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Dear Parents,

As another week appears to fly by, the children at Farway have continued to embrace their learning challenges. This week, they have been thinking about the power of one small word and its ability to open their minds to grow. The children have found that by adding this three letter word to any puzzle or problem, then it greatly changes your mind-set. Can you guess what the word might be? Why not discuss at home and see the difference for yourself when you add this tiny word to the end of your problem.

If you have been confused with the delightfully fragrant aroma of a local bakery coming from our school recently, then KS1 might be able to shed some light on this matter. They have been busy little bakers, making delicious bread for the Little Red Hen to cheer her up after all her friends let her down and refused to help her. Identifying verbs, adverbs of time and adverbs in the bread making process has enabled the children to bring their literacy and numeracy skills to life in a fun, engaging and practical way. Can you explain to someone at home what a verb is and which verbs are often used when cooking?

For KS2, the pupils continue to travel through time and find themselves residing in the Victorian era. Through detailed research all about the lives of Victorian working children, the pupils have transformed themselves into chimney sweeps, coal miners, scavengers in the cotton mills and even rat catchers! By acting out these roles and freeze framing the terrible dangers and shocking conditions these children experienced on the learn pads, KS2 have really gained a deeper insight into the life of a working Victorian child. The links between literacy and theme learning continues to keep pupil's engagement high. So high in fact, that only yesterday some individuals requested to stay inside during playtime again, to continue working!

If you have not yet had the opportunity to see our lovely collective worship display area in the middle of the library, then please do come along and ask your child to explain the 'Forgiveness' activity they all took part in last week. Can you describe the significance of the heart? Do you remember why the fingerprint was washed away, yet the heart remained?

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:

Key Stage 1: Where does our food come from, and what journey has it taken to get to our plate?

Key Stage 2: Why was Queen Victoria so influential?

Key Dates Autumn Term 2017

2nd October- Handball for Year 5's at HLC

20th October – Last Day of Half Term

30th October – Non Pupil Day

31st October – First Day Back for Children

10th November- Science Workshop at HCC

15th November - Parents' Evening

12th December – Christmas Play (evening)

19th December- End of Term

Handball Reminder

On Monday 2nd October all children in Year 5, are scheduled to take part in a Handball Event at Honiton Leisure Centre, as part of the Honiton Learning Community. A separate letter has been sent home about this. Please can parents make sure that, all children in Year 5, come to school with a full **P.E Kit, packed lunch**, and their **car seat** on Monday? A reminder that no child will be able to travel to this event, if we have not received a **completed SOE3 permission form**. Thank you for your help with this.

Honiton Learning Community Sports Events

Throughout this year, we have the opportunity to take part in a selection of sports events at Honiton Community College. We would like our children to take part in as many of these events as possible, as they are a wonderful opportunity for the children to be involved in Physical Education, alongside friends from the Federation and other children in the Learning Community. They are also lots of fun! As the events are often only for a select age range, we would appreciate parent's help in transporting children to and from these activities. This term the events are scheduled to take place on Mondays. The next event takes place on Monday 16th October and is for children in Year's 1 & 2. If you are able to help transport children to and from this event, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. Any help with this would be gratefully received.

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets were sent home this week with every child please could you check all the details on the form are correct so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Please also ensure there is at least one local contact other than parents. Even if all the details are correct the form still needs signing and handing back to Tamsin in the office.

Headlice

There has been a recent case of Head Lice within school. May we please ask that if your child has long hair it is tied back in school so it may help prevent the spread of head lice. The following advice comes from the School Nurse: Please check your child/children's and close family members' heads tonight. We also generally recommend that your child/children's head should be checked once a week for head lice. The best way to do this is to wash your child's hair normally, towel dry and then apply plenty of conditioner. You should then brush and comb your child's hair and finally comb thoroughly through with a head lice comb. Current recommended combs are the Bug Buster Kit and Nitty Gritty. The Bug Buster Kit can be ordered from www.nits.net/bugbusting and the Nitty Gritty comb can be bought from local pharmacies.

It is important when using this "wet combing" method that you repeat the above method every four days for two weeks. This should ensure that all live lice, including any which may hatch during this time are removed. Health practitioners do not recommend the use of insecticides. For further information please contact your school nurse on 01395 576162.

The King's Centre Food Bank

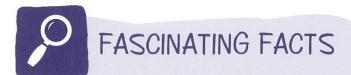
On Wednesday Theresa Hawkes from The King's Centre Food Bank came to talk to the children. She shared with them how the Food Bank supports people in time of crisis. We are collecting items at school to donate, as part of our harvest celebrations. Please consider sending in something from your cupboards. Examples of things to donate are; baked beans, tinned fish, tinned carrots and tins of peas. Anything with a long sell by date could be useful. Please see the separate flyer that will be sent out with this week's newsletter. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

Every child in year's 1-4 should have received an NHS Flu vaccination pack. If you have not already returned these forms, to let us know whether or not you would like your child vaccinated, please can you send them in to Tamsin in the Office ASAP. Thank you for your help with this.

Collective Worship Activity

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



Crosses across the world

The cross is a very special symbol for Christians it reminds them of Jesus' death on the cross which brought **forgiveness** for the world.

Different shapes and designs of crosses reflect different traditions and communities across the world.

Maria Gomez was a Christian Primary School teacher in El Salvador. She angered the authorities in her country because she campaigned for the rights of poor people. Eventually she was murdered. Later a local artist was commissioned to paint a wooden cross with scenes showing her life and her work among the poor women in the rural villages of El Salvador.





The Celtic cross originates from Ireland. St Patrick described the circle on the cross as symbolising the endless love shown by Jesus. The cross is decorated with natural shapes and animals to remind us of God's creation.

The Black and White cross comes from South Africa and was designed during the time of apartheid. The Bible teaches that people are equal in God's eyes, no matter what their background or the colour of their skin.



Sidmouth Science Festival The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival will take place from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with lots of free events suitable for everyone. Please visit the website at www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org for the full programme, news about events, and details on how to reserve places for some events.
Please order meals for

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 2 nd October 2017	Cost £2.50 per meal
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at **week 2**.

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.