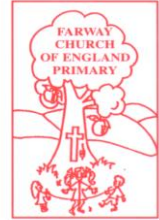


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Dear Parents,

Well, what another lovely sunny week we've all had again at Farway. It has been so wonderful to see and hear everyone's commitment to trying their best this week, even when the learning has been challenging at times and giving up might have been an easier option! Which animal learning powers have you used this week and how did you apply them?

In literacy, Key Stage 1 children have worked tremendously hard towards finalising their end writing task. Inventing their own journey tale, the children have carefully detailed their own interesting and imaginative journeys, of the tiny seeds. What happened to your seed along its journey? What did it grow in to by the end of its journey?

Key Stage 2 pupils have also shown incredible application of skill in their end literacy tasks. Using their own pupil generated success criteria lists of skills required to create a set of instructions, the children have worked with great attention to detail to apply the key features of an instruction text, to explain how to perform an Egyptian process such as mummification, building a pyramid or writing in hieroglyphics! What were your handy hints for your Egyptian processes? Which key instruction feature are you most proud of in your own instructions and why?

In science this week, all pupils have worked practically, to develop and embed their scientific vocabulary. Each day just after lunch, the children have been studying different science themed images and discussing what is the same, different or the odd one out. We continue to be greatly impressed by their level of description, and accurate use of science terminology. These images are also included each week in their home learning challenges, should you wish to discuss them further at home.

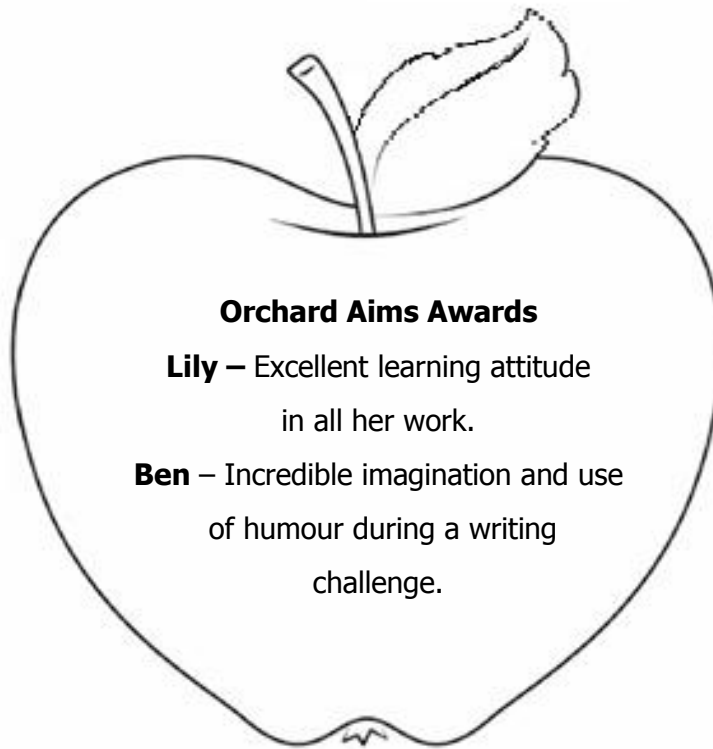


The children have also once again, been making the most of the sunshine, practicing their dancing for our May Day celebrations on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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:** Why do we need friends?



### **Key Dates**

#### **Summer Term 2018**

18<sup>th</sup> May – Royal Wedding Celebrations.

22<sup>nd</sup> May- May Day Afternoon

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May- Non Pupil Day**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1st June - Half Term

13<sup>th</sup> June- Key Stage 2 Trip to Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July- Exe Valley Challenge.

### **Exe Valley Challenge**

We are hoping to enter a federation team in the Exe Valley Challenge walk against the clock, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The event is open to all children in years 2 to 6. A separate letter has been sent home about this. If you would like your child to take part in the walk, please can you let us know as soon as possible? Thank you.

### **Royal Wedding Celebrations**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a 'Royal Street Party' in the afternoon to celebrate the marriage of Harry and Meghan. We would like the children to come to school dressed as someone in the Royal Wedding Party or as a wedding spectator dressed in red, white and blue. We would like the children to bring some party food (perhaps with a royal theme!) to share on the day. We would also like the children to bring a donation for charity which will be used to support our Federation Community Fund which is used to sponsor a child in Ghana.

### **Headlice**

We have an ongoing problem with Head lice in school. **Please** can **all** parents check their child's hair for head lice, and treat them accordingly? We would appreciate your help with this. Please check your child's hair every night. It only takes one child not to be treated, for the whole school to become re-infected. By working together we hope to prevent further outbreaks.

### **Sun cream and Hats**

As the weather is becoming warmer, on warm days the children should have a sunhat with them, and have sun-cream already applied, before they come to school. We are not able to apply sun cream for the children. If children can apply sun cream themselves, please send them in to school with a named bottle of cream, to put extra on during the day (we have noticed that there is now roll on sun cream, which is easy for children to put on by themselves).

### **May Day Celebrations, 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Can you believe it's that time of the year again when the Maypole is once again gracing our school playground? The children are already keenly learning the routines and dances in preparation for Farway's Mayday celebrations, which will take place in the afternoon on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

On the day we will provide matching costumes for the children. The boys will need to come to school dressed in a white shirt, black or grey shorts or trousers, black or grey socks and plimsolls. The girls will need to wear a white shirt and white socks. The king and queen will need their own special costume. We very much look forward to seeing you on the day to share the festivities!

