Farway Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As the winter weather cooled the air this week, the children at Farway cranked up the heat, by working endlessly and eagerly towards performing their 'Christmas Around the World' play, to their families and friends.

What a night it was! From delightful dancing, to sensational singing and amazing acting and actions – they were all absolutely incredible! Like the brightest stars, the children at Farway once again proved just how terrifically talented they all are! It has been a fantastic journey preparing this play, and discovering the multitude of ways Christmas is celebrated around the world, while also reflecting upon the more traditional ways we might choose to spend Christmas with our own families.



Thank you to all our Farway families again, for their continued support and help, with children leaning their lines and songs – it really made the difference. It was so lovely to see so many of you all at the Church, and also afterwards at school, with a warm mince pie or two, sharing the deserved celebratory success of all the pupils!



Continuing to learn about the advent candles this week, in our final collective worships and RE sessions, the children have all contributed towards the creation of some stunning advent wreaths. Have you remembered how many candles are on the wreath? Explain to someone at home what each candle signifies.



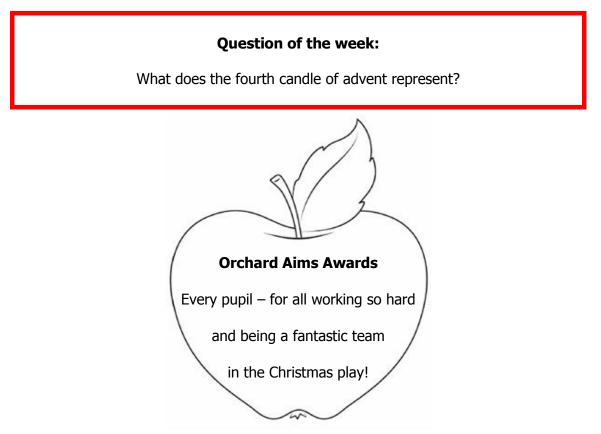
15th December 2017

This will be our last newsletter of 2017. Please let me take this opportunity, to say thank you, to all the staff for their hard work, and to you, the parents, for your support. It really does help to make the children's learning more successful. We hope you all have a good break, and we look forward to seeing the children back at school, on January 4th 2018. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and all the best for the New Year to come.

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



Christmas Lunch

The Children and staff had their Christmas Lunch, last Tuesday, on the 5th of December. It was a really fantastic event, with lovely food and lots of cheer, and got us all in the Christmas Spirit.

Key Dates Autumn Term 2017 19th December- End of Term Spring Term 2017 3rd January – Non Pupil Day 4th January – First day back at School 9th February- Last day of School before half term 12th-16th February- Half term 19th February- First day back after half term 22nd March- Parents' evening 29th March- Last Day of Term

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 first event next term is a Gym festival, scheduled to take place on **Monday 22nd Jan** and is for children in **Key Stage 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.

Please order meals for

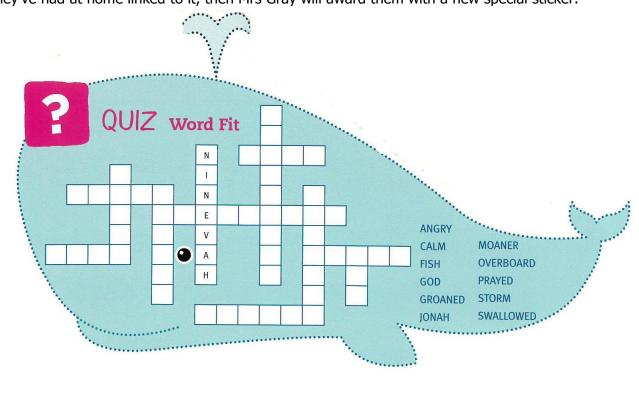
The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at week 2.

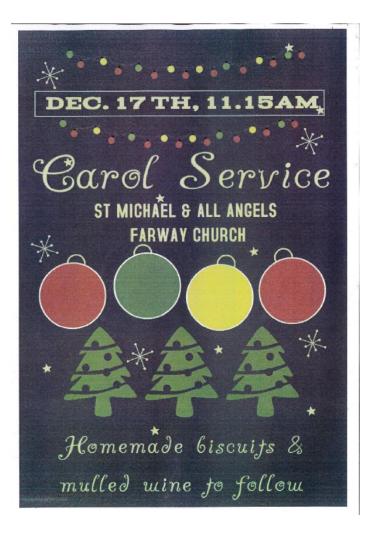
	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 18 th December 2017	Cost £2.50 per meal
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	

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.

