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Dear Parents,

A new term and a new year! I hope you all had a peaceful, relaxing break.

The children will be bringing their topic plans for the term home today. The teachers have some exciting activities planned. Class 1 will be focusing on "Changes" while Class 2 will be studying South America and the Mayan Civilisation. If you feel you could help with any activities within the topic plan do let us know.

We welcome Mr Sutherland to Farway. He is teaching Class 2 for the next few weeks whilst we re-advertise the teaching job, please make him feel at home! The advert was posted this week and already I have had some interest with people booking to come and look around the school. I will keep you informed about the recruitment process as it progresses.

I have had some super discussions with the pupils this week regarding our new behaviour policy. I talked to the children about the way positive behaviour is promoted at Branscombe and Broadhembury and they decided that they would like a similar system. This will take two approaches – one will be how children need to work together as teams and be good team players and the other will be that children can get personal rewards.

The family teams will be renamed and the children have chosen the theme of apple trees, because of the link to Tom Putt. Each team will be a different variety of apple. During the week children will be able to gain 'team points' for positive behaviour or for effort in their learning. A trophy for the winning team will be presented each week.

The children have also worked with me on writing some children's school aims. They have decided to carry on the 'apple tree' theme and given a collective name to these aims – 'The Farway Orchard Aims'. The aims incorporate the core Christian values of the school and I am producing the final version of the new aims today. Once in place two children from each class will be able to receive a 'Farway Orchard' certificate in a sharing assembly on Friday afternoons, for demonstrating that they have shown they have carried out one of the aims.

You may also have noticed a new display in the entrance hall. If staff have seen an outstanding achievement or memorable moment then a child will be able to add this to the 'Skyline of Magic Moments' display. Each achievement will be written on a strip of paper and added to each skyscraper to create the different floors within the building! Hopefully, being part of a growing record of positive moments will really inspire the children.

Thank you for all your input into the new behaviour policy. The next stage is to write a clear procedure for when we need to give sanctions. We will continue to keep you informed about the policy writing process.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School

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.

Milk at Lunchtimes

The new year has also brought changes in school milk provision. Schools are now required to provide milk for all children in school, with under 5's and pupils on free school meals supplied free of charge. Milk for the remainder of pupils should be chargeable. However, we have decided that for this academic year, in order to benefit all pupils, milk will be provided for all children in the federation free of charge. The children will be told about the availability of milk but we felt it important to let parents know too, so that you are able to remind them about it if you would like to.

KEY DATES	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Thursday and Friday next week	
26th January & 2nd February	Child line workshops for Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	Pancake races / End of Term
Monday 23rd February	Back to School

FARWAY EVENTS

Winter League Skittles matches start again in the New Year on Friday 9 January and will continue until 17 April. The bar will be open from 7.30pm every Friday night - you are most welcome to join us for a drink and chat.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

NEXT WEEK'S MENU – Week 2 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

MONDAY	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread
	Macaroni Cheese with Seasonal Greens
	Chocolate Crispy Cake
TUESDAY	2 Chipolata Sausages, Creamy Mash, Peas & Gravy
	2 Vegetarian Sausages, Creamy Mash, Peas & Gravy
	Chocolate Mousse
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Seasonal Green, Swede and Roast Potato
	Roast Vegetable Tart with Seasonal Green, Swede and Roast Potato
	Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potato Peas & Carrots
	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potato Peas & Carrots
	Banana Custard
FRIDAY	Fish Cakes with Mash, Peas & Sweetcorn
	Vegetable Quiche with Potato Wedges, Peas and Carrots
	Homemade Shortbread

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 12 th January 2015	Cost
Monday		-----
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	