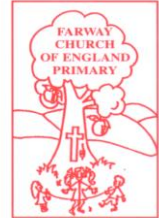


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Dear Parents,

What another gloriously sunny few days we've all had again at Farway! The pupils have been working with great collaboration this week, as year groups have joined together for a range of different learning experiences. In particular, the children have been immersed in a selection of Pentecost themed collective worship sessions, in preparation for a special "Thy Kingdom Come" beacon service and prayer event, which all are welcome to attend, that will take place in Exeter Cathedral, at 6.30pm on Sunday 20th May. Do please come along to school, and see our interactive Pentecost reflection stations. The children would be delighted to share the different focuses with you and explain what they have been learning and reflecting upon.



In literacy our Key Stage 1 children, have started to use new vocabulary associated with writing a recount. Having established that a recount is when you retell something which has already happened, the children have been using past tense language and adverbs of time, to detail significant life events from their past. Over the next few days, the children will be generating a recount, to retell some of their most memorable moments from their fabulous trip to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens.

Describing Egyptian artefacts through Poetry, is the new literacy genre for Key Stage 2's new unit of work this week. The children have already started to look at examples of sensational similes, and are considering why poetry writers might wish to include similes in their work. Explain to someone at home what a simile is, and give an example in a description of something or someone you might see over the weekend!



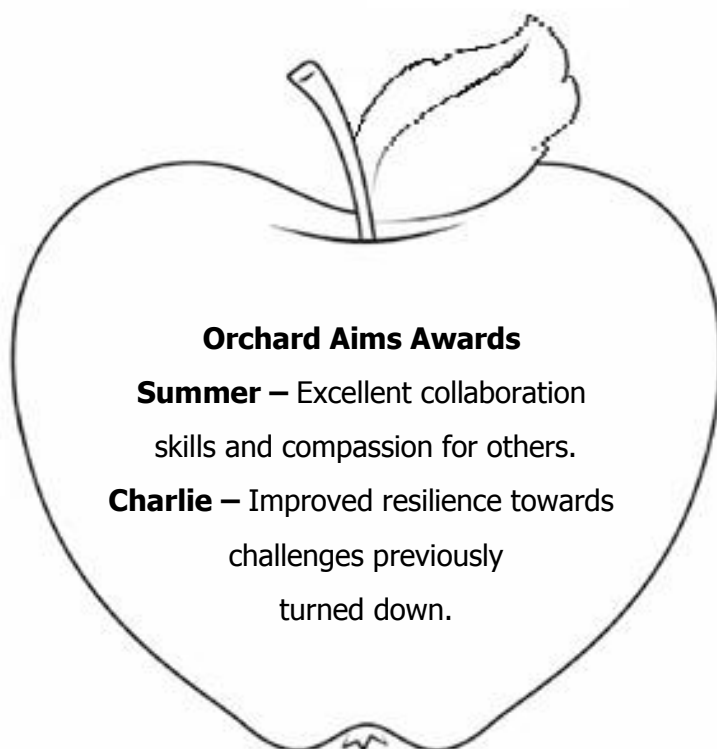
From yoga sessions on the field, to counting in twos, fives and tens in their maths, and labelling the parts of real plants in their science work, the children really are making the most of the spring sunshine once again, by taking their learning outside. Please do remember the importance of staying safe in the sun by bringing your sun hats, cream and water bottles in each day, Thank you.



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: What new or different things would you like to see happen in your life or in the world?



Key Dates

Summer Term 2018

21st May – Key Stage 2, Kwik Cricket at All Hallows Playing Field, Honiton.

22nd May- May Day Afternoon, 1.30pm.

Friday 25th May- Non Pupil Day

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June - Half Term

13th June- Key Stage 2 Trip to Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter.

Sunday 1st July- Exe Valley Challenge.

23rd July – Federation Sports Day

Exe Valley Challenge

We are hoping to enter a federation team in the Exe Valley Challenge walk against the clock, on Sunday 1st July. The event is open to all children in years 2 to 6. A separate letter has been sent home about this. If you would like your child to take part in the walk, please can you let us know as soon as possible? Thank you.

Headlice

We have an ongoing problem with Head lice in school. **Please** can **all** parents check their child's hair for head lice, and treat them accordingly? We would appreciate your help with this. Please check your child's hair every night. **It only takes one child not to be treated, for the whole school to become re-infected.** By working together we hope to prevent further outbreaks.

Sun cream and Hats

As the weather is becoming warmer, on warm days the children should have a sun **hat** with them, and have **sun-cream** already applied, before they come to school. We are not able to apply sun cream for the children. If children can apply sun cream themselves, please send them in to school with a named bottle of cream, to put extra on during the day (we have noticed that there is now roll on sun cream, which is easy for children to put on by themselves). Please can the children also bring a **water bottle** to school with them? Thank you for your help with this. **This is especially important to remember on the days that children will be doing P.E lessons, as they can easily overheat in the sun.**

RAMM Trip

A reminder that if you would like your child to attend the Key Stage 2 trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum on June 13th, you will need to return their **SOE3 permission form** together with your voluntary donation, by June 8th. A separate letter has been sent home regarding this. If you would like another copy of this letter, together with the permission form, please contact Tamsin in the office. No child will be able to take part in this trip without a completed permission form. Thank you.

