

Farway Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

We are very excited to have a new member of Class 1 – Perry The Penguin. Perry would love to come home with a different Class 1 child each week. Perry brings a diary with him and it would be lovely if you could support your child to write a diary entry about his time with you. It would be super if you could also add photos of Perry enjoying his time with your family! Please could Perry return to school, with his diary, each Monday morning.

If there are any families whose circumstances may have changed who might now be eligible for free school meals, but haven't got round to applying yet – please apply as soon as possible, even if you don't want your child to have the meal. The school receives a Pupil Premium for every child entitled to free school meals, which we can use to provide extra facilities. You can apply online at <http://www.devon.gov.uk/text/fsm-application-form-2014.pdf> or ask for an application form from the office. If your child is in Class 1 and receives the school meal that all Class 1 pupils are entitled to, please still apply for free school meal eligibility if you are in receipt of the appropriate benefits, as school will receive additional funding.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School

Question for the week

Class 2: What would you want someone in the future to know about you?

KS1 History

Please can children in Class 1 bring in a copy (or name of) a favourite childhood book of their parents/grandparents, and reasons why this book was a favourite. Also, if anyone has any editions of Winnie the Pooh books that we could borrow we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Childline

Following the ChildLine Schools' Service assembly, the workshop about keeping safe will be on Monday, 2nd February. These sessions will give the children an understanding of abuse and bullying and how to get help. I feel the children will gain some very useful information from these sessions, and hope they will attend.

Sainsburys Active Kids

Sainsburys are running their Active Kids promotion, which started on 28th January. The promotion will run until 5th May, and we would appreciate your support to help us collect vouchers which we can use to buy resources for the school. Any vouchers you may collect during this period can be posted in the collection box in our entrance hall.

Arsenal Soccer School half term sessions

Arsenal Soccer Schools courses are aimed at 4-14 year olds of all abilities who wish to receive a unique, fun and safe coaching experience of Arsenal Football Club in a suitable environment based on their age, ability and experience. Children aged 4-6 years old will take part in a shorter 'Mini Gunners' course, while 7-12 year olds will complete the full 10.00 – 3.00pm Soccer School. Full days cost £15 (7-12 yrs), half days cost £4.00 (4-6 yrs). For more information visit www.playthearsenalway.com/february and get a 10% discount by using the code: PTAWDEVON

Attendance

Each year the governors approve an attendance target with our Educational Welfare Officer. This is based on national guidelines and our previous attendance records. It has become apparent that we have a few children who have slipped under this target recently and whilst this may be for perfectly legitimate reasons, such as illness, it is important that we are keeping accurate records. With this in mind we request that if your child is not going to be at school you call on the first day of their absence and then, when they return to school, provide a note detailing the nature of their absence. This should give detail such as "sore throat and temperature" rather than just stating "ill".

CLASS 1 Reading, Spelling and Keywords

Please help your child to learn by practising their spelling and keywords and reading with them at home – just a few minutes each day can make a real difference. Spelling tests are on Friday morning, and if children have not practised these their day starts badly. Please help your child to enjoy school and learning by ensuring that they are prepared and ready to succeed – they really will benefit so much from your input.

KEY DATES	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday next week	
2nd February	Child line workshop for Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	Pancake races / End of Term
Monday 23rd February	Back to School

Bad Weather

Now that we are closer to winter and bad weather situations become more likely, please can we remind you about the system for bad weather and school closures. If the weather looks like it may be bad enough to cause a closure please call the Saunders' special mobile number on **07811 058600**. If Mrs Gray has decided to close the school she will have notified them and they will put a message on the answerphone stating that school is closed. In the event of a closure, Mrs Gray or another member of staff will also call parents to let them know.

If you have any questions regarding any of this, please do get in contact with a member of the Admin team.

For the safety of the children,
please DO NOT park in the lay-by outside school

NEXT WEEK'S MENU – Week 2 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

MONDAY	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread
	Macaroni Cheese with Seasonal Greens
	Chocolate Crispy Cake
TUESDAY	2 Chipolata Sausages, Creamy Mash, Peas & Gravy
	2 Vegetarian Sausages, Creamy Mash, Peas & Gravy
	Chocolate Mousse
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Seasonal Green, Swede and Roast Potato
	Roast Vegetable Tart with Seasonal Green, Swede and Roast Potato
	Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potato Peas & Carrots
	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potato Peas & Carrots
	Banana Custard
FRIDAY	Fish Cakes with Mash, Peas & Sweetcorn
	Vegetable Quiche with Potato Wedges, Peas and Carrots
	Homemade Shortbread

Salad to include: Lettuce, Cucumber, Grated Carrot, Grapes, Cherry Tomatoes, Coleslaw
 Drink: 200ml Semi Skimmed Milk is included with each meal

Please order meals for _____

	Choices for Week Beginning Monday 2 nd February 2015	Cost
Monday		-----
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	