

# Farway Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

The dress rehearsal of the Farway Nativity play, Gold, Frankincense and Mirth went well yesterday and I am looking forward to seeing the children's performance at 6.30pm this evening. Please join us at school afterwards for coffee and a hot mince pie it will be lovely to see you.

Thank you to those parents who have already sent back thoughts regarding the school's behaviour policy. All schools are expected to have a behaviour policy and it is good practice to review these from time to time, which the governors of The Jubilee Federation are currently doing.

I firmly believe that if pupils know the sort of behaviour that is expected of them, and the rewards and sanctions that will be put in place, then they will feel the system is fair and behaviour will improve. I also feel that if governors write the policy without involving people within the school community then staff, pupils and parents won't feel that they 'own' the policy and it won't be so effective. Therefore, I'm asking for your help. Enclosed with this newsletter there is a questionnaire about behaviour in the school. Please fill it in as honestly as you can and return it to me. Over the next few weeks we are also going to ask the children's opinions about how they think a behaviour policy should work at our school. From previous experience, the children often have brilliant ideas that do work.

I know that you will appreciate that it is important that we don't rush this process, it needs to be done thoroughly so that we know it will be effective when put into place. I will of course keep you informed about the new policy as it is developed. I would be very grateful if you could support this process and send back your questionnaires before the end of term.

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 was life like before mobile phones?



Can you please send in yoghurt pots/margarine tubs, candles, foliage, ribbon, tinsel etc. to make table decorations for the Christmas lunch on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

**Craft Club** - next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be making Christmas Cards.

**Donations Please** - Class 1's Junk Modelling supplies are very low – please raid your cupboards and send in any spare yogurt pots, kitchen towel rolls, boxes, coloured paper etc, and lots of old newspapers please. Thank you.

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch

- We need numbers and pudding choice –at school first thing on **Monday morning**

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

**Bad Weather** - Now that we are closer to winter and bad weather situations become more likely, please can we remind you about the system for bad weather and school closures. If the weather looks like it may be bad enough to cause a closure please call the Saunders' special mobile number on **07811 058600**. If Mrs Gray has decided to close the school she will have notified them and they will put a message on the answerphone stating that school is closed. In the event of a closure, Mrs Gray or another member of staff will also call parents to let them know.

If you have any questions regarding any of this, please do get in contact with a member of the Admin team.

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

Displayed in the school entrance is the latest certificate from Ecokids confirming the collection of 350kg of recyclable materials for which we received £209.25p. Attached to this newsletter is a sticker for each child as a small thank you.

# One Night in Bethlehem

Unscramble the words  
below to find a special  
Christmas message.



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**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	School Christmas Lunch – Traditional Roast Turkey with Cocktail Sausage, Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce Vegetarian option: Vegetarian Nut Roast Mince Pies or Chocolate Mousse
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 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday	Roast Turkey/Nut Roast Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	<b>Amount Enclosed</b>	<b>£</b>
	– Please make cheques payable to <b>Devon County Council</b>	

# Farway C of E Primary School

## Behaviour Policy

### Questionnaire for Parents

1. What do you think are important elements within a school behaviour policy?

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2. What sort of rewards do you think could be put in place to reward positive behaviour?

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3. Can you suggest any ways school could sanction inappropriate behaviour?

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PLEASE COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING IDEAS

	GOOD IDEA	NOT A GOOD IDEA
<p>4. Setting up a confidential problem box in school where children can post any concerns that they are embarrassed to tell a member of staff about.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		
<p>5. Establishing a playground charter or 'golden rules' type list.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		
<p>6. Setting up a house point system. We feel that there are several issues with individual reward systems – often it's the same children who get praised, or children who are always 'good' don't understand when they aren't praised all the time. Therefore if we set up 'school teams' that get points throughout the week it would encourage team work and encourage older children to work with the younger ones etc. Can you suggest how the winning team could be rewarded?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		

<p>7. For children who are regularly in trouble some schools use a 'report card' system. After each lesson the teacher writes about the behaviour and discusses this with the child – the parents are informed of the outcome at the end of each week.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		
<p>8. For serious 'offences' (or continuous poor behaviour not sorted out with the report card system) a letter could be sent home, if three of these are sent in a set period, this would result in a fixed term exclusion. Children would be aware of the seriousness of these letters.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		
<p>9. Having responsibilities for older children – e.g. reading partners, playground buddies etc. (Any further ideas for responsibilities would be welcome).</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		

**Please add any further comments or ideas here, and don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to chat anything through.**