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Dear Parents,

This week the children have been enjoying nature and have been busy in the garden area planting lots of seeds and bulbs ready for spring, and what lovely weather we have had for it! Next week we will be focusing on Harvest.

Our KS1 topic this term is the Carnival of the Animals, and our children have been working on the story "What do you do with a tail like this?" a truly lovely book where the children can explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails. It has certainly got their imaginations going.

For our KS2 children the topic is "Invaders and Settlers". They have got stuck in to this and are starting to put together information texts on the Romans. This week they have been investigating what the Romans did for entertainment.

In our Foundation Stage Unit Mrs. Snell has been doing wonderfully creative activities with the children, following the Carnival of the Animals topic, they have made some wonderful bottle elephants.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School*

## Question of the week:

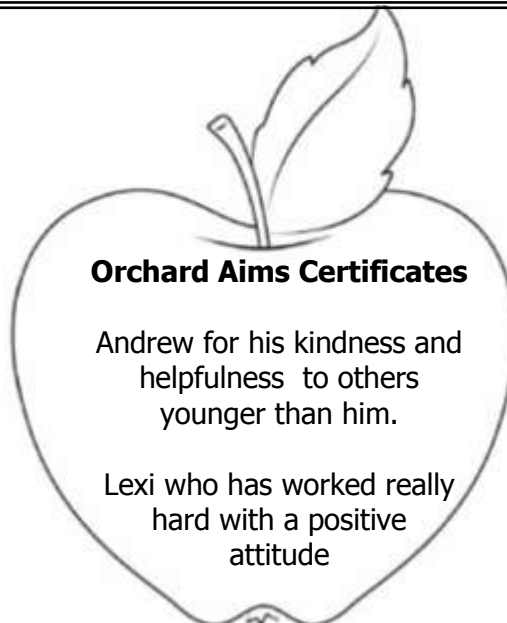
We have done a lot of work on number and place values this week.

Why is our number system based around groups of ten?

## Orchard Aims Certificates

Andrew for his kindness and  
helpfulness to others  
younger than him.

Lexi who has worked really  
hard with a positive  
attitude



## Harvest Festival

We are trying to plan our contribution for the church Harvest service on 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15. Please send back this slip by Monday *if you haven't already done so*, indicating if you will or will not be attending.

Childs Name..... Will / Will not be attending the church Harvest Festival.

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## Changeable Weather

As we are now into autumn, our wonderful English weather is very changeable. Therefore please ensure your child is sent to school with a jumper and a coat should the weather suddenly turn.

## Individual Photos

These will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please could the children come to school in very smart uniform – feel free to pop a hairbrush in their bags too!

## Flu Vaccinations

Years 1,2 & 3 - Please remember to return your child's flu vaccination consent

## Knitting Project

We are asking parents, grandparents and members of the community to help us build our own set of Biblical characters, Patterns for this were sent home with last weeks news letter. If you aren't a confident knitter you can still help by spreading the word or sending in left over balls of wool.

## Good Samaritan Awards

We launched a new PSHE scheme of work last week and in connection with this we have planned a new award system for the children. It is called The Good Samaritan Awards. This award system supports the PSHE, Citizenship and British Values elements of our curriculum and we hope staff and parents will encourage pupils to work towards the awards. Children will be asked to complete tasks relating to the following areas; Staying Safe, Keeping Healthy, Enjoying and Achieving, Economic Wellbeing and Making a Positive Contribution. The aim being to give children a broad and balanced view of society.

At the start of term each teacher will plan a Life Skills activity ensuring that all children are involved.

To achieve their **Red** award the children will need to complete 5 challenges, including the class ones. **White** they will need to achieve 10 and for the **Blue** award they will need to complete 15 challenges. This will be over the course of the year.

If the children raise money for a charity by putting in extra effort they can win a Citizenship Award Certificate for thinking of others, having an idea, putting in the hard work and raising money for a nominated charity.

On last weeks newsletter we attached the sheet of challenges – we hope your children enjoy achieving them both at home and at school. Please keep us informed of what the children have been working towards.

## Parent Helpers

We would be very grateful to hear from any parents or other adult family members who could commit to coming into school for an hour a week to listen to our children read. This can be a very rewarding role, and our children would benefit greatly. Please get in touch if you are able to help.

## Forest School at Farway – a message from Mrs Colton

This half term we are lucky enough to be able to do Forest School Activities every Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to parents for helping the children remember their wellies and waterproof coats. If anyone would like to donate equipment such as bamboo canes, plastic drainpipes and buckets or items for us to plant or plant into, we would be very grateful. Small pieces of firewood are useful too. You are also very welcome to come and help dig the garden or keep the fire going; please contact myself or Mr Smith if you would like to.

## The Children's Week

**Monday**, children need to have their P.E. kit in school for their games lesson with Arsenal soccer school.

**Wednesday**, the children will be outside for forest school during the afternoons and will need suitable old clothes appropriate for the weather conditions as we go through the term.

**Thursday**, the children will be doing P.E. with Mr Smith and so need kit on this day as well.

**Friday**, there will be a short sharing assembly at 3:15pm until the end of the day. Parents are more than welcome to join us as we show some of our excellent work and present Orchard Aims certificates and team prizes for the week.

Homework will be set on Thursdays to be completed by the following Tuesday. Below is the maximum amount of time the work should take in total. The precise amount of time spent on home learning is much less important than the quality of tasks set and the way they are planned to support learning. Home learning tasks will be planned as part of the federation's schemes of work for different areas of the curriculum, particularly Literacy and Numeracy. There is also the Question of the Week to consider – responses to which can also be written in the homework book.

Years 1 & 2 - 1 hour \* Reading \* Maths and English task: number bonds etc

Years 3 & 4 - 1.5 hours \* English Task 20-30 minutes – or a topic task \* Maths task 20-30 minutes – or a topic task \* Daily Tasks: Reading/Number Bonds/Tables/Spellings

Years 5 & 6 - 2.5 hours \* English Task 40-50 minutes – or a topic task \* Maths Task 40-50 minutes – or a topic task \* Daily Tasks: Reading/Research/Maths Skills/Spellings

### Key Term Dates

**Mrs Gray will be in Farway on Friday next week**

**25<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival at Farway church. 11.15**

**18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening**

**13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play**

School Meals

19/09/2016

weekly

	HOT MENU WEEK 3	PACKED LUNCH
MONDAY	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	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	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	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
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FRIDAY	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
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Please order meals for \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Menu Choices for Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>	Cost
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.