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Dear Parents,

6th February 2015

Perry The Penguin had a very exciting first weekend. He made lots of new friends, played table football and darts. He even met some of the Governors!



Perry aims to come home with a different Class 1 child each week. He 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 return Perry to school, with his diary, each Monday morning.

Class 1 have enjoyed painting with watercolours plus learning about poems, ready to write their own next week, and I look forward to reading them.

Combining the rainforest topic with art, Class 2 have made a rainforest collage for their classroom, which looks brilliant. They have also made their own Spider Top Trumps games. Well done Class 2, very inventive!

Next week I will be interviewing for a permanent member of staff to teach in Class 2 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Because of notice periods the successful candidate will not be able to start at Farway until after the Easter holidays. We have really enjoyed having Mr Sutherland in Class 2 since Christmas, however, he is unavailable to work with us after the half term break. I am very pleased to say that Mrs Crawford will be filling his shoes! Mrs Crawford was KS2 teacher at Branscombe until last July when she retired. She has done some supply at Farway this academic year and I am looking forward to working with her again on a more regular basis.

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's your favourite food and where in the world does it come from?

Sainsburys Active Kids

Sainsburys Active Kids promotion will run until 5th May, and we would appreciate your support to help us to 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 | |
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| Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week | |
| 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

Farway in February

Winter League Skittles Matches continue every Friday night in Farway Village Hall. The bar will be open from 7.30pm and you are most welcome to join us for a drink and chat. The Club Room has just been redecorated and a number of framed photographs have been hung on the walls showing local "celebrities". If you have any more photographs showing village life, past and present, please let me know. A wheelchair has been donated to the Village Hall to be used by visitors to the Hall or to residents on short term loan. This is a small wheeled chair which fits easily into the boot of a car. Obviously, anyone borrowing the chair does so at their own risk. For more information, please call Pat Beard on 871445.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU – Week 3 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

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| MONDAY | Sausage Roll with Baked Beans & Mashed Potato |
| | Jacket Potato with Cheese, Spring Onions and Baked Beans |
| | Fruit Sponge & Custard |
| TUESDAY | Lasagne with Green Salad |
| | Vegetable Lasagne with Green Salad |
| | Fruit Salad |
| WEDNESDAY | Gammon Steak with Pineapple, Broccoli, Carrots and Roast Potatoes |
| | Vegetable Hotpot |
| | Fruit Yoghurt |
| THURSDAY | Cottage Pie with Peas |
| | Vegetable Parcel with Broccoli, Carrots & Roast Potato |
| | Chocolate Sponge with Custard |
| FRIDAY | Jacket Potato with Cheese and Baked Beans |
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| | Cherry Shortbread Biscuit |

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 9 th February 2015 | Cost |
|-----------|---|----------|
| Monday | | ----- |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | | |
| | Amount Enclosed | £ |
| | – Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council | |