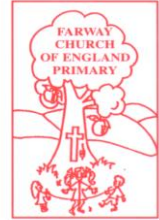


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Dear Parents,

Well, finally, the rain has stopped and the sun has been shining upon us all at Farway again, for the start of our new term. The children have enjoyed taking their learning outside this week to make the most of this glorious warmer weather!



Linked to their Summer term topic; Global Gardens, KS1 children kick started their week by completing their literacy elicitation task, by writing the journey of a tadpole. Over the next few weeks they will be learning about other types of journeys, as they discover what happens to a tiny flower seed when it gets blown along by a breeze.

In maths, KS1 have been solving number problem stories which have involved doubling and halving. What patterns did you notice when you doubled a number? Explain to someone at home what you noticed when you halved an amount. In science, the children in KS1 have been learning about the human body. They took turns to draw around each other and write word labels for different parts of their body. Can you remember where your ankles are? What do your knees and elbows help you to do?



Writing a set of instructions for a game, was the challenge for KS2 pupils in their literacy elicitation this week. They will be focusing on the fascinating ancient Egyptian processes over the next few weeks and devising a set of their own instructions for one of the Egyptian procedures.

In maths, KS2 have started their additive reasoning skills unit and took their column addition and subtraction calculations outside. Armed with metre sticks and chalk, the children collaborated together to correctly set out their calculations on the playground and 'regroup' or 'borrow' from the different value columns. Explain to someone at home why it is important to write each digit in its correct column. Also, describe what happens when the number is not big enough to subtract from, in a column subtraction calculation.

Do you know roughly where your large intestine lies inside your body? KS2 might do soon! They have been attempting to label internal organs inside the human body to show the digestion process in their science sessions. What happens to the food when we eat it? What is its journey?

Our new Collective Worship theme this term is 'Friendship' and this week the children have been reflecting on how to be friends in good times and bad. They collaborated together to create some very special ingredients for a 'friendship' cake and had to consider what they should put in the mixture. Describe what you think makes a good friend and what qualities you think you have to be a good friend.



We would like to offer a warm welcome to Joshua, and his sister Elodie, who have joined us in year 3 and Nursey class respectively. We look forward to getting to know you both better, as we learn together during the summer term.

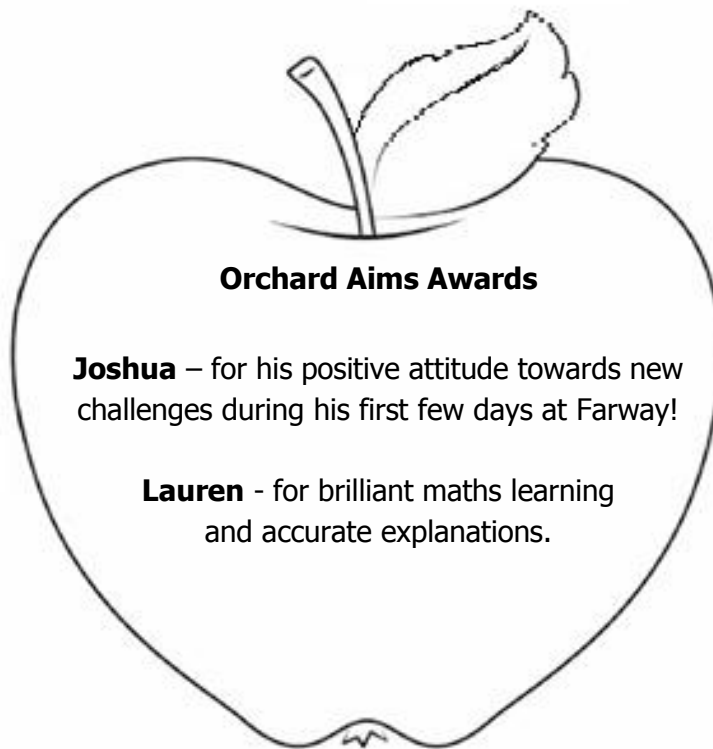
Please don't forget our trip next week – hopefully the weather will stay like this. Please make sure that the SOE3 forms come back into school by Monday.

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 would the ingredients be if you were baking a 'Friendship' cake?
Explain what the different quantities of ingredients might be.
Describe the method of baking such a special cake. For example, a sprinkle of trust and three spoons of generosity, all mixed together.



Key Dates

Summer Term 2018

23rd April- St George's Day Celebrations

25th April – Internet Safety Training Day, and afterschool meeting for parents at 3.45pm.

26th April- Key Stage 1 Bicton Park Trip.

7th May- May Day Bank Holiday

14th May - KS2 SATs Week

18th May – 'Ready Steady Write' Day

22nd May- May Day Afternoon

Friday 25th May- Non Pupil Day

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

Reminder

A reminder to please look in your child's book bag, at the end of each school day. Important letters, notices, and your child's homework are sent home in the bags every week. Thank you.

St Georges Day Celebrations

On Monday 23rd April it is St George's Day. We have planned a day of celebration and learning for the children. The children will be reminded of the story of St. George and the Dragon. They will also discuss the British values of democracy, the rule of law, respect and tolerance for the beliefs of others and individual liberty.

Key Stage 1 Trip to Bicton Park

On Thursday 26th April, our Key Stage One children are going on a school trip to Bicton Park Gardens. The children will need to wear **school uniform**, bring a waterproof coat and wear shoes suitable for walking. They also need a **packed lunch** and a drink. All **SOE3 permission forms** need to be returned to the office **as soon as possible**. Your child can not take part in this trip without this form.

Key Stage 2 Trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter.

Unfortunately, we have had to delay this trip until later in the term because the Museum have had to cancel our initial booking due to a lack of staff and volunteers. We will of course keep you informed, and let you know when we have arranged another date. We apologise for this postponement.

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.

CEOPS Training

On **Wednesday 25th April** we are having Internet Safety Awareness training, with an expert who will be visiting school. During the afternoon he will spend some time talking to the children about Internet safety. **After school, at 3.45pm, there will be a parent session**, where parents have the opportunity to come and learn about the internet. Topics under discussion may include, *"Do you know who has been looking at your Facebook? Would you like to know how to do that?... Applied for a job recently? Thinking of a change? Do you know what open source vetting is? What can be found out about you from an Internet search?... Deleting search history and websites visited, does a click on delete really clear all trace of your activity? Perhaps not! Want to learn more?"* We would like to see as many parents as possible at this session, so please come along.

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 half term's events are for Key Stage 2, and will take place in the afternoons, on **Monday 30th April** and **Monday 21st May**. If you are able to help transport children, to and from any of these events, 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!

Free School Meals

As part of the new universal credit system, that is being rolled out across the country, the criteria for claiming free school meals is changing. This may mean that previously ineligible children, now qualify for free school meals. In addition any child who qualifies for free school meals will then be eligible until 2022, regardless of circumstance, and without the need for reassessment. We are therefore encouraging all parents to go online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> and check their eligibility. As well as you as a family gaining free meals, school gets extra money into its budget for every child who is entitled to free school meals. So please check your eligibility and apply if able.

New Menu

This term's new school lunch menu has been sent home this week, please let Tamsin in the office know, if you haven't received one. 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.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle (over the page), joining 5 or 6 words about **friendship**. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.

Please order meals for _____

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

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 23 rd April 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.