

# Farway Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

'All Different, All Equal,' has been the theme for us this week during National Anti-bullying week. Celebrating how different and unique we all are, and what makes us all so special in our own ways, helps us to understand why it's so important that everyone feels able to be themselves, without judgement.

The children took turns to parade their individuality and unique style, by treating us all to a mini catwalk show of their odd socks. It was lovely to hear their reasons for choosing their different socks and seeing the range of vibrant colours and patterns, which naturally reflected their own vibrant and colourful personalities!



Thinking about all the times we might feel sad or unhappy as a result of someone else's hurtful words or actions, we kick started our Monday morning exercises, with the perfectly apt song, 'Shake It Off' to literally 'shake it all off' and start to feel better about ourselves. Team work, trust and collaboration has continued to be the theme for our exercise sessions, where on Wednesday, the children worked in groups of three or six to skip in the middle of a long rope. Some children even attempted to skip with a partner in the middle of the rope. They really enjoyed working together to jump at the same time!

To realise words can be as equally unkind as actions, on Tuesday the children were each given a precious gift. They were given a delicate paper heart to hold in their hands and look after. Sitting in a circle carefully holding their hearts, the children took turns to share something sad, hurtful or unkind someone might have said to them. After hearing each person's unkind words, each child in the circle scrunched a small part of their paper heart. In no time at all the children noticed the paper hearts were nothing more than a scrunched up paper ball.

To understand the power we all have of saying one nice thing to someone and really making someone's day, the children then took turns to share happy, thoughtful, loving and kind things people had said to them. This time as they heard the kinder words being said, the children started to undo a section of their scrunched paper heart. Bit by bit, the children noticed their heart slowly opening out again. But, there was one problem... Can you remember what we could still see on the paper hearts?

The children found that even though they had been able to open their heart out again and flatten it, it wasn't quite the same. The paper was still very creased and little lines remained all over them. They concluded that unkind words really do hurt our hearts, and felt it would be better if we could just all say kinder things to each other, with a kinder voice. They also discussed the 'sorry' word and reflected on it not having magical powers to heal the creased lines in their hearts.

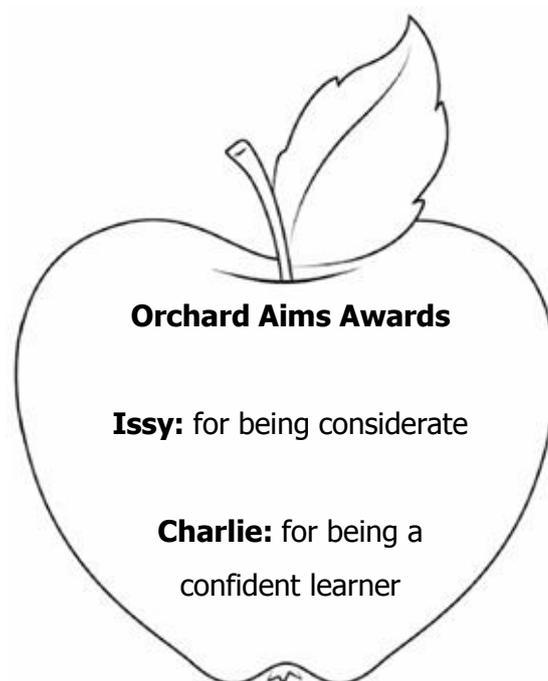
While KS2 pupils continued to debate and reflect on some thought provoking anti bullying issues, such as, 'When does banter turn into bullying?' KS1 children looked at how great it is to be themselves and celebrated all the wonderful things they are good at.

The children have worked very hard during the anti-bullying activities this week, and have shown the Farway Orchard Aims in their conduct, manner and attitudes towards their learning. The activities have reminded the children, about what specifically constitutes bullying, the importance of using the correct language to describe incidents, and how important it is for them to report instances.

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 is bullying?



## Key Dates

### Autumn Term 2017

5<sup>th</sup> December- School Christmas Dinner  
12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play (evening)  
19<sup>th</sup> December- End of Term

## Coats

Please can all children come to school with a coat. The weather is not always quite so tropical now and we still go out - even when it is cold or at the end of a rain shower.

## Science Trip

Last Friday, the children took part in a science workshop at Honiton Community College, on the subject of Chocolate! They took 3 different types of chocolate and compared how fast they melted, the aim of the lesson was to create a 'fair test'. It was a fun and educational visit, and the children particularly enjoyed being in a real science laboratory, and working with a full range of equipment.



## Key Stage Two Hockey

Last Monday our Key Stage Two children took part in a Hockey tournament, at Honiton Leisure centre. The children all played well, and had a brilliant time, alongside children from Broadhembury, and the Honiton Learning Community.



## Craft Club

Our Parent run Fun Craft Club has continued this week, with lots of fun being had by all those involved. This week, the children made some brilliant bird feeders, by coating cardboard tubes in seeds and nuts.



## Collective Worship Activity

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

### HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



#### Design a weighing machine

Before electronic weighing machines were invented, scales often had two pans that were balanced when each held an equal weight.

Design and make a simple balance from junk materials that can weigh small objects.



**Please order meals for \_\_\_\_\_**

The menu is on the school website [www.farway.devon.sch.uk](http://www.farway.devon.sch.uk) - Please look at **week 1**.

	<b>Menu Choices for Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>	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.***



# Forest School Update

Despite it being rather damp for fire-lighting, today we were practising using the Flint and Steel to make a spark. Some children are still a little nervous and we always make sure we know how to keep ourselves and our friends safe. Well done Sam for preparing a bucket of water for just in case!



With help from the children, Sarah Lucy has begun to build a living structure using the willow that we pruned in previous weeks. When we find some more suitable lengths of willow, the children will be able to help weave the walls.

- Thank you for your donations of bulbs!