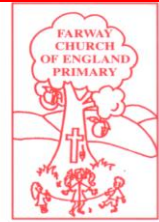


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Dear Parents,

What another busy week at Farway! The children have excelled themselves this week with their collaboration skills and team work especially. From small group work to whole class activities, it's been so wonderful to see everyone so committed to being the best they can be. As one of our year five pupils said this week, 'We might be good by ourselves, but together we are great!'

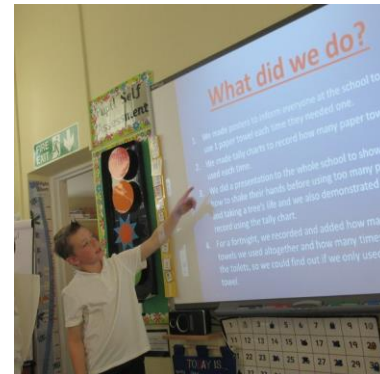
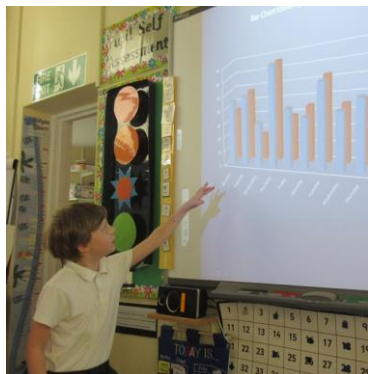
Key Stage One children have started to draft their information text by writing sentences about plants in small teams, before sorting and classifying them into the relevant sections for an information text. Can you remember why some of the sentences could be grouped together? What could the sub-headings be? Explain to someone at home what you think the captions could be for the plant photographs.

In Maths, Key Stage One children have continued to identify fractions of objects and shapes. Armed with only a single piece of A4 paper, their challenge was to investigate how many ways they could fold their piece of paper in half. What was the most interesting way you found? How did you know you'd folded the paper in half? The children collaborated fantastically to use their maths vocabulary to define what half means. One of our reception pupils summed it up beautifully by saying, 'Half is when both sides are the same. They are equal size. A bit like a butterfly!' Why not see what you can halve at home and come and tell us what you found. Some of you could even start to find some quarters or thirds!



Continuing with their biography writing, Key Stage Two have started to research their famous person. From footballers to ballerinas, scientists to world leaders, they've all looked closely to ensure the search criteria for the famous person is adhered to. What have been the challenges for the person you've chosen? What adversities have they overcome? Why was success so far away from them at the start of their career? Explain to someone at home how you feel the person you've chosen meets the selected criteria.

In Maths, Key Stage Two have collaborated to complete their federation 'Paper Towel' challenge that I set them. I have now received all the data to analyse. What a tremendous effort from all of the Key Stage Two pupils this week, in collating their data and drawing their final project conclusions. Explain to someone at home all the different types of maths you have been using in order to complete this project. Real maths, in real world situations is what it's all about. So look out Sir Alan Sugar, there are eight mini project managers after your job!



On Sunday several children, parents and staff from the federation joined together in Exeter for the Exe Valley Challenge. This annual event involves walking a route in the Exe Valley, between Countess Wear and St. David's in teams. Thank you so much to those children and parents who braved the one morning of rain we've had in weeks to take part in this super event. With some rejigging of teams, and borrowing some children belonging to staff, we managed to enter four teams into the different categories – all of which did very well. The rain didn't dampen their spirits at all, and there were huge smiles as they crossed the finish line. Well done to Charlie who represented Farway. A big well done too to Miss Moss who arranged the practice events, sorted the teams and peddled up and down the quay on her bike to find our teams and cheer them on!



