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Dear Parents,

The children have been focusing on healthy eating this week and recording what healthy foods they've had at lunchtimes. We also had a visit from the school nurse on Wednesday to talk about healthy living and lifestyles. You might like to discuss healthy eating with your child and encourage them to eat healthily and get into good active habits for life.

The Farway Fledglings have been making Valentine Cards this week and using scales to weigh different toy animals.

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day and the children were involved in activities about how to use the internet safely and their responsibilities when using it. The Key Stage 1 children read and discussed the story about Digiduck and how being mean on screen is the same as being mean in the playground; people get upset so we need to think about how you would feel if someone put something on the internet about you. The children did a quiz about different scenarios and drew posters promoting the theme of 'thinking before putting images on the internet'.

The Key Stage 2 children discussed the idea of being an 'Upstander' rather than a bystander; how they could help people who had been upset or hurt by things going on the internet and how to promote good practice when using the internet. The children discussed various scenarios and case studies. They then performed a play reading about how a character's actions and lack of action had affected others throughout his life, both for good and bad.

You may wish to discuss their understanding of how to use the internet safely and responsibly. Our question of the week links to this area.

Last week we had a tie for the Orchard Aims points competition with reds and yellows scoring 14 points each. The competition is very tight as we reach the mid-point of the term's competition.

The children all have a small homework project for over the half-term break which will be due in during the week back after the break. Please support them with their research, designs and presentations, encouraging them to produce their best work.

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

When did the internet start?

How big is the internet?

How do you switch it off?

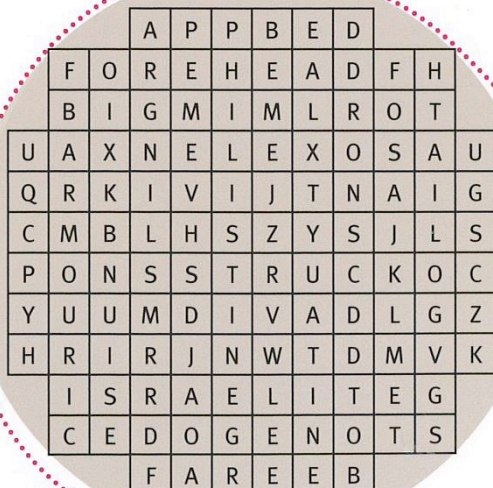


School Funding

You may have seen in the news recently that there is a crisis relating to school funding. I believe there is to be an article on Spotlight this evening giving more information. The Devon Headteachers Association and the National Association of Headteachers urge parents, governors and friends of schools to have a look at www.schoolcuts.org.uk. Although our school seems to not be affected by the changes if you type in the school name of secondary schools your child may go on to attend you will see the potential funding cuts that schools may suffer by 2019 if the current plans for a national funding formula go ahead. From this website there is an easy button that generates a letter to your MP to express your concerns. We would encourage as many people as possible to send these letters. Thank you for your support with this.

Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value Courage. 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.



QUIZ Wordsearch

Find the words from the story in the grid on Goliath's shield.

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| ARMOUR | BOY | DAVID |
| COURAGE | FOREHEAD | GIANT |
| GOLIATH | GOD | ISRAELITE |
| PHILISTINE | SHIELD | SLING |
| SOLDIER | STONE | STRUCK |



Parent Governor Vacancy

One of our Parent Governors, Clara Rose, has taken the decision to resign from her position on the federation's governing body. We would like to thank her for her dedicated service and all that she has done for our schools during her time as governor. However, this means that there is now a vacancy for a dedicated parent on our governing body. The role can be demanding, but is also very rewarding. If you think that you may have the qualities, skills and time necessary to take on this role, please get in touch with Mrs Gray in the first instance. She can provide you with more information about what the role entails. We will start the formal process of selecting a new governor in the next couple of weeks – further details will be given soon.

Key Term Dates

10th February – Break for half term
20th February – Back to school
28th February – Pancake Races
2nd March – World Book Day
23rd March – Parents' Evening
31st March – Easter Service 11am – End of term
18th April – Summer Term begins
26th May – Break for half term
5th June – Back to school
21st July- End of term

Please order meals for _____

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 20 th February 2017	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.