May Day Celebrations, 22nd May

Can you believe it's that time of the year again when the Maypole is once again gracing our school playground? The children are already keenly learning the routines and dances in preparation for Farway's Mayday celebrations, which will take place in the afternoon on Tuesday 22nd May.

On the day we will provide matching costumes for the children. The boys will need to come to school dressed in a white shirt, black or grey shorts or trousers, black or grey socks and plimsolls. The girls will need to wear a white shirt and white socks. The king and queen will need their own special costume. The **festivities will start at 1.30pm**, we very much look forward to seeing there!

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.

The remaining event during this half term will be **Kwik Cricket**, on **Monday 21st May**, for Key Stage 2. If you would like your child to attend this event you must return the **SOE3 permission slip first thing on Monday Morning** if you have not already done so. Thank you!

Next Half Term's Events will take place on Monday 11th, Monday 18th and Friday 29th June and will be for Key Stage 2 children. If you are able to help transport children to this event, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. These events cannot take place without parent volunteers, so we would really appreciate your help. Thank you!

Fundraising for Playground Soft Surface

We are going to start fundraising to raise funds, so that we can upgrade our preschool playground area, to a soft bouncy, rubber surface. This will make a huge difference to the outside area, which is in constant use by the children. If you have any ideas on how we can raise funds, please let us know. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch. We have now signed up for a **Bags2school** fundraising collection, so please get saving old clothes, duvet covers, shoes, towel etc. and we will let you know when to bring them into school. Thank you.

Collective Worship Activity

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



READ TOGETHER... Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knocking ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12

Please order meals for _____

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at **week 3**.

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 21 st May 2018	Cost £2.50 per meal
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	

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.

Saints Southwest Soccer School

Saints Southwest will be running their popular Soccer during May Half Term with prices from JUST £7.50** for a full course, 10am-3pm in Paignton**, Dawlish, Lapford*, Ottery St Mary**, Plymouth**, Crediton, Langport**, Exeter**, Dartmouth, Chulmleigh*, Taunton, Newton Abbot** & Okehampton. Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm. To BOOK please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350. Saints Southwest Soccer Schools offer exceptional value for money, and the opportunity for young players to improve their skills through a structured and enjoyable coaching programme devised and delivered by experienced and FA qualified coaches. The Soccer Schools are action packed days which allows children to learn new skills and improve match play whilst having fun.

Half Term East Devon Countryside Events.

Discover more at wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk,

Plant and cake sale, Friday 25 May, 11am to 3pm, Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands Pick-up a variety of plant bargains, nurtured by our fantastic volunteers. While you pick your shrubs enjoy tea and cake from the Discovery Hut in the centre of the beautiful Seaton Wetlands. No dogs. No booking required, Donations for plants and refreshments (cash only)

Exe Estuary Mud Walk, Sunday 27 May and Monday 28 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Exmouth LNR. As part of Exmouth Festival we are running two free mud walks! Discover what is living in the mud of the Exe Estuary. Dig for worms, search for crabs and shells and fish for shrimps. Wear wellies or old shoes that can get very wet and muddy. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. Children must be accompanied. Booking required, Free.

Wildlife Safari, Tuesday 29 May, 10am to 12noon, Fire Beacon Hill Bugs, butterflies, birds, dragonflies and possibly even some snakes! Put on your best safari gear and come for a ramble with ranger to explore the heathland and learn all about the creatures who call it home. Bring binoculars and a camera. Booking required, Free.

AVDCS family explorer day at Colyford Community Woodland, Wednesday 30 May, 2pm to 4pm, Colyford. Join the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society along with EDDC's Education Ranger for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Explore the site, find out about the wildlife that lives there and get creative! Children must be accompanied. Booking required, £5 per family group.

Bird watching for children, Thursday 31 May, 10am to 12noon, Island Hide at Seaton Wetlands Borrow our binoculars and discover the birds along the Axe estuary with an experienced volunteer guide who will help you to spot different birds and let you use an amazing telescope for a really close view! Booking required, £2 per child.

Family adventure day, Friday 1 June, 10am to 4pm, Holyford Woods A fun, hands-on day with the Education Ranger at Holyford Woods. An opportunity for families to work and play together and learn outdoor skills. Den building, fire lighting, cooking and crafts. Children must be accompanied. Aimed at 7 to 14 years. Min age 5. Booking required, £13 per child.

What's that bird? Saturday 2 June, 11am to 1pm, Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands Whatever your level of experience, come and improve your bird identification skills with an experienced volunteer guide. Binoculars available to borrow. No booking required, Free.

Wildlife Day with Axe Vale & District Conservation Society, Sunday 3 June, 11am to 3pm, Seaton Wetlands. A day of wetland wildlife fun, exploring the nature reserve and wildlife of the wider Axe Vale. Trails, activities and walks for all ages. No dogs. No booking required, Free.