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Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Bailys who hosted the EYFS children on Tuesday for a morning of feeding lambs and basic shepherding skills. They had a super time and had huge smiles on their faces when they came back to school.



The children have been really thinking about healthy eating over the past few weeks and thank you to Sarah-Lucy for all her encouragement and sticker reward scheme. A lot of the children are now keen to make sure they have a balanced diet and try to get bonus stickers by requesting seconds of vegetables each meal time. Please also encourage this at home in our quest to be the healthiest school in the federation, if not all of Devon!

Don't forget that next week, Thursday 23rd March, is parent/teacher consultation evening and an appointment time request slip is attached to this letter.

As we lead up towards the celebration of Easter, we would like to invite you and members of the local community to join us for performances associated with our work on the story of 'The Three Trees'. We will be starting this work today (Friday) and leading up to our first performance next Friday.

Performances will start at 3:00pm until about 3:30pm in the playground (or inside if the weather is wet), although the final performance will be incorporated in our end of term service at 11am.

Friday 24th March - The trees' dreams

Monday 27th March - The manger

Tuesday 28th March - The boat

Wednesday 29th March - The cross

Thursday - Reflections on the story and its significance to our lives

Friday - End of term service featuring the whole story of the three trees at 11am

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

If you believe in something and want to get your message across, is getting together with other like-minded people an effective way of doing it? How would you go about getting a message across to others and persuading them that what you believe is right?

Comic Relief

We have chosen this term to support the Wear a Hat day charity campaign (see below) due to the impact a brain tumour has had on an ex pupil at Branscombe. However, we will still recognise Comic Relief day in a low key way. The children are welcome to attend school wearing their red noses or a red nose day t-shirt if they bring in a donation for the Red Nose day charity.

Key Term Dates

23rd March – Parents' Evening
31st March – Easter Service 11am – End of term
18th April – Summer Term begins
26th May – Break for half term
5th June – Back to school
21st July- End of term

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's have restarted their Active Kids campaign to help encourage young people to lead healthier, more active lifestyles. Please collect vouchers from Sainsbury stores, petrol stations and grocery online shopping and put them in the box in the school entrance. The more vouchers we receive the more sports equipment we can claim so ask your friends and family to give you their vouchers too.

Lambing Sunday at Bridgwater College - Sunday 19 March 2017 11:00 – 16:00

For a fun family day out visit Bridgwater & Taunton College's Rodway Farm and meet the new-born lambs, take a tractor/trailer ride, watch sheep racing, dog agility, falconry displays, and have a stroll around Sedgemoor Vintage Club Ltd's machinery fair!

Wear a Hat Day

On the last day of term, Friday 31st March, we are asking children to come into school wearing their favourite hat! They could choose a bobble hat, cowboy hat, top hat, any sort of home made hat or of course they may wish to wear an Easter Bonnet. We are looking forward to seeing a great range of headwear on the day, all we ask is that they bring in a donation in return for wearing their hats for an important charity.

Charlotte Reid was a pupil at Branscombe a few years ago and her father was a dedicated school governor for a number of years. Charlotte was diagnosed with a benign brain tumour in 2015 and since then her family have discovered that there is a significant underspending in the research for such a condition. Only 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to brain tumour research. Although Charlotte has had the best treatment possible known at this time, she has been left with significant side-effects and it is possible, that if more research had been achieved this may not have been the result.

Throughout her illness Charlotte has remained positive and upbeat and is happy to share her story with others in order to raise awareness of this terrible condition and its consequences. Her ambition at the moment is to raise money for Brain Tumour Research and hopes to fund a week of research at Plymouth University. Plymouth is one of the centres of excellence and they specialise in researching low grade tumours found in teenagers and young adults. A week's funding is £19,180.

Please start planning what you will wear on 31st March to support Charlotte. Please see www.wearahatday.org for more information.

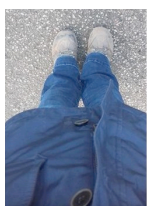
Family Workshop - Saturday 25th March 10.30am – 12.30pm / 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Learn about pinhole photography with pinhole expert Justin Quinnell and create your own pinhole camera to take home.

Adults £5, Children £3 for ages 6+. Booking essential, please contact us to book your slot on 01404 45006 / info@thelmahulbert.com

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please note this event may be photographed for publicity purposes. Please notify a staff member if you do not wish the child in your care to be photographed.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX www.thelmahulbert.com



The Jubilee Jaunt

Raising money to help find a cure for CJD



Some of the Jubilee Federation staff members (Kate Prince, Sarah Outram, Alice Hunter and Donna Jennings) are planning a walk of approximately 35 miles in April from Haytor on Dartmoor to Teignmouth and then up into Exeter, they have decided to use this walk to raise money for The Cure CJD Campaign.

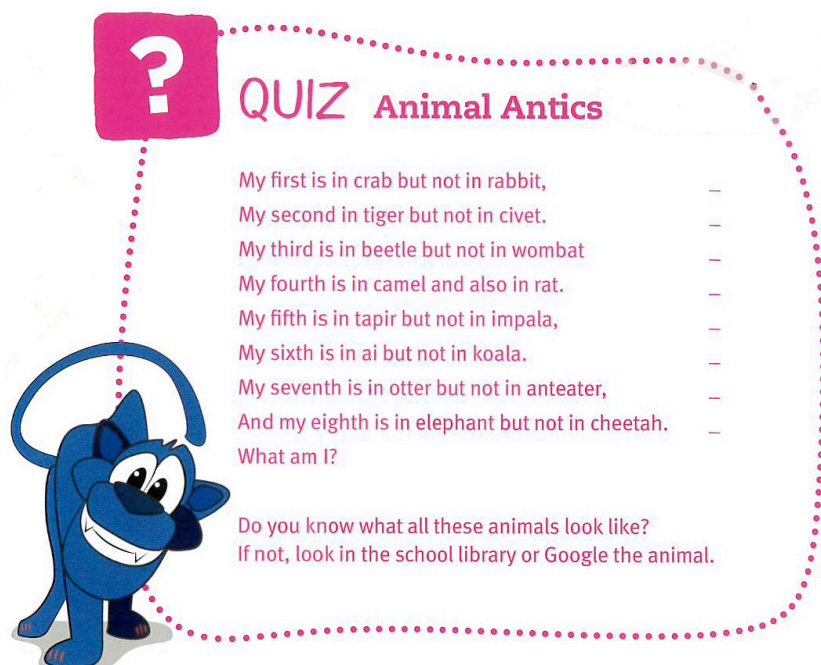
They would like to raise money to remember Sharon Facey by and also in the hope that one day a cure may be found to prevent anyone going through what Sharon and her family did. Please give generously to support this charity and your words of encouragement will help them through the walk.

You can donate through their Just Giving Page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/K-Prince or there will be an envelope in the office.

Thank you for your support

Collective Worship Activity

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

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 20 th March 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.

Parents' Evening: Thursday 23rd March between 3.40pm and 5.30pm

Name of child / children _____

I wish to make an appointment to see my child's teacher on Thursday 23rd March Yes / No

I / We **cannot** make the following times

3.40 – 4.00 ☐

4.10 – 4.30 ☐

4.40 – 5.00 ☐

5.10 – 5.30 ☐

Signed _____