

Farway Church of England Primary School

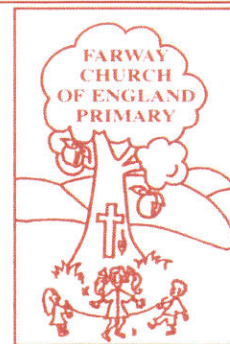
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Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely week this week, with our federation outing on Wednesday to see 'Ernie and the Sea of Ice' at Exeter Phoenix which the PTFA very kindly offered to pay for. It was an exciting experience for the children to get together and see a performance at the theatre and a lovely way to begin our Christmas festivities. Last academic year the older children worked on Shackleton's Expedition. So we were very pleased that this production came to Exeter.

Yesterday we had a visit from the NSPCC who came to speak about their 'Speak out, Stay safe' programme with the children. With the help of their friendly mascot; Buddy, they gave an assembly to the children as well as a workshop for the KS2 children to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands.

Today the children headed over to Branscombe Primary to join the children on the Sponsored fitness circuit. We are very proud to say that the children from Farway raised an impressive £213 and had lots of fun. The children also got to meet the Olympic diver Sarah Barrow. Sarah gave the children encouragement throughout the event and also gave them a very inspiring presentation. 'Sports for Champions' use the money raised to help young athletes with international potential to realise their Olympic and Commonwealth dreams.

In Fledglings this week the children have been exploring the textures of the Christmas decorations as the children decorated the tree, it looks fabulous. They have also been busy with Christmas crafts, creating an outdoor nativity and reading the 'Christmas Story'.

We have another fun week planned next week with our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday which should set the children up ready for the Nativity performance in the evening. Please bring your child to the church at 5.45. We hope to see many of you and your family there to support the children as they have been working hard on our version of the Nativity. After the performance, everybody is invited back to the school for mince pies and mulled ribena to celebrate the festive season.

The KS2 children have also been invited to attend a dance workshop on Wednesday lunchtime in Honiton. Please let Jenny know if you can offer transport.

Our school is now looking very festive and the Christmas post-box has arrived should you wish to exchange greetings cards.

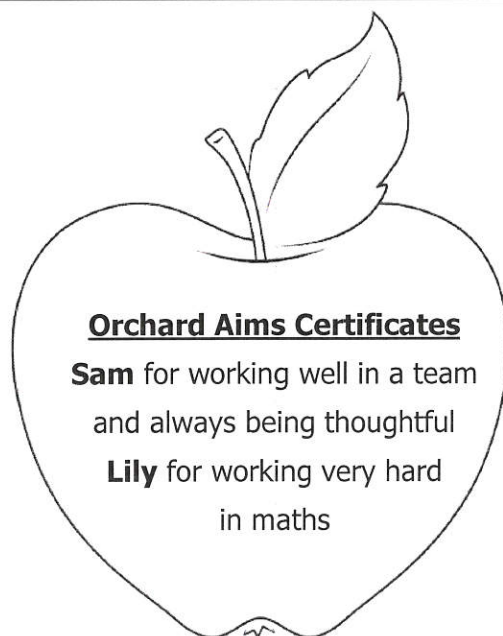
Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School

Question of the week

Every year the Nativity play is performed around the world at this time but when was the first Nativity play?
What parts have members of your family had in the play over the years?
How were their performances similar or different to ours?



Key Term Dates

Mrs Gray will be across the federation next week

13th December - Christmas Lunch

13th December – Christmas Play 6pm in the Church – *Children need to be at the church at 5.45 please*

14th December - Dance workshop at HCC – KS2

21st December – End of Term

9th January 2017 – First day of New Term

Collective Worship Activity – Responsibility



George Muller



As a teenager growing up in Germany, George felt confused about what he wanted to do with his life. He often stole money from his parents to buy alcohol, got drunk and ended up getting arrested for breaking the law.

One Saturday in November 1826, George and his good friend Beta were invited to the house of a Christian for a special meeting. People read from the Bible, sang songs of worship to God and prayed. George wrote in his diary, 'I have found the treasure I have been seeking all my life.' He was 21 years old.

Soon after this George sensed God was calling him to become a missionary, but his father was so angry he refused to pay for his training. From this point George learned to trust God to provide for his needs.

When he moved to England and visited Bristol, George saw children on the streets with no homes to go to and no food to eat. He felt an overwhelming sense of **responsibility** to do something for them. He rented and bought large houses for the children to live in, ensured they were well fed and taught them to read and write. He never asked for money. Instead, George prayed and found that people were moved by God to give things that could be sold and money to pay the rent. The money kept coming - sometimes a sixpence from a child, sometimes £5000 from a businessman!

As each child in his orphanages became old enough to move out, George would pray with them, placing a Bible in their right hand and a coin in the left. He explained that if they held on to what was in their right hand, God would always make sure there was something in the other hand as well.