Collective Worship Activity

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







HONITON LEARNING COMMUNITY

Here are some of the activities available in your area during the Christmas holiday.

All day activities

Honiton Leisure Centre - SportZmix (Premier Sports) - Thurs 21st Dec, from £15 per day. Further contact details: <u>www.ledleisure.co.uk</u> Tel: 01404 42325 Location: School Lane, Honiton

St Paul's Church, Honiton



Sun 17th Dec Christingle Service – 4pm

> Sat 23rd Dec Crib Service – 11am

For full details of service during Advent please see <u>www.honitoncofe.org</u>

Saints South West Soccer School at Ottery St Mary



Friday 22nd Dec & Tues 2nd Jan 10am - 3pm, £7.50 per session Book directly at saintssouthwest.co.uk/all-courses Te:l 01803 206350, info@saintssouthwest.co.uk



Swimming Honiton Swimming Pool – Fun Splash: Mon – Fri, 1.30pm–2.30pm. Contact details: <u>www.ledleisure.co.uk</u> Tel: 01404 42325 Location: School Lane, Honiton

The Manor Pavilion Theatre

Sidmouth Amateur Dramatic Society Ltd presents: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK By Alan Frayn



Ticket Prices £13/£6.50 under 16's. Group Discounts available.

Fri 29th at 7.30pm Sat 30th Dec at 2pm and 6.30pm Sun 31st Dec at 2pm and 6.30pm Mon 1st Jan at 2pm and 6.30pm. Tues 2nd Jan at 7.30pm Wed 3rd Jan No performances. Thu 4th Jan at 7.30pm Fri 5th Jan at 7.30pm Sat 6th Jan at 2pm and 6.30pm

www.manorpavilion.com, 01395 514413

Get out and about!

Roundball Wood is a small area of woodland to the south of Honiton. Three footpaths lead to the Wood from public roads (Woodhill View, Battishorne Way and Roundball Lane) and the Wood is about 10 minutes walk from either of these points.

Please take reasonable care and go dressed and equipped for rough walking. Maps available at: www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk



12 Donkeys of Christmas Spotter Trail – until 06.01.18 – 9am-4pm. No booking required. £2 per sheet – complete the trail and claim a prize

> www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk Tel: 01395 573055 Location: Sidmouth

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Tickets: Adult £6.50, U16 £5.50, Family Ticket £20 (2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children)

www.beehivehoniton.co.uk

Devon Libraries Honiton Library



CHRISTMAS STORYTIME CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSION For dates and times, please contact the library on 01404 42818 www.devon.gov.uk/honiton_library 48 - 50 New Street, Honiton

> The Beehive - Honiton Fri 5th Jan, 7.30pm Sat 6th Jan, 3pm & 5pm



Tickets: Adult £6.50, U16 £5.50, Family Ticket £20 (2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children) Accessible seating available by calling the box office

www.beehivehoniton.co.uk



Children are invited to come and enjoy our **Christmas Trail** which will be running through the lovely grounds at Ferne from the **25th of November to the 6th of January**.

Craft activities will start on Saturday 16th December and will be running most days between 11am and 3pm until the 6th January 2018. Please see the home page for details. http://www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org/index.php?page=ev ents

> Email: info@ferneanimalsanctuary.org Tel: 01460 65214

East Devon Countryside Service



Reindeer Trail

Follow the clues around the wetlands to help track down Father Christmas' missing reindeer in time to deliver his presents!

Once you've completed the trail join the Education rangers in the Reed Base for Christmas crafts and hot drinks.

Free. No booking necessary. Mon 18th Dec 2017, 10:30am - 3:00pm

Reed Base at Seaton Wetlands, Colyford Road , Seaton NEAREST POSTCODE EX12 2SP

For all winter events go to; http://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/2223876/s0184_country side-aw17-events-guide_lowres.pdf 01395 517557





21st – 23rd December, 27th – 31st December, 1st January, 3rd – 6th January Tickets £13.50 (£12) 3rd & 4th January all tickets £10 <u>http://www.barnfieldtheatre.org.uk/beauty-and-the-beast/</u> Thelma Hulbert Gallery

Christmas Family Workshop 16 December 2017 Scandi-inspired Papercraft session

Join artist Kathy Norris for a creative workshop making Christmas decorations inspired by the simplicity of Scandinavian design and paper crafting. Make festive mobiles, garlands and more. There will be something for all ages. Materials are provided just bring your festive spirit! Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Suggested donation £2/child Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LXT: 01404 45006 www.thelmahulbert.com