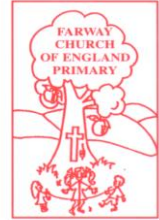


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12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

We warmly welcome you back to the new school term, and wish a Happy New Year to all our Farway families! We would like to thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts that the children gave to the staff team. They are very much appreciated.

It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school, looking so smart and ready for new learning, and we are looking forward to exciting events and learning opportunities through the coming term.

Venturing back to the Mesozoic Era where dinosaurs roamed the land, KS1 children have excitedly started their new topic. They have been eager to learn the complex names of these prehistoric creatures and identify their varied characteristics. 'Acting out' the detailed descriptions of the monstrous giants through drama and role play, the pupils have been able to retain and recall some powerful adjectives and verbs, which they will then be able to apply in their own dinosaur describing writing, next week.

Blasting off in KS2, the pupils have rocketed into their new Space topic with awe and wonder. Discovering how many planets there are in our solar system and how they orbit the sun, has proved fascinating for some of the children's initial research into this deeply engaging subject. By identifying the technical vocabulary in a report about the Earth, KS2 have started to create a word bank of science report vocabulary to aid their own report writing next week. Which is the most interesting planet so far and why do you think this?

Well done to everyone who remembered to bring their forest school clothes and wellies this week too. It is really crucial that the children have sufficiently warm and waterproof clothing to enjoy all of the outdoor learning activities to the fullest. Hats, scarfs and gloves may also be worn in this winter weather, to prevent anyone becoming too cold.

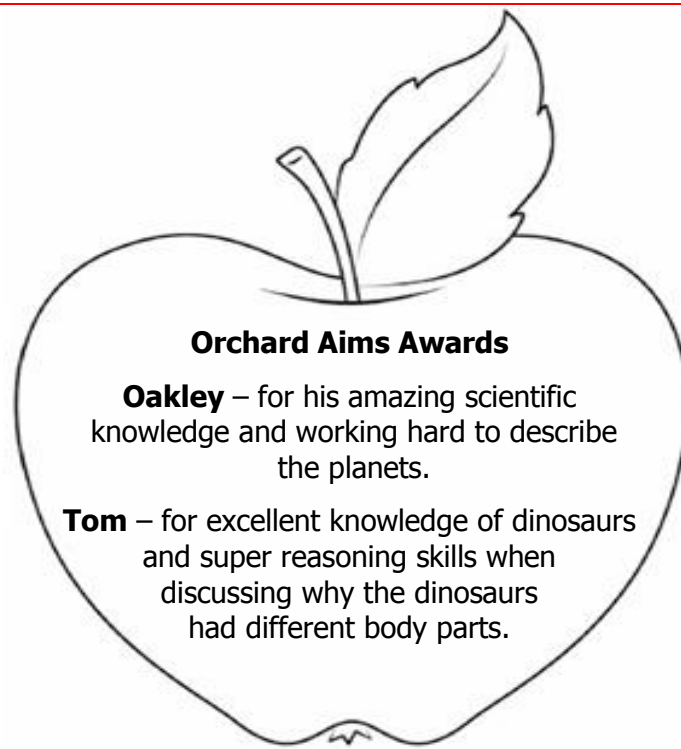
Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway CE School*

## **Question of the week:**

What are your resolutions for 2018?  
How are you going to be the best version of you?



### **Orchard Aims Awards**

**Oakley** – for his amazing scientific knowledge and working hard to describe the planets.

**Tom** – for excellent knowledge of dinosaurs and super reasoning skills when discussing why the dinosaurs had different body parts.

### **Key Dates**

#### **Spring Term 2018**

6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

9<sup>th</sup> February- Last day of School before half term

#### **12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February- Half term**

19<sup>th</sup> February- First day back after half term

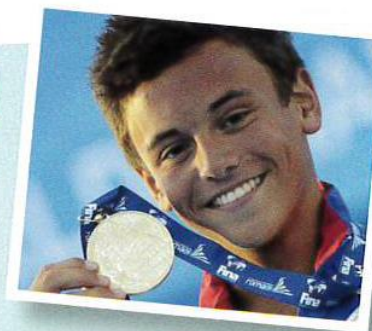
### **Honiton Learning Community Sports Events**

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 next event this term is a Hockey Tournament, scheduled to take place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan**, for children in **Key Stage 2**. If you are able to help transport children to and from this event, **leaving school at 12pm and returning in time for the end of the school day**, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. Any help with this would be gratefully received.

### Collective Worship Activity

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



### Tom Daley

Tom has become very well known as an expert diver. While still at school he won medals at swimming events across the world.

Happy times - Tom learned to swim when he was 3 years old and to dive when he was 7. Tom's parents soon realised that their son had a great gift as a diver and they did all they could to help him develop his talent.

Difficult times - For many years, Tom's father coached him, but sadly he became very sick and died when Tom was just 17.

Painful times - Like many athletes, Tom has also had to cope with great sadness in his life as well as some serious sports injuries.

**Thankful** times – Tom has been BBC Young Personality of the Year on three occasions. He loves his sport and is full of **thanks** for the people who have helped him to become a first class athlete.

### Term Dates January 2017 – July 2018

#### **Spring Term 2018**

Non-Pupil Day: Wednesday 3rd January

Term Begins: Thursday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Last Day of Term: Thursday 29th March

#### **Summer Term 2018**

Term Begins Monday 16th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May

Non Pupil Day: Friday 25th May

Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Children return to school: Monday 4th June

Last Day of Term: Tuesday 24th July

**Autumn Term 2018**

Non Pupil Days: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Term Begins: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Half Term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Children return to school: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Last Day of Term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Spring Term 2019**

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Term Begins: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Last Day of Term: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term 2019**

Term Begins Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Non Pupil Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Children return to school: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Last Day of Term: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**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 3**.

	<b>Menu Choices for Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	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.***



# **Good Samaritan Award**

## **'Looking After Ourselves and Looking After Others'**

**KS1 and Reception have been busy retelling the story of The Good Samaritan, using these props. We went into Nursery to share the story with them. Some of the children want to have a go at making a puppet. This could be a challenge to complete at home!**

How does it work?

Children will be asked to complete tasks relating to the following areas; staying safe, keeping healthy, enjoying and achieving, economic wellbeing and making a positive contribution. The aim being to give children a broad and balanced view of society.

Each class will do a life skills activity each term ensuring all children are involved. To achieve their **Red** award the children will need to complete 5 challenges, including the class ones. For the **White** award they will need to achieve 10, and for the **Blue** award they will need to complete 15 challenges. This will be over the course of the year.

Children will need to be encouraged by staff and parents to go for Blue!

If the children raise money for a charity, by putting in extra effort, they can win a Citizenship Award Certificate; for thinking of others, having an idea, putting in the hard work and raising money for a nominated charity.

Please ask a member of staff if you need another copy of the challenges.