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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a New Year and a new term. I hope your celebrations went to plan and that you have all had a refreshing break. Hopefully the worst of this dreadful wet weather is behind us and we can now look forward to the arrival of Spring. I have already seen daffodils in bloom!

Enclosed with this newsletter are two forms: The first is for Class 2 pupils regarding the visit from Devon & Somerset Fire Service on Monday 11th January. This visit will provide valuable lessons on safety within the home, school and community, and we would like all Class 2 children to take part. However, you may opt out if you do not want your child to take part by returning the attached form. Please return this form only if you **DO NOT** want your child to take part in this lesson.

The second is an application for free school meals. If there are any families who may 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. If your child is in Class 1 and gets the universal free school meals please still fill in the form. The school receives a substantial Pupil Premium into the school budget for every child entitled to free school meals, which we can use to provide extra provision. Currently no-one at Farway has applied and therefore we may be missing out on extra money for the school. Please fill in the form and return to school, or you can apply online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals>

The school is holding an open day next Tuesday, 12th January. Please spread the word to any friends and neighbours who have school age children and encourage them to come along and see what we have to offer. There are concessionary places available on the school bus from Honiton into Farway at a cost of £174 per term for a return trip, so if you know any families who may wish to attend Farway but can't due to transport issues please let them know that this might be an option. If those families were also eligible for free school meals the school may be able to support some of the cost of the bus through the Pupil Premium funding.

The teachers have some lovely things planned linked to the new topics and the children are already showing lots of enthusiasm for their learning. In Class 1 this term the children are looking at Families and Neighbours and in Class 2 the children will be looking at Exploration. Topic web sheets will be sent home next week for each of these areas. Please contact the class teachers if you feel you can help in any way with the ideas they have planned.

Our Collective Worship theme this term is Generosity. We will be including some ideas in some of the newsletters for how you can consider this value at home. Sometimes this will be in the form of ideas for discussion and sometimes fun activities such as word searches. I hope you find them thought provoking and fun.

Finally I would like to update you about some staff changes. We are currently short of teaching assistants at Broadhembury to support SEN children. Whilst we go through the recruitment process Stella and Carrie have been spending some time at Broadhembury to help out. This is one of the advantages of being in a federation and is only temporary – similarly last year Mrs Facey and Mrs Trevallion from Broadhembury helped out at Farway to support our pupils!

I also have to share the sad news that Helen Kew, from our Foundation Stage Unit, has been offered an excellent opportunity to manage another unit and will therefore be leaving us at the end of January. We are currently advertising for her replacement and I am pleased with the quality of applicants so far. I hope to interview next week and I will keep you informed of developments. Please join us in wishing Helen all the best in the future.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School

Please can children from Class 1 bring in a shoebox for Tuesday. Also, thanks to an overwhelming response, the class 1 junk modelling box is overflowing, so please, no more for the time being. Thank you...

Dates for your Diary

Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 12th 13th and 14th January.

Miss Prince also will be in school on Thursday 14th January.

Monday 11th January – Fire Safety Session for Class 2

Tuesday 12th January – Farway School Open Day 9.30 – 11.30 and 2.00 – 4.00

2016	First day of term	Last day of term
Spring Term	Wednesday 6 January 2016	Friday 12 February 2016
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 15 February 2016</i>	<i>Friday 19 February 2016</i>
Spring Term	Monday 22 February 2016	Thursday 24 March 2016
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 25 March 2016</i>	<i>Friday 8 April 2016</i>
<i>Non Pupil Day</i>	<i>Monday 11 April 2016</i>	
Summer Term	Monday 12 April 2016	Friday 27 May 2016
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 30 May 2016</i>	<i>Friday 3 June 2016</i>
Summer Term	Monday 6 June 2016	Friday 22 July 2016
<i>Occasional Day</i>	<i>Friday 22 July 2016</i>	
2016 / 2017*	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term	Thursday 1 September 2016	Friday 21 October 2016
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 24 October 2016</i>	<i>Friday 28 October 2016</i>
Autumn Term	Monday 31 October 2016	Friday 16 December 2016
<i>End of Term</i>	<i>Monday 19 December 2017</i>	<i>Monday 2 January 2017</i>
Spring Term	Tuesday 3 January 2017	Friday 10 February 2017
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 13 February 2017</i>	<i>Friday 17 February 2017</i>
Spring Term	Monday 20 February 2017	Friday 31 March 2017
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 3 April 2017</i>	<i>Monday 17 April 2017</i>
Summer Term	Tuesday 18 April 2017	Friday 26 May 2017
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 29 May 2017</i>	<i>Friday 2 June 2017</i>
Summer Term	Monday 5 June 2017	Wednesday 26 July 2017

- Please note additional non pupil days are yet to be arranged for the academic year 2016/2017

School Clubs – *Please return the permission slip below*

Ukulele Club from 3.30-4.15 every Monday, starting on Monday 11th January

Lego / Chess Club from 12.30-1.00 every Tuesday, starting on Tuesday 12th January

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I give permission for my child to attend Ukulele Club on Monday evenings from 3.30 to 4.15 at Farway School.

