

# Farway Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone for a very successful day for Children in Need. As you can see the children enjoyed coming in to school as their favourite superheroes, and were busy raising money in the afternoon with their table top sale. We raised a very respectable £136.89p. Fantastic!



We were so proud of Class 2 yesterday at The Beehive. They took part in a showcase of different presentations based on World War 1. Lots of schools in the Honiton Learning Community were involved, and Class 2 used drama and singing to bring their thoughts alive. The host, Paul Painter taught them songs for their showcase, and he said he was very moved by their performance. WELL DONE.

We now turn our thoughts towards the coming festive season, and the children are beginning to practice for the annual nativity play, with the excitement of learning new songs, costume fittings and learning lines ready for their performance on 12<sup>th</sup> December. I hope to see you there.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

## Question of the week

**Class 2:** What is your favourite piece of music or pop song and why?

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas Bingo 6 pm. at school

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Play 6.30 pm in Church

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch followed at 3.00 by a music performance by the older recorder group and guitars.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term – Cups & Commendations 2.30 pm. plus Coffee & Mince Pies

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Farway Carol Service

## Threadworm

A number of parents have informed us that their children have had threadworms. Please see NHS advice at the below advising what to do if you think your child has threadworms. We have very strict guidelines on cleaning surfaces, sinks and toilets in school, and always encourage children to wash their hands well at numerous times during the day. However problems like threadworms, Hand, foot and mouth, sickness bugs etc. spread very easily I am afraid.

NHS information on Threadworms <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Threadworms/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

**Threadworms, also known as pinworms, are tiny parasitic worms that hatch eggs in and infect the large intestine of humans.**

Threadworms are the most common type of worm infection in the UK, and they are particularly common in young children under the age of 10. Threadworms are white and look like small pieces of thread. You may notice them around your child's bottom or in your or your child's stools. They don't always cause symptoms, but people often notice itchiness around their bottom. This can be worse at night and can sometimes disturb sleep.

**When to see your GP** If you think you or your child may have threadworms, you can usually treat the infection yourself with medication available at pharmacies without prescription. You only usually need to see your GP if you think you have threadworms and you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you think your child has threadworms and they are under two years old. This is because the treatment recommended in these circumstances is usually different to what is recommended for most people.

**How are threadworms spread?** Threadworms lay their eggs around an infected person's anus (bottom), usually at night. Along with the eggs, the worm also secretes mucus that causes itching. If the eggs get stuck on the person's fingertips when they scratch, they can be transferred to their mouth or onto surfaces and clothes. Other people who touch an infected surface can then transfer the eggs to their mouth. Threadworm eggs can survive for up to three weeks before hatching. If the eggs hatch around the anus, the newly born worms can re-enter the bowel. Eggs that have been swallowed will hatch inside the intestine. After two weeks, the worms reach adult size and begin to reproduce, starting the cycle again.

**Treating threadworms** If you or your child has threadworms, everyone in your household will need to be treated because the risk of the infection spreading is high. This includes people without any symptoms of a threadworm infection. During treatment and for a few weeks afterwards, it is also important to follow strict hygiene measures to avoid spreading the threadworm eggs. This involves things such as regularly vacuuming your house and thoroughly washing your bathroom and kitchen. If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, then hygiene measures only are usually recommended i.e. without medication. This is also the case for children under three months old.

**Preventing threadworms** It is not always possible to prevent a threadworm infection, but you can significantly reduce your risk by always maintaining good hygiene and encouraging children to do the same. Children should wash their hands regularly, particularly after going to the toilet and before mealtimes. Kitchen and bathroom surfaces should be kept clean. If your child is infected, encouraging them not to scratch the affected area around their bottom, this will help prevent re-infection and reduce the risk of the infection spreading to other people

**For the safety of the children,  
please DO NOT park in the lay-by outside school.**

The PTFA are putting together a Christmas Hamper to raffle, and would appreciate any donations for this to be sent into school. Thank you

### **PTFA Meeting**

PTFA AGM Meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at the Hare & Hounds – All are welcome – as parents of children at Farway you are automatically a member of the PTFA, so please come and support your children. All are welcome – come along and bring new ideas to the table and help us to plan for future events.

### **Bags-2-School**

Farway Primary School PTFA are raising money by running another Bag-2-School collection.

**The next collection will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** We can take unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, soft toys & bric a brac (this includes small ornamental vases, dishes, photo frames, figurines, decorative teacups etc). Sorry but we can't take bedding, towels, underwear or books. If you have anything suitable to donate, please bag it up & drop it off at Farway School by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. For further information, please call Sally Hurford on 871365.

### **Branscombe Eco Greenhouse**

Branscombe pupils are building an eco greenhouse and need lots of empty/clean plastic drink bottle 2 litre size. They would be very grateful if the other children in the federation could help collect them. Please bring them to the school office and Mrs Gray will take them over to Branscombe. Thank you.

**NEXT WEEK'S MENU – Week 1 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school**

MONDAY	Beef Stew
	Vegetable Stew
	Iced Cherry Sponge
TUESDAY	Ham Pizza Sticks with Potato Wedges
	Veg Pizza Sticks with Potato Wedges
	Fruit Flapjack
WEDNESDAY	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pud with 2 Greens and Roast Potatoes
	Vegetarian Hotpot
	Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Minced Beef Pie with Peas & Carrots
	Vegetable Quiche
	Fruit Jelly
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Potato Wedges and Peas
	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw
	Chocolate Mousse

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

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

	Choices for Week Beginning Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	<b>Amount Enclosed</b>	<b>£</b>
	– Please make cheques payable to <b>Devon County Council</b>	