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Dear Parents,

Another busy week draws to a close. The Fledglings have been very industriously making Father's Day crafts as well as revisiting the story of Dear Zoo. Class 1 have designed their own flags which are now decorating the classroom – do have a look if you get a chance. A big thank you to Mark Westlake for coming in to class 1 to talk to the children about the postal service. They learnt all about letters and parcels, and he also helped them to set up their own Post Office:



Class 2 have been enjoying the weather with some lessons outside, including number lines in chalk on the playground. Some Year 6 pupils have been taking part in the Invigowrite sessions, with Saskia, Elliot and Ross all being commended, and Saskia coming in 2nd place from all the schools taking part in the 500 Word Story Competition. Well done Saskia!

You may be aware that we are in the process of advertising for a Key Stage 2 teacher across the federation. Miss Salter has resigned some of her hours across the federation and we are also looking at ways of covering teachers for their non-teaching time. The way we organise this will very much depend on the particular skills of the applicants. I will keep you informed as the process develops.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School

Class 2 Question for the week -

If you lived in the stone age, what would you miss most about modern life?

Attendance

We will shortly be sending home details of your child's attendance as required by the DfE and so we are taking this opportunity to provide you with further information regarding this.

It is now more important than ever that all children have a good education and that they attend school regularly. They have one chance at school and successful futures are dependent upon regular attendance. If children do not attend school regularly they may not be able to keep up with school work. It is not only academic work which can suffer, it can also affect children's ability to make and keep friendships, a vital part of growing up. Being on time is also important and arriving late in school can be disruptive to both children and teachers. We recognise that some parents may be trying hard but are finding it difficult to get their children to attend school for one reason or another. We urge you to come and speak with us if this is the case and we will do our best to help. The most common reason for absence is due to illness and we ask that children are only kept away from school if they are genuinely too poorly to attend. Please ring us before 9.20 am to let us know of the reason for their absence and then confirm the reason in writing when they return to school.

We have been sent some interesting statistics from the DfE which we think put this into a clear perspective.

100% attendance 0 days missed **Excellent**

95% attendance 9 days of absence **Satisfactory**

1 week and 4 days of learning missed

90% attendance 19 days absence **Poor**

3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed

85% attendance 28 days of absence **Very Poor**

5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed

80% attendance 38 days of absence **Unacceptable**

7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed

There are 175 non- school days a year which give families an opportunity to spend time together, have days out, go on holiday and attend routine appointments.

Avoidable absence during Term Time

Requests for a leave of absence must come from a parent with whom the child normally resides. Schools are only able to authorise absence of this nature if there are proven exceptional circumstances which justify this.

Information pertaining to the Law on this matter is included on the reverse side of the request form and we urge you to read this carefully.

Many thanks for taking the time to read through this information. Please do not hesitate to ask for any help that you may need with regards ensuring that your child maintains excellent attendance at school.

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be at Farway on Thursday and Friday next week, and Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching and Learning day at Farway on Wednesday 24th June.

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

Sunday 28th June – Exe Valley Challenge

Friday 3rd July – Sunday 5th July – Residential trip to Beam House

Bushcraft

Monday's Class 2 after school Bushcraft club, was originally timetabled to be 3.30 – 4.30. However, the 'Muddy Wolves' are having such fun the sessions are being extended. They will now run from 3.30p.m. until 5.00p.m.

Sainsbury Vouchers

We will be sending off the Sainsbury Vouchers for Schools that we have been collecting over the last few months. Please have a good look in the bottom of handbags etc for any stray vouchers and send them into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

FARWAY EVENTS

Just a reminder that the bar will be open on the first Friday of every month from 7.30pm

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

This half term's Worship Value is Hope. Below is a fun activity for your family – why not give it a go? When you carry out these activities at home please do send us any photos or written pieces that you do together, so that we can put them on our worship display.



QUIZ Word Search

Find the words from the story of Noah.
12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

NOAH	CREATURE	FORTY
ARK	DAYS	HOPE
BOAT	DOVE	NEST
BUILD	FLOODS	PROMISE
	GOD	RAINBOW
		WORLD

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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 22 nd June 2015	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	