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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school, I hope you are all feeling refreshed and that the children are ready for another exciting year of learning.

We welcome Angel, Sam and Elsa to the school as well as Amelie and Helena our new reception pupils who look super in their school uniforms. They all seem to have settled in very quickly.

You may have noticed that the outside of school was painted over the holidays – doesn't it look lovely and refreshed?

There are lots of dates for the year included in this newsletter to help you to plan your diaries. There is also an important form to indicate whether you can come to the Harvest Festival service, so that we can plan our contribution. More information about the class topics this term will be sent home shortly.

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

Key Dates

Our Key dates for the upcoming year are included below. Please be aware that these dates are provisional and are subject to change if there are unforeseen circumstances. Timings will be confirmed nearer the time. We will of course keep you informed of any upcoming changes.

Autumn Term 2017

- 15th September – KS2 Trip to Tiverton Museum
- 17th September – Harvest Festival at Church 11.15am
- 20th October – Last Day of Half Term
- 22nd October – Individual School Photos being taken
- 30th October – Non Pupil Day
- 31st October – First Day Back for Children
- 15th November - Parents' Evening
- 12th December – Christmas Play (evening)
- 19th December- End of Term

Spring Term 2018

3rd January - Non-Pupil Day
4th January - Term Begins
12th – 16th February – Half Term
22nd March - Parents' Evening
29th March - Last Day of Term and Easter Service (am)

Summer Term 2018

16th April - Term Begins
7th May - Bank Holiday
22nd May – May Day afternoon
25th May - Non Pupil Day
28th May – 1st June - Half Term
4th June - Children return to school
18th July- Open Evening
23rd July- Federation Sports Day (pm)
24th July - Last Day of Term and Leavers' Service (am)

Forest School and P.E Kit

All children need to have their forest school kit with them for every Wednesday afternoon. The children also need to have the correct School Uniform PE Kit in school every Monday for our PE lessons. Thank you.

Museum Trip

On Thursday 15th September Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in a trip to Tiverton Museum, where they will learn about Victorian Life. They will be travelling by coach and will need a packed lunch as they will be away from school for the whole day. Please look out for a separate letter about this that will be sent home imminently.

Collective Worship Activity

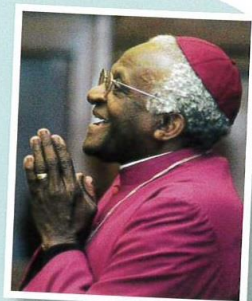
This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Forgiveness. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.

★ HALL OF FAME

Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities.

There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive **forgiveness**. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin.



Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will take place at 11.15 am in the Farway Church on Sunday 17th September. Please fill in the slip below, and return by Monday 11th September, so that we can plan the children's involvement in the service? Many Thanks

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My Child **will be attending / will not be attending the**

Harvest Festival, in Farway Church on 17th September at 11.15am.

Signed..... (Parent/ Guardian).