

# Farway Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

It seems that Christmas has really arrived across the federation this week! I'm very lucky to be able to see so many productions of the Nativity Story and to eat several Christmas lunches! The children across the federation have done so well learning lines and acting their roles with such confidence. I would like to thank all the staff who all work so hard at this time of year, above and beyond their usual roles, to ensure that the children have a super time.

On Monday I enjoyed the Christingle Service at Branscombe, where the younger children created a tableau of the Nativity Scene whilst the older ones read beautifully. On Wednesday Broadhembury Pupils performed 'We Three Kings', a delightful production from the Wise Men's point of view.

Yesterday, after a festive Christmas Lunch, Farway pupils performed their traditional Nativity in Church. The children were delightful. I was so impressed with how well the pupils performed some tricky poetry, learnt the traditional carols and included the Christian Values into the evening. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the refreshments afterwards. There was a very festive atmosphere and my son said on our way home – 'they are the loveliest of people in Farway' which I think summarised the evening perfectly.

On Monday the children really enjoyed the Pantomime Trip, kindly provided by the PTFA. Thank you to all parents for your patience and understanding at the late arrival of the coach following the pantomime. Mr Crudge has apologised (many times) and also adds his thanks. However, the children did have a wonderful time at the pantomime, and now have lots of exciting memories of their trip.

This week Class 1 have made lolly stick Christmas trees and snow globes. They have learned about balancing sums, and then discovered that Sid the Elf had been up to mischief making a glitter snow angel!



On Thursday, following the final rehearsal of the Christmas play the children made their table decorations for the Christmas lunch. Earlier in the week pupils made mince pies in readiness for the parents who joined us at the school for coffee and mince pies after the nativity play.



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*

### **Thelma Hulbert Gallery Christmas Family Workshop - Saturday 12 December**

Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm. Create your very own Christmas cards for family and friends! Join printmakers from the Double Elephant Print Workshop for a fun-packed printing workshop for all the family.

All ages and abilities welcome. This activity is free (suggested donation £2 per child). All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**Due to all the Christmas events across the federation over the next week Mrs Gray and Miss Prince won't be following their usual timetable. If you need to speak to either of them please ask in the office for a message to be given to them.**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last Craft Club**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Farway Open Morning 10.30–11.45am.**

**Please encourage friends to visit.**

**Leaflets are available in the entrance for distribution.**

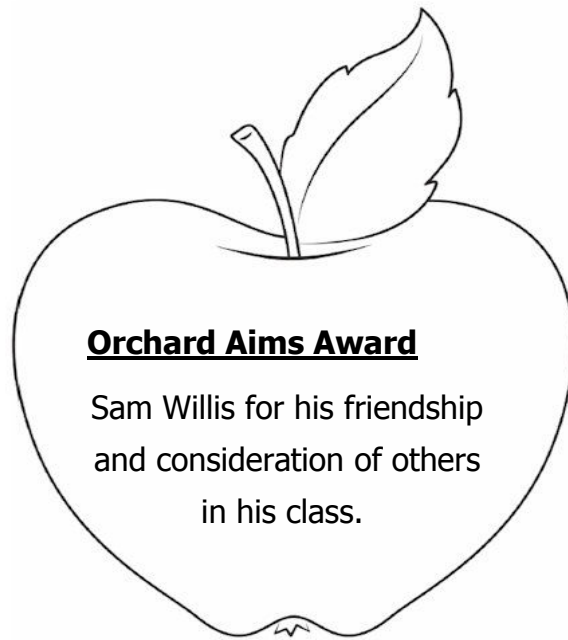
***A big thank you to all parents who are helping to promote the school.***

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December–Making Christingles for Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – First day of Term for pupils**

**Can all cups please be returned next week in good time for the  
Cups & Commendations Assembly on Friday. Thank you.**



### **FARWAY EVENTS**

#### **Friday 18 December**

Join us for the last skittles match of 2015 which will be Bailys V Hole in the Ground.

**Please note this match is a change to the original schedule.** The bar will be open from 7.30pm and the fire will be burning brightly. Please bring a plate of food to share to get in the Christmas spirit – everyone is welcome to join in the festivities.

The bar will open again on Friday 8 January when skittles matches will resume.

#### **Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve)**

As usual, there will be carol singing round the village, weather permitting.

#### **NOVEMBER WEATHER IN FARWAY**

Highest temperature	17.2°C on	7 November
Lowest temperature	-2.5°C on	23 November
Highest wind gust	53.7 mph	18 November
Monthly rainfall	3.89 inches	

**Please order meals for the whole week and return this slip with your week's choices on Monday morning.**

Should you wish to change your order, we will be able to make adjustments on the day, so if a child is absent, or just if you change your mind, we'll be able to cancel any meal previously ordered (or add one on!)

**Please notify the office of any changes** as we no longer call the dinner register in class.

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

MONDAY	Chicken & Pasta Bake with crusty bread
	Vegetable Pasta Bake with crusty Bread
	PACKED LUNCH: WHITE SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: HAM, TUNA MAYO, EGG MAYO or MILD CHEDDAR SIDE: of Mixed Sticks: Carrot, Celery & Cucumber with Humous Dip
	Chocolate Crisp
TUESDAY	Jacket Potato with Tuna and Sweetcorn
	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Coleslaw
	PACKED LUNCH: WRAP with Choice of: MILD, SPICY CHICKEN or SPICY BEANS with LETTUCE SIDE: of GRATED MILD CHEDDAR and CHERRY TOMATO
	Chocolate Mousse
WEDNESDAY	Toad in the Hole with Carrots, Peas & Onion Gravy
	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole with Carrots, Peas & Onion Gravy
	PACKED LUNCH: WHOLEMEAL SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: BLT (unsmoked) or SLICED EGG (& salad cream) SIDE: of HOMEMADE WALDORF SALAD (without walnuts)
	Cherry Shortbread Biscuit
THURSDAY	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Veg & Roast Potatoes
	Cauliflower Cheese, Seasonal Veg & Roast Potatoes
	PACKED LUNCH: COLD PASTA POT With Choice Of: HAM or HALLOUMI in a Tangy Tomato Sauce SIDE: of BUTTERED CHEESE SCONE
	Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Cod with Chips & peas
	Sweetcorn & Pepper Fritters with Chips and Peas
	PACKED LUNCH: MULTIGRAIN SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: ROAST PORK & PICKLE or TUNA SALAD SIDE: of COLD VEGETABLE FRIED RICE POT
	Fruit Crumble with Custard

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 \_\_\_\_\_

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	

**Please ensure this form is returned to school on Monday morning**