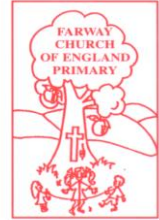


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Dear Parents,

What another busy few days at Farway! Always asking questions of themselves, and others and being curious and playful in their thinking, the children at Farway have demonstrated the animal learning behaviour of a cat this week.

Armed with metre sticks and chalks, KS1 excitedly ventured outside to discover how tall or how short they all were. Can you remember which numbers are always at the start and at the end, of the metre stick? Explain to someone at home how you used the metre stick, to measure carefully. The children all took turns to help each other measure and record the height of the class. Using their numeracy language, the children then confidently articulated the comparative heights, between themselves, and explained the correct process of measuring with a metre stick.

By linking their maths and dinosaur learning together, the children were then able to recall the different heights of the gigantic beasts, and chalk up their real life sizes on the playground. Which dinosaur was the tallest, and which was the shortest? Great amusement was found when the children quickly discovered they were all taller than a Velociraptor! Next week the children will be comparing their own shoe sizes, to the footprints of some of the largest dinosaurs to ever roam the earth, and to also gain an understanding of the scale of these massive monsters, by looking at the size of different dinosaur teeth and jaw spans!

The different diameters of the planets kept KS2 challenged and engrossed in their topic linked learning this week. In their maths, they too spent their lessons outside, attempting to chalk out scaled down versions of the solar system. What calculations did you have to make first, before you were able to measure the diameters outside, and why was this? Using their scaling down skills, dividing four, five and six digit numbers by one thousand, to convert kilometre measurements to meter sized drawings, the pupils worked enthusiastically to create accurate representations of the planets. Explain to someone at home, how it felt when you'd drawn your scaled down planet, and then attempted to visualise it being one thousand times larger in real life!

Next week, the children are looking forward to exploring more precise planet data, and using these fun larger numbers to apply their reasoning skills, and find patterns, rules and solutions, to number problems and investigations, involving these fascinating planet facts.

If you have not yet noticed our beautiful 'Thankful' tree in the school library area, please do come and take a moment to read some of the lovely and reflective reasons, the children have expressed their thankfulness for. Thankfulness is our collective worship theme, and the children have already made an excellent start, by thinking of what they are most thankful for. Remember, you can add as many leaves to the tree as you wish, by writing, drawing or adding a photograph of something else you or your family are thankful for.

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 are you thankful for in your life?



Key Dates

Spring Term 2018

22nd January – Key Stage 2 - Gym Festival at Honiton Community College

29th January – Key Stage 2 Hockey Tournament at Honiton Community College

6th February – Safer Internet Day

9th February- Last day of School before half term

12th-16th February- Half term

19th February- First day back after half term

Last Day of Term: Thursday 29th March

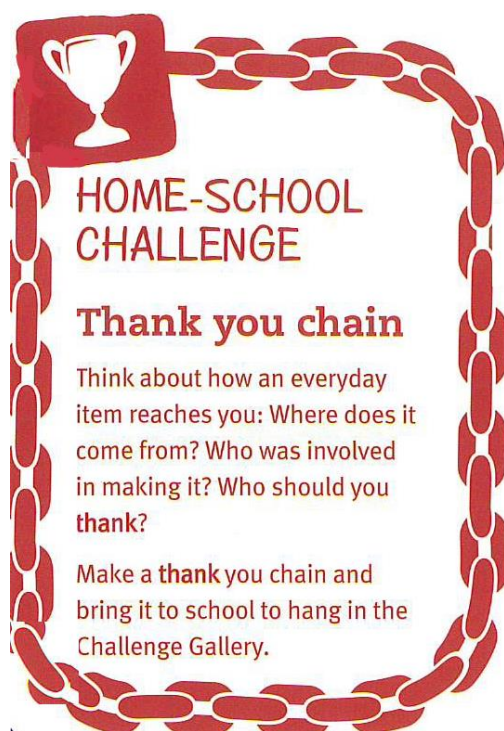
Honiton Learning Community Sports Events

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 next event this term is a Hockey Tournament, scheduled to take place on **Monday 29th Jan**, for children in **Key Stage 2**. If you are able to help transport children to and from this event, **leaving school at 12pm and returning in time for the end of the school day**, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. Any help with this would be gratefully received.

Collective Worship Activity

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



Term Dates January 2017 – July 2018

Summer Term 2018

Term Begins Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May
Non Pupil Day: Friday 25th May
Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Children return to school: Monday 4th June
Last Day of Term: Tuesday 24th July

Autumn Term 2018

Non Pupil Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September
Term Begins: Wednesday 5th September
Half Term: Monday 22nd October- Friday 26th October
Non-Pupil Day: Monday 29th October
Children return to school: Tuesday 30th October
Last Day of Term: Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 7th January

Term Begins: Tuesday 8th January

Half Term: Monday 18th February- Friday 22nd February

Last Day of Term: Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2019

Term Begins Tuesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Non Pupil Day: Friday 24th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Children return to school: Monday 3rd June

Last Day of Term: Tuesday 23rd July

Please order meals for _____

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at **week 1**.

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 22nd January 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.



Oakley's trail is all about imaginative stories and map reading.

Forest School Update

We began our forest school session this week by following the 'educational trails' the KS2 children had completed the previous week, as part of their Good Samaritan Award challenge.



The trails are all different and involve using lots of skills, including maths and literacy skills.

Issy's trail involves practicing your spelling skills, and hunting out the 'prize' at the end.



Ben's trail can have three participants at a time. They had to find all the clues, and write them down.

As an introduction to our focus 'developing my confidence' we shared a part of the story of The Cat in The Hat. In small teams the children then went off to encourage each other and help each other to balance as many things as they could!

