

# Farway Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As promised last week, the total amount raised for Nepal reached a very creditable £137.00! Well done and thank you to everyone who sent items for sale and also to all who came along to support the event. The money will help to make a difference to those in need.

This week class 1 have been observing plants to learn how they grow - why plants are green and the one in the classroom cupboard is yellow, as well as printing patterns with sponges and paint.

On Tuesday Class 2 went to Lyme Regis as part of their Science topics "Rocks, Fossils and Soils" and what a fantastic day it was for all! The children were amazed by the facts that the fossil expert told them, their investigative skills were tested in the Lyme Regis Museum and Dinosaurland. A sense of awe and wonder was felt by all when they discovered their own fossils on the beach. This was a wonderful link to their topic and will hopefully inspire the children to explore more in this area.

As May Day arrives, we are hopeful that the weather will stay dry and bright, as everyone has worked hard to learn the dances. I'm really looking forward to my first May Day at Farway and to welcoming Mrs Potter back for the afternoon as our guest of honour, she will be crowning the May King and Queen. Thank you to the PTFA for organising our refreshments.

**Don't forget that Farway School is closed to pupils on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.** I hope you have a good half term break and look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely holiday.

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

## **PC Steve and Safe Cycling**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June PC Steve Speariatt will be visiting the school for the last time, as he is retiring from the police force in the middle of June. PC Steve has been the Neighbourhood Beat Manager for many years and has worked closely with the school during that time. During his visit the children will have an opportunity to say goodbye to him but he will also be talking to the children about bike safety. If your children would like to bring their bicycles (with helmets) to school on that day they will be able to join in with the practical aspects of PC Steve's visit.

## Class 2 Question for the week -

If you were climbing a mountain, what would you take with you and why?

### Free School Meals forms

As you will know, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for universal free school meals (UFSM). Some of these children, along with those in Key Stage 2 may also be eligible under the original free school meals (FSM) scheme and it is very important that we still identify these pupils. This is because each child registered under the original scheme attracts valuable funding for their school. If you think your child may be eligible for FSM, please complete the attached form and return to the office, even if they are in Class 1 or if you do not actually wish your child to have a free school meal.

Remember that every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to receive a free school meal regardless of the outcomes of this registration form, but completion of the form may bring valuable funds for the school.

Please be advised that the Local Authority will not confirm the outcome of your application, but should you wish to know if your child attracts additional funding, you will be able to find out by asking the school from the start of July.

### Key Dates

**Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Wednesday and Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June, and Broadhembury on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Miss Prince will be at Farway on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL CLOSED – Half Term**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – SCHOOL CLOSED – Non Pupil Days**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - PC Steve, Cycle Safety**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Photographs**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Stoneage Musical in a Day at Branscombe Village Hall**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Over the Hill and Farway 10K run**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Junior Life Skills @ Donkey Sanctuary**

Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) is offering a *Family Workshop* to coordinate with their current exhibition : Drop Me A Line –Part 2 (23 May – 20 June)

### Half Term Family Workshop

**Wednesday 27 May**

**10am – 3pm**

Come and try your hand at making your very own hand-made musical instruments inspired by our current exhibition "Drop Me a Line."

*Suggested donation £2 per child. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For more information, please contact us : 01404 45006 / [info@thelmahulbert.com](mailto:info@thelmahulbert.com)  
[www.thelmahulbert.com](http://www.thelmahulbert.com)*

## FARWAY EVENTS

The Colyton Vintage Tractor Run will be passing through Farway on Monday 25th May some time between 12 noon and 2pm. The tractors leave Colyton at 10.30am via Southleigh to Hornshayne Farm, down to Woodbridge, on to Farway, across the ford and, hopefully, up Warren Hill and on to Kilmington. The main beneficiary is McMillan Cancer Support.

### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 21 June – Over the Hill and Farway 10K Run

Saturday 25 July – Farway Flower Show & Fete

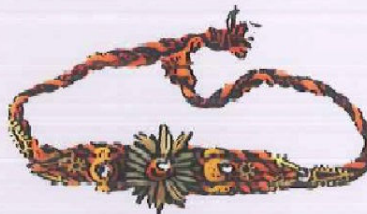
### Collective Worship Activity –



## FASCINATING FACTS

### Friendship Bands

**Friendship bracelets** are usually handmade and given to a special **friend**. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your **friend** put in to making it.



