

# Farway Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that following the interviews that were held earlier this week, we have appointed a Key Stage 2 teacher who will be starting at Farway, in April, after the Easter break. We are very much looking forward to her joining the school. As a matter of courtesy we are waiting until the successful candidate has informed her current class before we announce her name, however, I am confident that she will fit in well and make a positive impact in Class 2.

Pancake races took place today, with both racers and supporters playing their part to make a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to the PTFA for their help organising this event.

Perry the Penguin spent a lovely weekend on the farm with Ben, riding on tractors and helping to look after the animals. Perry really enjoys his weekends away.

This week all pupils took part in activities linked to Internet Safety Day. This involved logging into a website where they could play games linked to safe internet use. This reinforces the knowledge of what you should and should not do when on the internet. This has given the children some invaluable groundrules to follow to keep themselves safe when online.

In order for us to make a firm booking for the accommodation and coaches, please ensure you return your consent slips / deposits for Beam House by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break – see you on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless

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

### **Question for the week**

**Class 2:** What is your favourite animal and where does it come from?

### **World Book Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March**

This year for World Book Day our theme is “Story Bears”. We will be looking at bears made famous through stories (such as Paddington, Pooh Bear and Rupert) and writing our own bear story. We are planning an afternoon of cross-curricular activities around the theme. Children are welcome to dress up as a bear if they wish and we will be encouraging them to bring their own bears to school (we will bring ours too!). We would love to hear from any parents who may be interested in joining us at some point during the afternoon to talk with the children about their own favourite bear stories.

### **Attendance**

Each year the governors approve an attendance target with our Educational Welfare Officer. This is based on national guidelines and our previous attendance records. It has become apparent that we have a few children who have slipped under this target recently and whilst this may be for perfectly legitimate reasons, such as illness, it is important that we are keeping accurate records. With this in mind we request that if your child is not going to be at school you call on the first day of their absence and then, when they return to school, provide a note detailing the nature of their absence. This should give detail such as “sore throat and temperature” rather than just stating “ill”.

### **Class 1 Reading, Spelling and Keywords**

Please help your child to learn by practising their spelling and keywords and reading with them at home – just a few minutes each day can make a real difference. Spelling tests are on Friday morning, and if children have not practised these their day starts badly. Please help your child to enjoy school and learning by ensuring that they are prepared and ready to succeed – they really will benefit so much from your input.

### **Sainsburys Active Kids**

Sainsburys Active Kids promotion will run until 5<sup>th</sup> May, and we would appreciate your support to help us collect vouchers which we can use to buy resources for the school. Any vouchers you may collect during this period can be posted in the collection box in our entrance hall.

KEY DATES	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday and Tuesday after half term	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Back to School
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Life Education Bus at Farway – more details to follow
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Comic Relief Day
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothering Sunday Service



## **NEW** MENU – Week 1 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

Unfortunately the new menu has not arrived in time to be included in the newsletter.

We will publish it on the website as soon as we have it to hand.....

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

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 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2015	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	