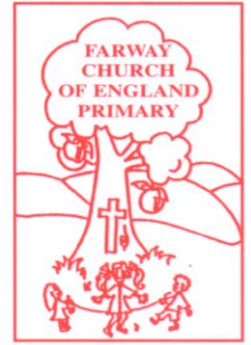


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Dear Parents,

Well, it's been lovely to see last week's positive start to the new school year continuing through this week too. Seeing the children working purposefully and producing great work, they are all rising to the challenges of their new year groups. Thank you to those families who supported the school by joining us for our wonderful Harvest Service last weekend. Well done for your lovely singing and reflective Harvest prayers.



What a busy week this has been again. Reception children continue to impress us all with their energy and love for learning, as they've been discovering the most useful 2-D shapes to create fire engines. Tell someone at home the best shape you found to make the wheels and how many you needed! Do look out for reading books coming home too, plus some letters and words to learn at home together.

Locating where they think London is on a map of the United Kingdom, kept Key Stage 1 children intrigued this week. After establishing it wasn't in Scotland, Wales or Ireland, the children eventually identified it correctly on the map and were suitably keen to then find Farway and Honiton. As the children continue to develop their map skills this term, they will be comparing older maps of London to establish a deeper insight into the scale of damage caused by the Fire of London.

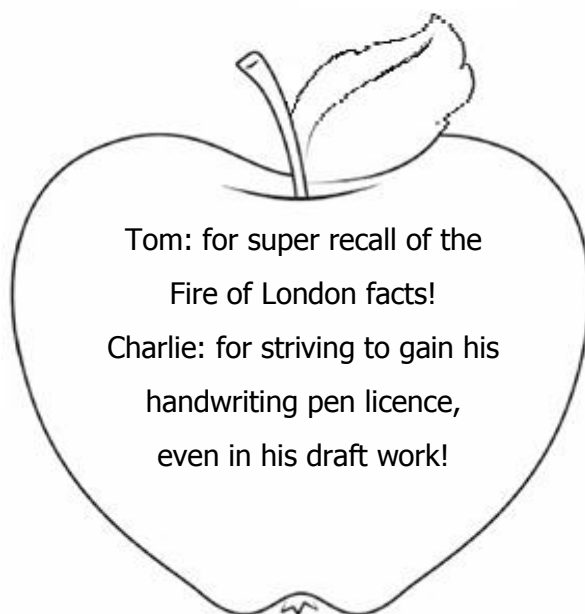


Moral choices and moral dilemmas have been the topic of discussion during Key Stage 2's R.E. learning this week. Realising the consequences of making these choices and the sometimes difficult situations people might be facing, have made for incredibly emotive discussions. Tell someone at home how and when someone's moral choices might be influenced.

Key Stage 2 pupils also started their guitar lessons this week and impressed the teacher with their collaborative perseverance and commitment. Don't forget, amazing things CAN happen when we take ourselves out of our comfort zones!

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:** Mother Teresa said, 'Peace begins with a smile...'  
What does this mean? Explain why you might agree with what she said.

### **Tesco Bags of Help scheme**

We are delighted that our school has been included in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. Voting for our project to resurface the preschool playground is now underway in Tesco's in Honiton. We would be grateful for your help in encouraging friends and family to vote for us. A huge thankyou to the PTFA, who helped to organise this vote!

### **School Uniform**

Please can parents make sure that all school uniform is clearly labelled with the name of your child? If you have ordered school uniform, but have not paid, it is now ready to collect from the school office. A reminder that all will children need full school uniform, details of which can be found on our website, including a red P.E. t-shirt. Thank you.

### **Topic Webs**

This terms topic webs are now available to view on our website. Please click on the links at the bottom of the page. [http://www.farway.devon.sch.uk/website/curriculum\\_and\\_class\\_topics/236105](http://www.farway.devon.sch.uk/website/curriculum_and_class_topics/236105). There are also copies in school on our classroom doors, if you would like to see them.

## Race for Life

Well done to everyone for taking part in our school 'Race for Life' at the end of last term, you all did brilliantly! We are now collecting the sponsorship money from this event, so please return your sponsorship forms to school as soon as you are able. Thank you.

## Child Assault Prevention Training

This term all of the schools in our federation are taking part in child assault prevention training, which will give our children positive messages, on how they can protect themselves and build safer communities. As part of this training we are holding two parent sessions, on September 27<sup>th</sup>, one at Branscombe School from 1.30-3.30pm, and one at Broadhembury School from 6.30-8pm. **Any parent/carer, from any of our federation schools, are welcome to attend either session. We would love to see you there!**

## Parent SIMS

Last term we sent home invitations to register for our new parent SIMS app. This app will help us comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and introduces an easier and more convenient way to update parent and student contact details. Thank you to all of you who have signed up. If you have signed up, please follow the links that have been sent to you to complete the registration process. If you have any changes to contact details, medical information or dietary requirements, please don't forget to update them on the app. **Due to GDPR we would prefer not to send home paper data collections sheets any more, so if you need to update personal information, and you do not have the app, please come and speak to someone in the school office.** Thank you.

## Collective Worship Activity

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



## FASCINATING FACTS

### The Nobel Peace Prize

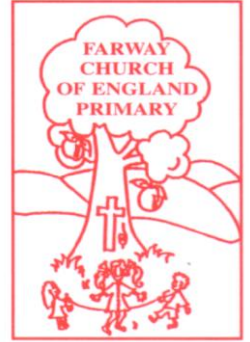
Alfred Nobel was a 19th century Swedish inventor and engineer. He invented dynamite, which was used to destroy many things! Perhaps because of this, in his will, Nobel left money and instructions to award five special prizes each year. He said that one of these, the Nobel **Peace** Prize, should be given to a person, or group of people, who had done the most or best work to promote **peace** between nations.

- The Nobel **Peace** Prize is presented in Oslo on 10th December each year by the King of Norway
- The winner is given a diploma, a medal and over 1 million US dollars to carry on their work



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Dear Parent or Carer,

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our federation's governing body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy. Please think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer.

Parent governors (governors who are parents of school aged children at the start of their term of office) are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting at least once every half term. Together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

In looking to fill this vacancy the governors of the school have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing body:

- Experience of governance
- Financial management expertise
- HR, procurement or property management experience

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training; those new to being a governor are expected to attend induction training. The term of office for parent governors is 4 years. For further information about the role please get in touch with Juletta Obudo, Clerk to the Governors, via the following email address ([admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk)) who will be happy to help.

If you would like to stand for election please complete and sign the enclosed nomination form and return to the school office no later than 12 noon on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you wish you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words). This will then be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for if an election is required. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election. An election, by secret ballot, will be held if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. If an election is needed details of the procedure will be sent to all parents.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. The enclosed sheet summarises the disqualification criteria to serve as a governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason. Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 hours per academic year or more or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Gray

Executive Headteacher



## **Disqualification criteria**

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- fails to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors);
- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restriction order, a debt relief order or an interim debt relief order;
- has had his or her estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
  - I. a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
  - II. a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
  - III. a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
  - IV. an order made under Section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order);
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of any body;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of two-and-a-half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuses to allow an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a DBS check.

## NOMINATION FORM

Election for a parent governor at The Jubilee Federation

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children in year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Pen Portrait (maximum 100 words) \*

I wish to serve as a Parent Governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I have read the rules regarding the eligibility to become a governor which I received with the nomination form and I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a School Governor.

Signed:

Date:

Please return this form to the school administrator no later than 12 noon on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

\* If you wish you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words). This will then be circulated to all parents to help them decided who to vote for if an election is required. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election.