

Farway Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

It is with regret that I have to inform you that, due to family illness, Mr Hooper has decided to leave the federation in order to spend time with his wife and children. He would like to send his sincere best wishes to all his colleagues, parents and to the pupils he has taught in the federation. As a result of this and the continued reduction in pupil numbers at the school, replacing Mr Hooper is not a financially viable option. As you will know Mr Hooper and Miss White also have contracts at Broadhembury. It has been decided to move Miss White to Broadhembury to replace Mr Hooper, therefore giving children there continuity of teaching through the week. Due to the budget constraints here Mr Hooper will not be replaced and Miss N will be taking the whole of Farway School in one class after half term. Miss N will be supported in her organisation and planning for this role by Miss Prince, Head of Teaching and Learning. There will also be a teaching assistant.

Many of you know that Miss N is getting married in the summer and she has made it known to me for some time that it was her intention to move back to Cornwall at some point. An opportunity has risen at a school in Cornwall and she was successful at interview this week. Miss N will therefore, unfortunately, leave the federation at May half term. The staff structure will be reviewed nearer this time. If you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Other news this week....

We were very fortunate to have good weather for the pancake races on Tuesday. Good fun was had by all with pancake flipping, an obstacle course and pancake races, greatly aided by the supply of pancakes from the PTFA. The teams are now evenly matched – Green 38, Yellow 27 and Red 32! A big thank you to everyone who helped make such a great day.



Time goes so fast, doesn't it? Here we are already at half term. Spring is almost here, meaning that soon we'll be enjoying lighter evenings, with the trees slowly turning green and warm weather hopefully not too far behind.

The Fledglings have enjoyed making their own pancakes in their pancake kitchen which they have made in their outside area. The sound of the week was 'P'.

On Monday Class 1 designed and made wedding cakes in their junk modelling. They have used the internet to research past and present kings and queens, using the information they found to finish the unit by writing their information page, as well as making chinese lanterns for chinese New Year and looking at eye colours.

On Thursday, following their weekly session with Mr Ralph, Class 2 demonstrated their very excellent Haka which they have been practising. This was extremely impressive with well timed co-ordination, and much face pulling, perfectly demonstrating the effectiveness this tactic gives to its performers. Well done. The children in Class 2 have had a super time today with Miss Higgins, all working together on painting a giant picture of Ernest Shackleton's boat, Endurance.

Today we have said our goodbyes to Tia, Freddie and Anerie. We wish them all success and happiness on their chosen paths.

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

Dates for your Diary
Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th February
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February – Half Term
Tuesday 23rd – Swimming Gala at Honiton Pool for Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 3rd March – World Book Day
Tuesday 3rd March – Parents Evening
Sunday 6th March – Mothering Sunday Service in Church

☆ HALL OF FAME

A Generous Saint

Nicholas grew up long ago in a poor part of Turkey. His father earned just enough to provide for the needs of his family but many people in the town were extremely poor.

One day something extraordinary happened. A wealthy relative, who Nicholas barely knew, suddenly died and left him a vast fortune. Overnight Nicholas became rich, so rich that he felt very uncomfortable about having so much money when many of the townsfolk barely had enough to eat. But Nicholas knew that the families were proud and they would not want to accept money that they had not earned. He needed to find a way to help them in secret.

So in the dark of night, Nicholas crept through the town leaving parcels of food, clothing and money for the families most in need. He helped one family with three daughters several times. The father was so curious about the mysterious benefactor, that he was determined to stay awake and discover who was being so **generous**. As Nicholas quietly left his gift at the door of their tiny home the man leapt out and chased Nicholas until he finally caught up. Nicholas was embarrassed and begged the man not to give away his secret. The father promised. But he was so happy and grateful that he just couldn't help telling people, and soon the whole town knew about Nicholas' **generosity**.

Nicholas continued to live in the same town and he continued to be **generous** to every one in need. Every December he rewarded the children who had been good during the year by secretly delivering presents whilst they were asleep. To this day Nicholas is remembered in countries across the world when children receive gifts on December 5th, St Nicholas' Day.



10 ways to become a better reader...

1. Read 2. READ

3. Read 4. read

5. READ 6. Read

7. Read

8. read

9. Read ☺

10. READ



HONITON LEARNING COMMUNITY

Here are some of the activities available in your area during the February half-term holiday.

<p>All day activities Honiton Leisure Centre - Sports Mix Day Camps, 8.30 am - 5.00pm (half days available) Full day from £10 - £20. Contact details: www.ledleisure.co.uk Tel: 01404 42325 Location: School Lane, Honiton</p> 	<p> Swimming Honiton Swimming Pool - Fun Splash: Mon - Fri, 1.30pm-2.30pm. Courses available. Prices vary Contact details: www.ledleisure.co.uk Tel: 01404 42325 Location: School Lane, Honiton</p>
 <p>Half Term Family Workshop 13th Feb, 11am-1pm. For 8-12 yrs. Make your own story book with artist Robert Mountjoy. £2 per child - booking 01404 45006.</p> <p>Half term Yarn Bombing, Wed 17th & Thur 18th Feb, 11am-3pm. Drop in to make a piece of wool work, all ages welcome. www.thelmahulbert.com</p>	<p>East Devon Countryside Service Bird watching for children <i>Wednesday 17th February 12 noon to 1pm</i> Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of bird watching. Binoculars available to borrow. Booking required Suggested donation £2 Seaton Wetlands - Island hide</p> <p>Family adventure day <i>Thursday 18th February 10am to 3pm</i> Join the Education ranger for a fun, hands on day at Liverton Copse, Exmouth. An opportunity for families to work together and learn outdoor skills like campfire cooking, woodland crafts and more. Booking required £8 per child 01395 517557 countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk</p>
<p>Donkey Sanctuary</p>  <p>Valentines Holiday Hunt, 13th - 21st Feb, All day - £3 entry. Donkey Grooming - 11am-12 noon & 2pm-3pm £3 per person. Book on the day Face Painting - 12noon-2pm in the events Barn - £3 per child. www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk Tel: 01395 573055 Location: Sidmouth</p>	<p>Get out and about!</p> <p>Roundball Wood is a small area of woodland to the south of Honiton. Three footpaths lead to the Wood from public roads (Woodhill View, Battishorne Way and Roundball Lane) and the Wood is about 10 minutes walk from either of these points.</p> <p>Please take reasonable care and go dressed and equipped for rough walking. Maps available at: www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk</p>

Exeter City Football in the Community



Soccer Roadshow

Wed 17th & Thur 18th Feb.

