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Dear Parents,

Another week gone! Time really does fly, especially at this time year.

This week the children in Class 1 have been writing their Very Hungry Caterpillar stories, and learning how they turn into butterflies.

Class 2 have been researching autobiographies of famous people.

All the children are busy practising the annual nativity play and I am looking forward to seeing their performance at 6.30pm. on 12th December. If you are unable to join us on the 12th - perhaps you would prefer to come along to the dress rehearsal on Thursday 11th at 2.00pm. It will be lovely to see you.

The governors of The Jubilee Federation are in the process of writing a new behaviour policy that is more fit for purpose. 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.

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 the most important invention since 1950?

Craft Club - next Tuesday 9th December we will be making seasonal felt decorations.

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

Thursday 11th December – 2.00pm Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal in Church – If you are unable to come along on 12th December, please join us in the Church for the dress rehearsal.

Friday 12th December – Christmas Play 6.30 pm in Church

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

Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term – Cups & Commendations 2.30 pm. plus Coffee & Mince Pies

Sunday 21st December – Farway Carol Service

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.**

Bags-2-School – Once again you have risen to the challenge and helped us to raise a very respectable £209.25p. Added to the £249.60 from the October collection this makes an amazing £458.85p in just a few months!
We've already started collecting again and would appreciate your donations to keep this incredibly easy source of income going. For further information, please call Sally Hurford on 871365. Thank you all.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU – Week 3 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

MONDAY	Sausage Roll with Baked Beans & Mashed Potato
	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Spring Onions and Baked Beans
	Fruit Sponge & Custard
TUESDAY	Lasagne with Green Salad
	Vegetable Lasagne with Green Salad
	Fruit Salad
WEDNESDAY	Gammon Steak with Pineapple, Broccoli, Carrots and Roast Potatoes
	Vegetable Hotpot
	Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Cottage Pie with Peas
	Vegetable Parcel with Broccoli, Carrots & Roast Potato
	Chocolate Sponge with Custard
FRIDAY	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Baked Beans
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	Cherry Shortbread Biscuit

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 1 st December 2014	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	

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
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. 		
5. Establishing a playground charter or 'golden rules' type list. 		
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>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.