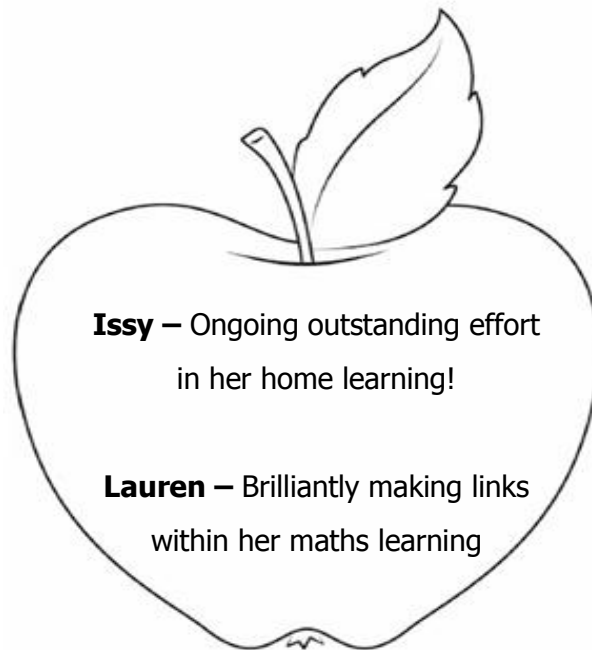
Next week myself and Miss Prince will be carrying out interviews for some staff positions across the federation and so may not be at Farway very often. If you need to talk to one of us please phone Tamsin in the office and she will be able to get a message to us.

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:

Who gives you the hope to carry on, even when things are sometimes difficult?



Key Dates

Summer Term 2018

12th & 19th July - Starter afternoons, for children joining Farway in September.

18th July- Open evening.

23rd July – Federation Sports Day & Race for Life.

24th July – Last Day of Term.

Honiton Learning Community Games

On Friday 29th June, our Key Stage 2 children took part in the Honiton Learning Community Games at Honiton Community College. The day was similar to a sports day, with the children taking part in both track and field events. The field events consisted of: howler, long jump, high jump and speed bounce. For the track events the children took part in 50/75m, 200/400m and 300/600m and the day finished with the relay event. The children tried really hard at all of the events, even in the heat, and set a great example for others about positivity and growth mindset. At the end of the day there was a medal ceremony. Ben won a medal for High Jump and Lexi won two medals, for high jump and the 400m. There was also a Spirit of the Games medal for each school which was awarded by staff. This year Summer won our Spirit of the Games award, for her support of the Broadhembury school team. Well done to them!



Quad Kids Final

Our Year 3 and 4 children did extremely well and qualified for the Quad Kids area final. The children rotated around the events (400m, long jump, howler and 50m) as a federation. Their times and distances were recorded and will be ordered with the children's scores from all of the other schools. They all had a great time and gave 100%. Well done to Issy who competed in the final as part of our federation team. A real achievement!

PTFA

Our PTFA are looking for new recruits to join in and help raise funds for the school. If you are interested please do get in touch. Thank you.

Fundraising for Playground Soft Surface

We are continuing 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. Our efforts continue.

Bags2School Collection

We had our Bags2School collection in aid of fundraising for our PTFA, this week. We are delighted to announce that we made a grand total of £164 from this collection, so well done to everyone who contributed something! We will carry on collecting donations for Bags2School, please just bring items into school. The collection is for adults and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys only. Thank you for your help with this.

Sun cream and Hats

Please remember to continue to send children to school with a sun **hat**, and **sun-cream** already applied. 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. Please can the children also bring a **water bottle** to school with them? Thank you for your help with this. **This is especially important to remember on the days that children will be doing P.E lessons, as they can easily overheat in the sun.**

Year 5 & 6 Honiton Community College Parents Tour

Mr Glenn Smith is conducting a parent tour for years 5 & 6 on Tuesday 10th July, 2018 at 8.50am. You will need to book a place on the tour. Contact: admin@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk or you can call in and speak to Charlotte Bowles on reception.

Yoga

Our children have been taking part in yoga lessons for some time, and have enjoyed taking there lessons outside this term, making the most of our lovely weather. These lessons help the children develop their coordination and balance, as well as helping create a sense of mindfulness.

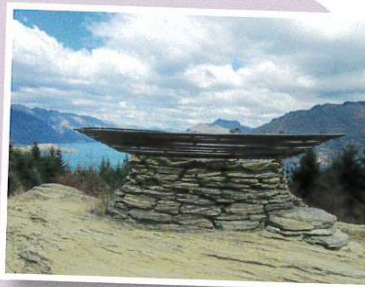


Collective Worship Activity

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

The Basket of Dreams

This beautiful sculpture is on the hills overlooking Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand. It is called the Basket of Dreams and is made from a spiral of steel. Spirals can remind us that we have a choice about the way we live. We can either travel inwards towards self-centredness where we only try to think of ourselves or we can travel outwards towards the world and other people.



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 July 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.