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Dear Parents,

Continuing their noticing skills and making links, the children at Farway have been focusing on the learning powers of the owl and spider. By linking their topic work into their literacy, the children have noticed patterns and common themes between the two. KS1 children have been reflecting on their practical learning sessions, by looking back at photographs of their activities and recalling what they learnt and what they know. In Literacy, the children have continued to use colour semantic cards to identify different types of words in their sentence. They have especially enjoyed acting out the nouns, verbs and adverbs from their bread making instructions.

In their topic work, KS1 have been learning a song to help them remember the journey a banana makes from the tree to the shop. After watching a short video showing where bananas come from, the children created their own lyrics and actions to help them recall the banana's journey. Can you remember which country bananas are grown in? Can you explain what happens after they have been cut from the banana tree? The children have been incredibly curious to learn about the journey of other food and notice where in the world it comes from!

KS2 pupils have also continued their reflections this week, by looking through photographs of practical based sessions and making links between their other learning. It has been incredible to see the children reflect with such maturity and detail. They have embedded their knowledge of the Victorians by discussing their understanding and identifying links. The blue, 'good for you' highlighter has never been so well used! The detail and application of technical vocabulary for their Victorian topic has been commended.

I'm sorry I haven't managed to be at Farway this week. Branscombe had its Ofsted inspection on Wednesday and so my plans were somewhat disrupted! A huge thank you to the staff team from across the federation who dropped everything to help and support the Branscombe team! I will see you at Farway on Monday.

There will not be a Friday newsletter next week as the clerical staff member responsible for this has a planned absence. However, if there is anything urgent we will send a note home on Thursday.

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:

Key Stage 1: Why do we need to eat food?

Key Stage 2: What can we learn from a family tree?

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2017

12th October – Skittles day at Farway Village Hall

16th October – HLC Gym Festival for Yrs 1 & 2, at HCC - to be confirmed.

20th October – Last Day of Half Term

30th October – Non Pupil Day

31st October – First Day Back for Children

10th November- Science Workshop at HCC – more details later.

15th November - Parents' Evening

12th December – Christmas Play (evening)

19th December- End of Term

Skittles Day Reminder

On Thursday 12th October we are having a Skittles Tournament at Farway Village Hall. A separate letter has been sent home about this. Please can parents **drop off** and **pick up** all children, from the village hall? Please let us know ASAP if you have a problem with this. The children will need a **packed lunch**. A reminder that no child will be able to attend this event, if we have not received a **completed SOE3 permission form**. Thank you for your help with this.

Outdoor clothing for Wednesday Afternoons.

All children need to have appropriate outdoor clothing with them for **every** Wednesday afternoon. The weather is becoming more wet and muddy outside, and the activities are not suitable to do in school uniform. The clothes need to be practical, allowing the children to move freely – no skinny jeans please! We appreciate your help with this.

Reminder

Please can you make sure that items from home, such as toys and swapping cards, are not brought into school? Also no jewellery should be worn to school, including necklaces that have been made at forest school. Items from home are easily lost and can cause distractions. Thank you.

Honiton Learning Community Sports Events

Throughout this year, we have the opportunity to take part in a selection of sports events at Honiton Community College. We would like our children to take part in as many of these events as possible, as they are a wonderful opportunity for the children to be involved in Physical Education, alongside friends from the Federation and other children in the Learning Community. They are also lots of fun! As the events are often only for a select age range, we would appreciate parent's help in transporting children to and from these activities. This term the events are scheduled to take place on Mondays. The next event takes place on **Monday 16th October** and is for children in **Years 1 & 2**. If you are able to help transport children to and from this event, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. Any help with this would be gratefully received.

Headlice

There has been a recent case of Head Lice within school. **May we please ask that if your child has long hair it is tied back in school so it may help prevent the spread of head lice.** The following advice comes from the School Nurse: Please check your child/children's and close family members' heads tonight. We also generally recommend that your child/children's head should be checked once a week for head lice. The best way to do this is to wash your child's hair normally, towel dry and then apply plenty of conditioner. You should then brush and comb your child's hair and finally comb thoroughly through with a head lice comb. Current recommended combs are the Bug Buster Kit and Nitty Gritty. The Bug Buster Kit can be ordered from www.nits.net/bugbusting and the Nitty Gritty comb can be bought from local pharmacies.

It is important when using this "wet combing" method that you repeat the above method every four days for two weeks. This should ensure that all live lice, including any which may hatch during this time are removed. Health practitioners do not recommend the use of insecticides. For further information please contact your school nurse on 01395 576162.

Flu Vaccinations

Every child in year's 1-4 should have received an NHS Flu vaccination pack. If you have not already returned these forms, to let us know whether or not you would like your child vaccinated, please can you send them in to Tamsin in the Office ASAP. Spare forms are available from the office, if you need one please let us know. Thank you for your help with this.

Collective Worship Activity

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



Sidmouth Science Festival

The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival will take place from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with lots of free events suitable for everyone. Please visit the website at www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org for the full programme, news about events, and details on how to reserve places for some events.

Half term Soccer School

Saints Southwest Soccer Schools offer exceptional value for money, and the opportunity for young players to improve their skills through a structured and enjoyable coaching programme devised and delivered by experienced and FA qualified coaches. The Soccer Schools are action packed days which allows children to learn new skills and improve match play whilst having fun. Courses run during October Half Term from JUST £7.50 for a full course.

To BOOK please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.

Please order meals for _____

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at **week 3**.

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 9 th October 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.

Forest School Update



- All the children have been involved in helping in the garden. They have been weeding, digging, hoeing, pruning, clearing huge branches and just generally helping to make the garden look neat and tidy.
- We have been talking about wearing appropriate clothing during forest school sessions. The weather might become colder and wetter, but we will still plan to work outside and so it is important the children are warm (lots of layers) and dry (waterproof coats and boots).
- If you would like to send us in any spare spring bulbs to plant in our newly weeded patch, that would be much appreciated, thank you.

4th October 2017