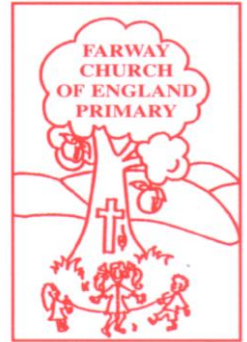


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Dear Parents,

Just as Bees work together as a team, to build their hive and collect nectar, the children at Farway have collaborated together, and noticed that working with others requires some give and take. They have recognised and respected the views of others and observed that everyone has their own skills and strengths to offer. To quote the children, "Alone we are good. Together we are brilliant!"

Verbs and adverbs have been the focus for KS1 this week. The children have established that verbs are words which show action or being, and an adverb is a word which describes the verb by describing when, where or how. We all felt very sorry for poor Farmer Duck, having so many jobs to do on the farm. Can you tell someone at home one of his jobs? Which word is the verb? How could you include an adverb?

In Maths, KS1 have been hunting for arrays, in and around the school. Armed with learn pads and cameras, the children have been identifying rows and columns of objects, and calculating the total number of objects, in the array. Can you explain to someone at home how we can write number sentences for different array calculations? What would an array look like, if the number sentence was $2 \times 5 = ?$

Identifying the features of a text, and the impact they have on the reader, has been the focus for KS2 this week. Specifically, the children have looked closely at the different types of punctuation and grammar, and what that generates when the sentence is read aloud. The pupils have explored the use of commas and brackets in their own writing, and shared preferences for their most effective sentences. Explain to someone at home why you might decide to use a comma, or insert brackets in your work.

Continuing with multiplication this week, KS2 pupils have carried on applying their multiplication knowledge, and understanding to calculate more challenging number problems. What have you discovered or realised you can do now, that you couldn't do before? Much of the work has taken a very practical, hands on format. The children have had the opportunity to consider and select their own resources, to support and challenge their learning, and prove the outcome of their calculations. We have been very impressed with the collaboration shown during these practical sessions of shared skills, knowledge and understanding.

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: Why do we clean our teeth?

Key Stage 2: Which is the most useful material (for example; wood, glass, metal, plastic, rubber) and why?

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2017

10th November- Science Workshop at HCC – see a separate letter that has been sent home.

15th November - Parents' Evening

12th December – Christmas Play (evening)

19th December- End of Term

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, is **Sports Hall Athletics**, and will take place on **Monday 20th November** and is for children in **Year 5**. 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.

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.

First Day Contact

Please could all parents be aware that they should let school know by 9am if their child is going to be absent or late for any reason, both on the first day, and on any subsequent days. Please do this by phoning rather than emailing, you can leave a message if nobody is able to answer.

If a child does not arrive at school and no message is received, we have a duty to establish a reason for their absence. This week we have received a letter from Devon County Council asking all schools to remind parents to make contact with the school on the morning of any absence and that the school will use the child's emergency contact list in the event of no answer on the parent(s) home, mobile or work phone(s). As a result of a recent incident in another county, DCC advise parents to ensure that an emergency contact has the ability to gain access to their house to check all is well in the event that the parent cannot be contacted and this becomes a safeguarding concern.

If school processes fail to locate a pupil then the school will 'Risk Assess' the situation and;

- Telephone the Police using 999 if the child is considered to be at risk of immediate and significant harm or danger
- Telephone the Police on 101 if not at risk of immediate significant harm but where there are escalated welfare concerns
- Continue to try and contact parent(s) and/or emergency contacts if the pupil is not considered to be at any increased risk.

On their child's return to school following an absence, parents must provide a note explaining the reason for their absence. If this is not received, we will send home an absence form for you to complete and return to school. Please note that if a written absence note is not received, absences may be recorded as unauthorised, even if you have called us to provide a reason.

Collective Worship Activity

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



Making a new law

New laws are passed every year by the government.

Ask each member of the family to think of a law which they think the government should pass.

Talk about your ideas and how your new law would make a difference.

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 6 th November 2017	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.