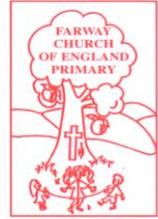


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Dear Parents,

Well, the sun has had his hat on, hip-hip-hip-hooray, the sun has had his hat on and he came out all week at Farway!

Yet another spectacularly sunny week and a chance for us all to make the most of our beautiful outdoor learning areas. Well done to those of you who keep remembering to bring in your sun hats, sun cream and water drinks. While we always aim to spend our time outside in the more cooler and shady spots, the main playground and grassy areas are not as forgiving when the sun is beaming down.

Key Stage 1 children have started their new 'Information text' literacy unit this week, by looking at the similarities and differences between information books and stories. Can you remember what is the same? Explain to someone at home what the difference is. The children have especially enjoyed spending time in the library, to hunt for different information books to share with each other. They have also been introduced to some new vocabulary this week, which will help them to identify the key features of an information text. Perhaps you might be able to find an information book at home this weekend? Show someone at home where the title, heading, contents page, glossary, index and photographs are and explain what they help us to know.

In Maths, Key Stage 1 children have started to identify fractions of objects, amounts and numbers. They began the week with a bit of a picnic problem - where two friends were trying to share their picnic food. One pizza, five apples, four cupcakes and two cartons of orange needed to be shared. Can you remember how the friends could share their food so that it was fair? How did they make sure they both had equal amounts? The children even had a go at cutting pieces of fruit to share between themselves, to solve real life maths problems. Explain to someone at home how you shared one apple equally between yourself and your friend. Some of us even started to share our pieces of fruit between four friends. What fraction of fruit did each friend have in the end, and how did we write this using numbers?



Continuing with their biography writing focus, Key Stage 2 have been carefully considering who they might choose to write about for their own writing tasks at the end of this literacy unit. Putting themselves in the shoes of the 'Women in Science' author, the children have started to draw up a list of criteria that she might have used, to decide whether a person was suitable to be included in her book about the women scientists. Explain to someone at home why she might have included Mary Anning for example. By not being known by everybody, having overcome massive adversity and having had a terrific lasting impact on our world, the children have also started to think about and consider who they might write about themselves. They have begun to explore different people who they think are inspiring and whether they meet the above criteria. Who might you write about in your final report?

In Maths, Key Stage 2 have been working systematically to collate, record and present their final data for a federation project set by Mrs Gray two weeks ago. Explain to someone at home the different types of maths you have been using over these past few weeks to collect, record, analyse and present your project findings. Some of the children even used their business skills to retrieve and send required data for their project conclusions this week, which involved making telephone calls and sending emails to pupils and staff within the federation. By the end of the week the children will have drawn their final conclusions and will be presenting Mrs Gray with all their conclusive results and data. I have been tremendously impressed with the children's application of problem solving and collaboration throughout this project and look forward to discovering the final results!

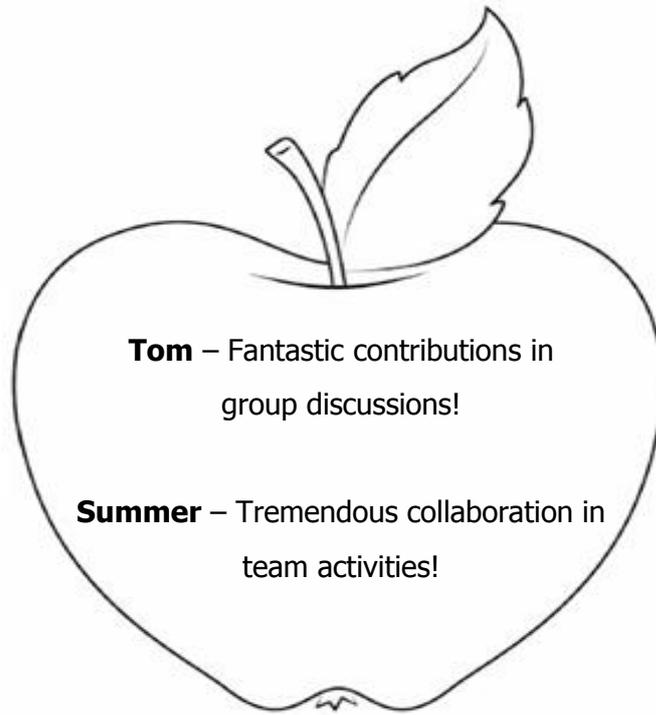


Thank you for all your continued support.  
God bless and have a lovely weekend.