### **Fundraising for Playground Soft Surface**

We are going to start fundraising to raise funds, so that we can upgrade our preschool playground area, to a soft bouncy, rubber surface. This will make a huge difference to the outside area, which is in constant use by the children. If you have any ideas on how we can raise funds, please let us know. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch. We have now signed up for a **Bags2school** fundraising collection, so please get saving old clothes, duvet covers, shoes, towel etc. and we will let you know when to bring them into school. Thank you.

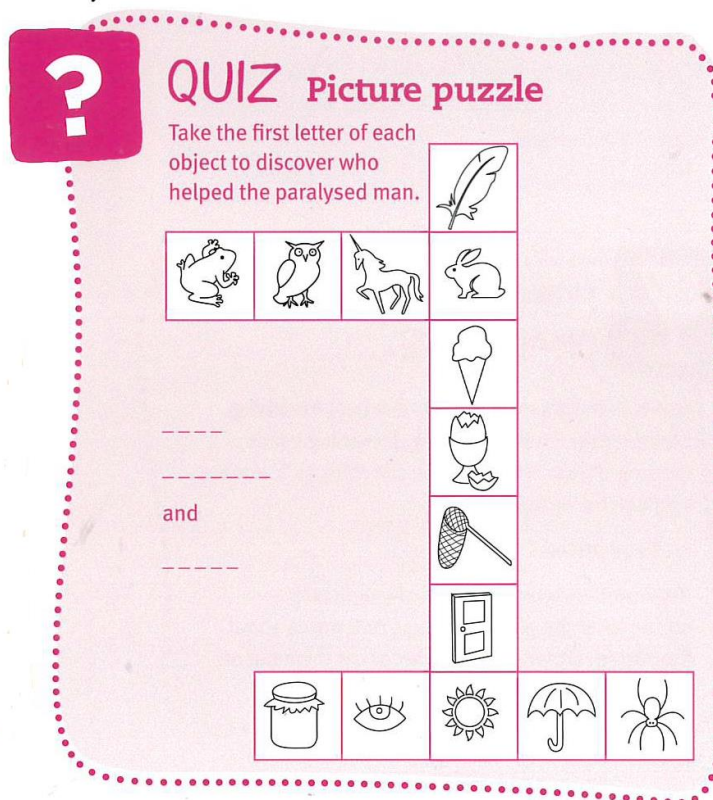
### **Honiton Learning Community Sports Events**

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.

The remaining event during this half term will be Kwik Cricket, on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, for Key Stage 2. If you are able to help transport children, to this event, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. These events cannot take place without parent volunteers, so we would really appreciate your help. Thank you!

## Collective Worship Activity

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



**Please order meals for** \_\_\_\_\_

The menu is on the school website [www.farway.devon.sch.uk](http://www.farway.devon.sch.uk) - Please look at **week 2**.

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	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.***

## **Half Term East Devon Countryside Events.**

Discover more at [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk), 01395 517557, [countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk),

**Plant and cake sale**, Friday 25 May, 11am to 3pm, Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands Pick-up a variety of plant bargains, nurtured by our fantastic volunteers. While you pick your shrubs enjoy tea and cake from the Discovery Hut in the centre of the beautiful Seaton Wetlands. No dogs. No booking required, Donations for plants and refreshments (cash only)

**Exe Estuary Mud Walk**, Sunday 27 May and Monday 28 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Exmouth LNR. As part of Exmouth Festival we are running two free mud walks! Discover what is living in the mud of the Exe Estuary. Dig for worms, search for crabs and shells and fish for shrimps. Wear wellies or old shoes that can get very wet and muddy. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. Children must be accompanied. Booking required, Free.

**Wildlife Safari**, Tuesday 29 May, 10am to 12noon, Fire Beacon Hill Bugs, butterflies, birds, dragonflies and possibly even some snakes! Put on your best safari gear and come for a ramble with ranger to explore the heathland and learn all about the creatures who call it home. Bring binoculars and a camera. Booking required, Free.

**AVDCS family explorer day at Colyford Community Woodland**, Wednesday 30 May, 2pm to 4pm, Colyford. Join the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society along with EDDC's Education Ranger for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Explore the site, find out about the wildlife that lives there and get creative! Children must be accompanied. Booking required, £5 per family group.

**Bird watching for children**, Thursday 31 May, 10am to 12noon, Island Hide at Seaton Wetlands Borrow our binoculars and discover the birds along the Axe estuary with an experienced volunteer guide who will help you to spot different birds and let you use an amazing telescope for a really close view! Booking required, £2 per child.

**Family adventure day**, Friday 1 June, 10am to 4pm, Holyford Woods A fun, hands-on day with the Education Ranger at Holyford Woods. An opportunity for families to work and play together and learn outdoor skills. Den building, fire lighting, cooking and crafts. Children must be accompanied. Aimed at 7 to 14 years. Min age 5. Booking required, £13 per child.

**What's that bird?** Saturday 2 June, 11am to 1pm, Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands Whatever your level of experience, come and improve your bird identification skills with an experienced volunteer guide. Binoculars available to borrow. No booking required, Free.

**Wildlife Day with Axe Vale & District Conservation Society**, Sunday 3 June, 11am to 3pm, Seaton Wetlands. A day of wetland wildlife fun, exploring the nature reserve and wildlife of the wider Axe Vale. Trails, activities and walks for all ages. No dogs. No booking required, Free.