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Dear Parents,

As yet another busy week races by, we somehow find ourselves arriving at the start of December. The Farway Orchard Aims continue to be ever present in the children's efforts and remain a focus for their attitudes towards their learning.

Fresh from their local postman visit, the children in KS1 have been identifying what is written on an envelope, and when you need to post someone a letter, a card or a parcel. The children have collaborated to create addresses for the various characters of the Jolly Christmas Postman story, and have written them on a range of envelopes for the postman's posting sack.

The children in KS1 also welcomed a new member to their class this week as Humpty Dumpty came in, to tell them all about his unfortunate accident! Using their special question words, the children asked Humpty about his unlucky fall. Can you remember why Humpty fell off the wall? Tell someone at home who helped him first. KS1 have also looked closely at the local Farway area and began to plot the local known landmarks they can see. They correctly identified Farway school and the church on a large scale map. How many deliveries does the Farway postman have to make in this area do you think? Who gets their post first? Who has to wait the longest and why?

In KS2 the children have been creating and editing their own imaginative endings of the Victorian story, 'Fair's Fair', to reveal their own final adventures for Jackson and the monstrous dog. What will Jackson's last journey involve? How will the story conclude?

Geometric reasoning has been the focus in KS2 maths this week, and the children have been using their numeracy vocabulary, to describe different angles and how they can be compared. The pupils have also started to look at protractors and establish the correct method to accurately measure and record the angles of 2D shapes. I have been especially impressed with the resilience and perseverance shown by the pupils in KS2, who have found this unit of maths to be initially quite challenging. Well done for your positive 'I can do it' mind sets. Keep this up!

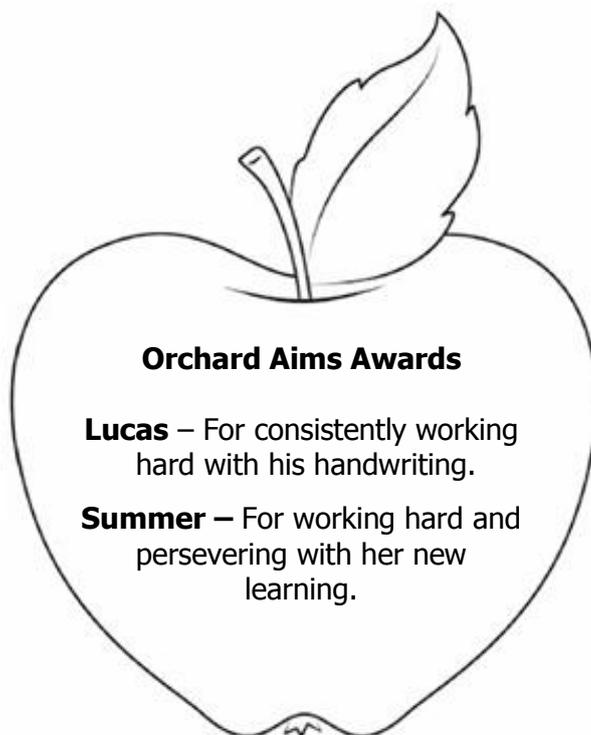
Also this week, the Farway pupils have started to learn a Christmas play story and songs, for their upcoming performance. Please look out for any story lines or songs coming home, which will help your children learn and remember what they have to say or sing.

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:

How is Christmas celebrated around the world?



Key Dates

Autumn Term 2017

5th December- School Christmas Dinner

12th December – Christmas Play – 6pm

14th December- Open Morning for Prospective Parents -10am- 12pm

19th December- End of Term

School Christmas Dinner

A reminder that this year's School Christmas Dinner, will take place on Tuesday 5th December. The children will have Roast Turkey (or vegetarian alternative) and Trimmings, with milk chocolate log for pudding. Thank you to all of those, who have said you would like your child to have Christmas dinner on this day. If you have not already done so, but would like your child to have Christmas dinner, please let the office know, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Farway School Christmas Play

A reminder that this year's Christmas Play will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm in Farway Church. Thank you.

Lost Uniform

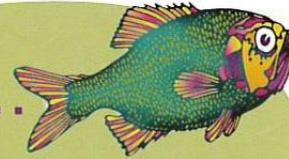
We have a number of items of school uniform that have gone missing. Please can you check your child's school uniform, to make sure that it has not become muddled up with another child's? Thank you for your help with this.

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.



READ TOGETHER...



The Story of Jonah

Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned. "Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah. The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors.

"It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah.

The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

Bible story based on Book of Jonah

Please order meals for _____

The menu is on the school website www.farway.devon.sch.uk - Please look at **week 3**.

	Menu Choices for Week Beginning 4th December 2017	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.

Seaton Christmas Lights Switch On

This year's Seaton Christmas Carnival & late-night Shopping, will take place on Friday 1st December, from 4.00pm till late. There is a full programme of events including a visit from Father Christmas, and a range of entertainment.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Across the federation we are holding open mornings during December, to give prospective parents the chance to visit our schools. If you know of any families looking for a place at school, for next year, please encourage them to visit and pass the dates on to them. Thank you.



Open Mornings



**Farway C of E
Primary School**

**Thursday 14th December
10.00-12.00**

01404 871239

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**Branscombe C of E
Primary School**

**Tuesday 5th December
9.45-11.45**

01297 680339

admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk



**Broadhembury C of E
Primary School**

**Wednesday 13th December
10.00-12.00**

01404 841304

admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk

**Please come and visit our schools to
have a look round, coffee and chat.
Feel free just to pop in on the above dates. For
more information, or to come in at another time,
please contact the school.**