*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway CE School*

### **Question of the Week:**

When might it be easy to lose hope in something or someone?



### **Key Dates**

#### **Summer Term 2018**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July- Exe Valley Challenge.

5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July Starter afternoons, for children joining Farway in September

18<sup>th</sup> July- Open evening for prospective parents.

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Federation Sports Day & Race for Life.

24<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term

### **Fundraising for Playground Soft Surface**

We are going to start fundraising to raise funds, so that we can upgrade our preschool playground area, to a soft bouncy, rubber surface. This will make a huge difference to the outside area, which is in constant use by the children. If you have any ideas on how we can raise funds, please let us know. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch.

### **Sun cream and Hats**

As the weather is becoming warmer, on warm days the children should have a sun **hat** with them, and have **sun-cream** already applied, before they come to school. We are not able to apply sun cream for the children. If children can apply sun cream themselves, please send them in to school with a named bottle of cream, to put extra on during the day (we have noticed that there is now roll on sun cream, which is easy for children to put on by themselves). Please can the children also bring a **water bottle** to school with them? Thank you for your help with this. **This is especially important to remember on the days that children will be doing P.E lessons, as they can easily overheat in the sun.**

## **Bags2School Collection**

Our Bags2School Collection in aid of fundraising for our PTFA, will take place next Tuesday. **If anyone has any donations please bring them into school on Monday.** Bags2School accept Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Curtains, Towels, and Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). Thank you.

**Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £27 million.**

As well as raising vitally needed funds for schools, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles– this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

You can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!



## **Federation Sports Day and Race for Life**

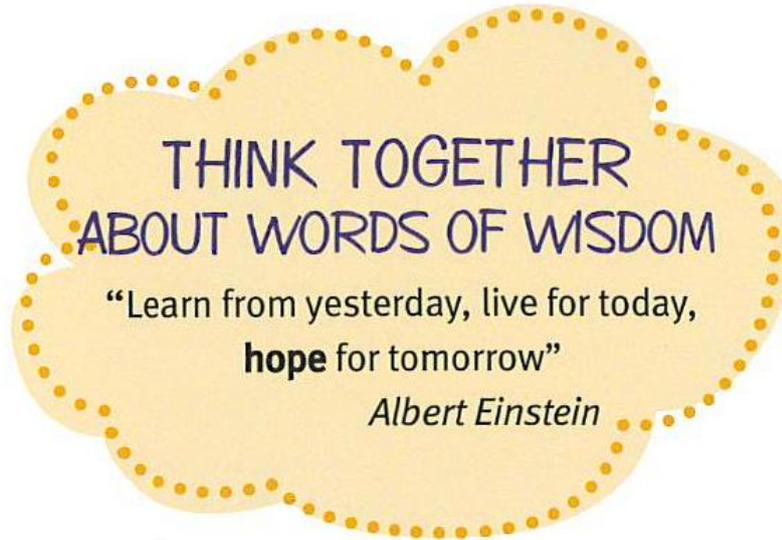
On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, all of the children will be taking part in our annual Federation Sports Day. As part of this event, we will be holding a 'Race for Life' to help raise money for the Cancer Research charity. Each child will receive a medal on completion of the race. We will shortly be sending home sponsorship forms, for each child which will need to be returned to school after the race. We hope that you will aid us in raising money for this worthy cause, and give the children something to feel really proud of. Thank you.

## **Year 5 & 6 Honiton Community College Parents Tour**

Mr Glenn Smith is conducting a parent tour for years 5 & 6 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 8.50am. You will need to book a place on the tour. Contact: [admin@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk) or you can call in and speak to Charlotte Bowles on reception.

### Collective Worship Activity

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



**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 2**.

|           | <b>Menu Choices for Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018</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.***