Signed..... parent/guardian

FARWAY EVENTS

FRIDAY 8 JANUARY

Winter League Skittles matches start again in the New Year on Friday 8 January and will continue until 29 April. The bar will be open from 7.30pm every Friday night and you are most welcome to join us for a drink and chat.

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY

Open Day at Farway Church of England Primary School with Nursery & Toddler Group from 9.30am–11.30am and 2pm–4pm. Drop in or call 871 239. For children aged from 2-11 years. Small classes – Christian values– rural setting.

A BIG THANK YOU

- ♦ to Karen Hodson for donating the Christmas Tree outside Farway Church, to the Parish Council for the lights, to Robert & Hannah for the electricity and, for putting up tree, to Chris, Mark & Liz Lee, Robert Cross, Paul & Di Haines and Alison Wright - it looks lovely!
- ♦ to everyone who joined in the carol singing on Christmas Eve and the hosts who give us mulled wine and food. We all had an enjoyable evening, raising £151 to go to "action for children"

DECEMBER WEATHER IN FARWAY (up to 28/12/15)

Highest temperature 15.1°C on 16 December

Lowest temperature 1.7°C on 9 December

Highest wind gust 24.4 mph on 28 December

Highest rain rate 0.2 in/hr on 17 December

ADVANCE ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

Ball Lane will be closed for essential drainage works between 12 and 29 January (weather permitting - dates subject to change).

HAPPY NEW YEAR

****Change to School Meals Procedure****

Please remember that school meals orders must be submitted by the Friday (at 9am) of the week prior to meals being taken. If an order form is submitted after this time we cannot guarantee your child a school meal. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please order meals for the whole week and return this slip with your week's choices.
Orders for the week beginning 18th January must be in the office by Friday 15th January

Should you wish to change your order, we will be able to make adjustments on the day, so if a child is absent, or just if you change your mind, we'll be able to cancel any meal previously ordered (or add one on!)

Please notify the office of any changes as we no longer call the dinner register in class.

Please ensure your order is at the school by Friday 15th January 2016

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

MONDAY	Mild Been Chilli with Red Pepper and Mixed Rice
	Courgette & Pepper Chilli with Mixed Rice
	PACKED LUNCH: WHITE SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: HAM, TUNA MAYO, EGG MAYO or MILD CHEDDAR SIDE: of Mixed Sticks: Carrot, Celery & Cucumber with Humous Dip
	Chocolate Mousse
TUESDAY	2 Chipolata Sausages, Creamy Mash, Peas and Gravy
	2 Vegetarian Sausages, with Creamy Mash, and Peas
	PACKED LUNCH: WRAP with Choice of: MILD, SPICY CHICKEN or SPICY BEANS with LETTUCE SIDE: of GRATED MILD CHEDDAR and CHERRY TOMATO
	Date Crisp
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon & Pineapple with Seasonal Vegetables and Roast Potatoes
	Bean Loaf with Seasonal Vegetables and Roast Potatoes
	PACKED LUNCH: WHOLEMEAL SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: BLT (unsmoked) or SLICED EGG (& salad cream) SIDE: of HOMEMADE WALDORF SALAD (without walnuts)
	Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Ham & Cheese Macaroni with Sweetcorn and Peppers
	Macaroni Cheese with Sweetcorn and Peppers
	PACKED LUNCH: COLD PASTA POT With Choice Of: HAM or HALLOUMI in a Tangy Tomato Sauce SIDE: of BUTTERED CHEESE SCONE
	Sultana Finger Bun
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
	Vegetable Fingers with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
	PACKED LUNCH: MULTIGRAIN SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: ROAST PORK & PICKLE or TUNA SALAD SIDE: of COLD VEGETABLE FRIED RICE POT
	Apple & Syrup Sponge

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 _____

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 18 th January 2016	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	