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Dear Parents,

A huge welcome back to our Farway families. I hope you have all had a fantastic, restful, fun packed break and are ready to come to school energised, excited and ready for all the wonderful learning opportunities that will be on offer this year. Also, a special welcome to all families and children joining the school for the first time. We also welcome Mrs Jenna Finn. She is our new teacher who will be covering Mrs Hooper's planning time.

Well, what a wonderful few days it has been already. A special well done to our new Reception children who have settled so well and finished their first few days in 'big school'. It's lovely to see everyone looking so smart in their new uniforms and walking that little bit taller!



Already familiarising themselves with their new learning environments, the Key Stage 1 children have made a tremendous start towards their new 'Fire! Fire!' topic, by constructing fire engines and dressing up in fire fighter uniforms. Next week, they will discover who Samuel Pepys was and how his diaries have helped us to learn about the Great Fire of London.

Looking a little ahead, Key Stage 1 children will be constructing Tudor buildings to create their very own Pudding Lane, as they continue to learn about the Fire of London. Please can you send any boxes to school you may have? Ideally a shoe box size to form the base of the Tudor building, plus a slightly larger box for the top section. Many thanks!

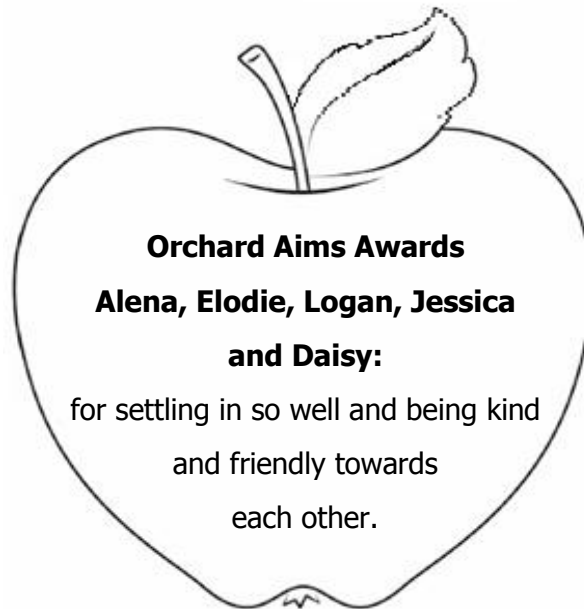
Equally, Key Stage 2 pupils have thrown themselves into their new learning, by collaborating brilliantly to make a life size air raid shelter and air craft from World War I and World War II. Celebrating 100 years of the RAF's historic journey will form the timeline for Key Stage 2's 'Britain since the 1930's' topic.



Also, if you happen to have any World War I, World War II or RAF memorabilia or books at home which you wouldn't mind the Key Stage 2 pupils looking at with adult supervision, please do send them in, as we'd be very grateful for the topic links and stimulus.

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:**

When we sing the song, 'Give me Peace in my heart,'  
what are we actually asking God for?

**Harvest Service**

A reminder that the annual Farway Harvest Celebration, will take place in Farway Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am. The children have been asked to contribute something to the service. If you are able to come along to the service, we would be very pleased to see you there. After the service everyone is invited to join the village for a cheese ploughman's lunch and apple pie, on the village green (£10 for adult, £4 under 12 yrs). Thank you.

**Tesco Bags of Help scheme**

We are delighted that our school has been included in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. Voting for our project to resurface the preschool playground is now underway in Tesco's in Honiton. We would be grateful for your help in encouraging friends and family to vote for us. A huge thankyou to the PTFA, who helped to organise this vote!

**School Uniform**

Please can parents make sure that all school uniform is clearly labelled with the name of your child? If you have ordered school uniform, but have not paid, it is now ready to collect from the school office. A reminder that all will children need full school uniform, details of which can be found on our website, including a red P.E. t-shirt. Thank you.

### New School Menu

Everyone should have received a copy of the new menu in their book bags this week. If you need a copy, but do not have one, please ask Tamsin in the office. Thank you.

### Race for Life

Well done to everyone for taking part in our school 'Race for Life' at the end of last term, you all did brilliantly! We are now collecting the sponsorship money from this event, so please return your sponsorship forms to school as soon as you are able. Thank you.

### Child Assault Prevention Training

This term all of the schools in our federation are taking part in child assault prevention training, which will give our children positive messages, on how they can protect themselves and build safer communities. As part of this training we are holding two parent sessions, on September 27<sup>th</sup>, one at Branscombe School from 1.30-3.30pm, and one at Broadhembury School from 6.30-8pm. **Any parent/carer, from any of our federation schools, are welcome to attend either session. We would love to see you there!**

### Parent SIMS

Last term we sent home invitations to register for our new parent SIMS app. This app will help us comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and introduces an easier and more convenient way to update parent and student contact details. Thank you to all of you who have signed up. If you have signed up, please follow the links that have been sent to you to complete the registration process. If you have any changes to contact details, medical information or dietary requirements, please don't forget to update them on the app. **Due to GDPR we would prefer not to send home paper data collections sheets any more, so if you need to update personal information, and you do not have the app, please come and speak to someone in the school office.** Thank you.

### Collective Worship Activity

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

