from Devon County Council asking all schools to remind parents to make contact with the school on the morning of any absence and that the school will use the child's emergency contact list in the event of no answer on the parent(s) home, mobile or work phone(s). As a result of a recent incident in another county, DCC advise parents to **ensure that an emergency contact has the ability to gain access to their house** to check all is well in the event that the parent cannot be contacted and this becomes a safeguarding concern.

If school processes fail to locate a pupil then the school will 'Risk Assess' the situation and;

- Telephone the Police using 999 if the child is considered to be at risk of immediate and significant harm or danger
- Telephone the Police on 101 if not at risk of immediate significant harm but where there are escalated welfare concerns
- Continue to try and contact parent(s) and/or emergency contacts if the pupil is not considered to be at any increased risk.

On their child's return to school following an absence, parents must **provide a note explaining the reason for their absence**. If this is not received, we will send home an absence form for you to complete and return to school. Please note that if a written absence note is not received, absences may be recorded as unauthorised, even if you have called us to provide a reason.

## 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.



## READ TOGETHER...

### Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

Bible story based on Luke 19:2-10

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

The menu is on the school website [www.farway.devon.sch.uk](http://www.farway.devon.sch.uk) - Please look at **week 1**.

	<b>Menu Choices for Week Beginning 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017</b>	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.***

## **East Devon Countryside events – Half Term**

**Tree trail,** Saturday 7 October to Monday 30 October, The Lookout at Seaton Wetlands  
Explore Seaton Wetlands and discover 6 species of tree living on the reserve. Name all 6 using clues and interesting facts provided along the trail. Collect a trail leaflet from the Lookout. Return your completed trail to Seaton Jurassic for a free child's entry to the exhibit. No booking required, £2 per trail. Find out more at [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)

**Exmouth Mud Walk,** Monday 23 October, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, Exmouth estuary. Wrap up warm and come exploring with the Education Ranger. Dig for Estuarine worms, fish for shrimp and discover what is living in the mud of the Exe estuary! Booking required, £4 per child. Find out more and book online [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)

**Bird watching for children,** Tuesday 24 October, 2pm to 3pm and 3pm to 4pm Tower hide at Seaton Wetlands. Come and learn about the birds found at Seaton Wetlands, there will be bird spotting sheets and binoculars to borrow. Booking required, £2 per child. Find out more at [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)