10am - 3pm, £27, Age 5 - 14

www.exetercityfc.co.uk

Location: St John's School,
Sidmouth

Children's Society



The Children's Centre will be hosting a number of events for younger families, including Mon 15th Feb, Half term time

table on the website -

www.childrenssociety.org.uk/honiton

Honiton@childrenssociety.org.uk 01404 540820

Ferne Animal Sanctuary



8miles from Honiton, signposted from A30. Admission charge £2 adult, £1 child. 10am-5pm, 7 days a week. 300 animals, nature trail, play areas.

See website for details of Half term activities.



www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org

Email: info@ferneanimalsanctuary.org

Tel: 01460 65214

Honiton Pantomime Society

(Previously Honiton Pantomime Society) 16th to 20th February 2016
HONITON COMMUNITY THEATRE COMPANY
Tickets £8 Adult, £6 Child
25% off children's tickets before 1st January 2016

Peter Pan

The Swashbuckling Pantomime Adventure

"A night of sparkling entertainment"
- NODA 2015 -

the beehive
Box Office: 01404 384 050
www.beehivehoniton.co.uk or
In person at The Beehive
Find out more at www.honitonpanto.co.uk  

Axe Valley Wildlife Park

AXE VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK

Join us for Spring Half Term for fun activity days!
Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th February 2016
Open 10am-5pm

Follow our valentine's trail -
can you find all the answers?

Activities (16th-19th February 2016):

- 11.00 Guinea pig fishing
- 12.00 Creepy crawlies show
- 1.00 Otter feed and talk
- 2.00 Reptile Rampage Show
- 3.00 Meerkat feed and talk

All activities weather permitting and subject to change

Lots of fun for all ages



Just off the A35 (on the B3263)
near Axminster, EX13 7RA
Telephone: 01297 34472
www.axevalleypark.co.uk
Closed Mondays except during school holidays

Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM),

www.rammuseum.org.uk

Normal opening times: Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm. Closed Mondays and bank holidays.

Free Admission

Exeter's world-class museum has stunning new displays and galleries, fabulous exhibitions and modern amenities. The displays reveal Devon and Exeter's rich history and global connections. Exotic animals, birds and insects delight children and the world cultures galleries display stunning items from all over the world.

Visit [What's on](#) for all our exhibitions and events.

Please note that you assume full responsibility for using this information, and you understand and agree that neither the Honiton Learning Community or any of its employees are responsible or liable for any claim, loss or damage resulting from using this information.

Please order meals for the whole week and return this slip with your week's choices.
Orders for the week beginning 29th February must be in the office by Friday 26th February

Should you wish to change your order, we will be able to make adjustments on the day, so if a child is absent, or just if you change your mind, we'll be able to cancel any meal previously ordered (or add one on!)
Please notify the office of any changes as we no longer call the dinner register in class.

Please ensure your order is at the school by Friday 26th February 2016

NEXT WEEK'S MENU – Week 2 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

MONDAY	Cheese & Ham Wheels with a medley of Baked Beans, Corn & Courgette
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	PACKED LUNCH: WHITE SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: HAM, TUNA MAYO, EGG MAYO or MILD CHEDDAR SIDE: of Mixed Sticks: Carrot, Celery & Cucumber with Humous Dip
	Fresh Fruit Salad
TUESDAY	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables and Roast Potatoes
	2 Sweetcorn & Vegetable Fritters, Seasonal Vegetables and Roast Potatoes
	PACKED LUNCH: WRAP with Choice of: MILD, SPICY CHICKEN or SPICY BEANS with LETTUCE SIDE: of GRATED MILD CHEDDAR and CHERRY TOMATO
	Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Mixed Veg. and Couscous
	Vegetarian Balls in Tomato Sauce with Mixed Veg. and Couscous
	PACKED LUNCH: WHOLEMEAL SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: BLT (unsmoked) or SLICED EGG (& salad cream) SIDE: of HOMEMADE WALDORF SALAD (without walnuts)
	Apple Cake with Custard
THURSDAY	Minced Beef & Vegetable Cobbler with Seasonal Greens and Baby Potatoes
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	PACKED LUNCH: COLD PASTA POT With Choice Of: HAM or HALLOUMI in a Tangy Tomato Sauce SIDE: of BUTTERED CHEESE SCONE
	Swiss Roll
FRIDAY	Battered Cod, Oven Chips and Peas
	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Baked Beans
	PACKED LUNCH: MULTIGRAIN SOFT FINGER ROLL With Choice Of: ROAST PORK & PICKLE or TUNA SALAD SIDE: of COLD VEGETABLE FRIED RICE POT
	Fruit Flapjack

Salad to include: Lettuce, Cucumber, Grated Carrot, Grapes, Cherry Tomatoes, Coleslaw
 Drink: 200ml Semi Skimmed Milk is included with each meal

Please order meals for _____

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 29th February 2016	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	