Illness / Sickness

We have had a lot of illness in the school recently so we have discussed the importance of toilet hygiene and washing to keep us all safe as well as how to stop the spread of germs through coughs and sneezes. We do supply tissues in school but if your child is under the weather please try to provide them with their own supply of tissues to try and not pass it on to the rest of us. If your child has been absent due to sickness, s/he must remain at home for 48 hours after the last vomiting episode before returning to school. Please ensure a note is sent in to the office after any absence. Failure to do so will result in your child being marked with "unauthorised absence" on the register.

School Times

A reminder please, your child should be in school and ready to start lessons for 9am.

Transport Volunteers

On the afternoon of Wednesday 14th December, the KS2 children have been invited to take part in a dance workshop at Honiton Community College. Please let Jenny know if you are able to offer transport.

Carol Service

Farway Church. Sunday 18th December 11.15am. Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

Carol Singing

There will be carol singing round the village on Saturday 24th December, weather permitting, starting at Farway Church at 6pm and ending at the petrol pumps at 8.45pm/9pm.

Wreath making at Seaton Wetlands, Sunday 11 December, 2pm to 4pm

Get that festive feeling with the Countryside rangers at Seaton Wetlands. Make a beautiful Christmas wreath for your front door; enjoy mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas carols. Booking required, £12 per person. Book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk, or call 01395 517557.


Reindeer trail, Tuesday 20 December, 10:30am to 3pm, Seaton Wetlands

Father Christmas needs your help! Follow the clues around the Wetlands to help track down his missing reindeer. Followed by Christmas crafts and hot drinks. No booking required, £3 per child. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk


Wassailing walk, Saturday 7 January, 10am to 11am, Cranbrook

A wassailing walk down to the Cranbrook Community orchard with the Country Park Ranger to bless the trees and encourage a new harvest. No booking required, free donations welcomed. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

Please order meals for _____

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 12th December 2016	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.

	12/12/16	19/12/16		weekly
	HOT MENU WEEK 1	HOT MENU WEEK 2	HOT MENU WEEK 3	PACKED LUNCH
MONDAY	CHIPOLATA SAUSAGES in a Mediterranean Tomato Sauce with Green Veg & Pasta VEGETARIAN SAUSAGES in a Mediterranean Tomato Sauce with Green Veg & Pasta YOGURT / FRESH FRUIT	TOAD IN THE HOLE with Mashed Potato Peas & Sweetcorn VEGETARIAN TOAD IN THE HOLE with Mashed Potato Peas & Sweetcorn YOGURT / FRESH FRUIT	CHICKEN AND PASTA BAKE with Peas and Garlic Bread VEGETABLE PASTA BAKE with Peas and Garlic Bread YOGURT / FRESH FRUIT	White SOFT FINGER ROLL Choice of: Ham, Salmon, Egg Mayo or Mild Cheddar MIXED STICKS Carrot, Celery & Cucumber with Houmus Dip PUDDING of the DAY
TUESDAY	CHRISTMAS DINNER Turkey or Quorn with all the trimmings  Chocolate Fudge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	ROAST TURKEY with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Stuffing QUORN ROAST with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes LOADED FRUIT FLAPJACK	COTTAGE PIE with Peas & Carrots VEGETARIAN COTTAGE PIE with Peas & Carrots STEAMED JAM SPONGE with Custard	WRAP Choice of: Mild Spicy Chicken or Spicy Beans, with Lettuce GRATED MILD CHEDDAR and CHERRY TOMATO PUDDING of the DAY
WEDNESDAY	MILD CHICKEN CURRY with Mixed Vegetables and Basmati Rice MILD VEGETABLE CURRY with Basmati Rice Iced VANILLA SPONGE	HAM & TOMATO QUICHE with Mixed Rice & Vegetable Salad MIXED VEGETABLE QUICHE with Mixed Rice & Vegetable Salad TREACLE SPONGE	ROAST PORK & Apple Sauce with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes QUORN ROAST with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes DATE CRISP	Wholemeal FINGER ROLL Choice of: BLT (Unsmoked) or Sliced Egg (& Salad Cream) Home-made WALDORF SALAD (without Walnuts) PUDDING of the DAY
THURSDAY	ROAST BEEF & Yorkshire Pud with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes QUORN ROAST with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes CHOCOLATE MOUSSE	HAM & CHEESE MACARONI with Sweet Corn & Peppers MACARONI CHEESE with Sweet Corn & Peppers Iced FINGER BUN	SAUSAGE ROLL Baked Beans & Mashed Potato VEGETARAIN SAUSAGE ROLL with Mashed Potato & Beans LOADED BANANA CAKE	COLD PASTA POT Choice of: Ham or Halloumi in a tangy Tomato Sauce BUTTERED CHEESE SCONE PUDDING of the DAY
FRIDAY	FISH FINGERS with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans VEGETABLE FINGERS with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans CHERRY SHORTBREAD BISCUIT	BREADED COD with Chips and baked beans VEGETABLE BURGER with Chips and baked beans JELLY with FRUIT	SALMON FISH CAKES with Rice and Stir Fried Vegetables JACKET POTATO with Cheese & Baked Beans FRESH FRUIT SALAD	Multigrain SOFT FINGER ROLL Choice of: Roast Pork & Pickle or Tuna Salad ROASTED VEGETABLE RICE Cold Pot PUDDING of the DAY