### Raksha Bandhan

One special type of **friendship** bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting **friendship**.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.

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

MONDAY	Macaroni Cheese
	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans
	Cherry Shortbread
TUESDAY	Fish Fingers with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
	Vegetarian Burger with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
	Jam Sponge & Custard
WEDNESDAY	Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
	Vegetable Bake
	Creamy Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes and 2 Veg
	Cauliflower Cheese with Potatoes and 2 Veg
	Chocolate Mousse
FRIDAY	Hot Dog in a Roll with Potato Wedges
	Vegetable Parcel with Potato Wedges
	Fresh Fruit Salad

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 <sup>st</sup> June 2015	Cost
Monday	Non-Pupil Day	-----
Tuesday	Non-Pupil Day	-----
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to <b>Devon County Council</b>	



# Application for Free School Meals

Please fill in all sections so that your child's eligibility for Free School Meals (or **your eligibility if you are applying for yourself**) can be verified. You must indicate the benefit(s) you are receiving. If you have any questions, please call the Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019**.

**Incomplete forms will be returned and this may delay the start date for your claim.**

## 1 Your name and address

Title	Initial(s)	Surname
Date of Birth	National Insurance Number	
Address		
Postcode	email	
Telephone	Relationship to the child(ren)	

## 2 Your partner if living at the same address

Title	Forename and Surname	Date of Birth	National Insurance Number

## 3 Your children for whom you are applying, attending a school or sixth form in Devon\*

Forename	Surname	Gender	Date of Birth	School	Year

## 4 Your benefits - please select the benefit(s) you receive which entitles you to Free School Meals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Income Support (IS)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Income-based & Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) on an equal basis | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Tax Credit <b>without</b> Working Tax Credit (WTC) and annual income below £16,190 a year     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (for a further four weeks after no longer qualifying for WTC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999  |

## 5 Your benefits - declaration

I confirm that as far as I know, the information I have given above is correct. I will tell you immediately if my details or circumstances change. I wish for Devon County Council to be able to assess my claim in future by a secure computer link with the Department for Education. I authorise Devon County Council to use my information to process my claim for Free School Meals and to contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial and continuing entitlement.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





**Please post completed forms to:**

Admissions Team, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD or email to [freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk) or return it to your child's school.

**Helpline 0345 155 1019**

**Important**

**You no longer have to reapply** as we are able to carry out an audit check from time to time on your eligibility status. However, as soon as your circumstances change, for example, if you start to receive **Working Tax Credits** or you **stop receiving any of the qualifying benefits**, you **must** notify us by phoning **0345 155 1019**. We will then inform your child(ren)'s school.

**We are not informed automatically if your circumstances change and you no longer qualify for Free School Meals.**

\*Applications for Free School Meals are administered by Devon County Council for state-funded schools. You should apply to Devon if your child(ren) attend a Devon school - with the exception of **Colyton Grammar School** and **Bickleigh-on-Exe Primary School**, to which you must apply direct.

Devon is also responsible for Free School Meals applications for **Plymstock School**, **Coombe Dean School** and **Oreston Community Academy**. If your child attends one of these schools, you need to apply to Devon.

**How do I qualify?**

If you receive **any** of these benefits you will be entitled to Free School Meals:

- \* Income-based & Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) on an equal basis
- \* Income Support (IS)
- \* Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- \* Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- \* Child Tax Credit (**without** Working Tax Credit) and with an annual taxable income assessed by HM Revenue and Customs to be less than £16,190
- \* Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- \* Where a parent is entitled to a Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment received for a further 4 weeks when no longer qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- \* Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

**Pupil Premium** is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The criteria for Pupil Premium are the same as for Free School Meals (see Page 1). If we authorise your child's Free School Meals claim, it means that the school is able to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child.

**Universal Free School Meals** All children in Key Stage 1 are automatically entitled to a free school meal. If you apply for Free School Meals for a child in KS1, we will check your entitlement for Pupil Premium only and inform the school that your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium. You can speak with the school directly to find out how they use the funding. Please note that we will not respond to your application for Free School Meals for a child in KS1 if he or she is already entitled to a free school meal. Even so, we ask all parents to complete this form as it enables schools to know about every child on roll who is eligible for the Pupil Premium additional funding.

**You do not need to send evidence of your qualifying benefit(s) with this application. If we need evidence at a later date, we will contact you.**