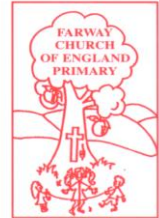


# Farway Church of England Primary School



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9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents,

Whether paddling, snorkelling or diving into the deepest water, it has been wonderful to see so many of the children being motivated to challenge themselves further, in their depth of learning, this week. This has been especially evident in our collective worship sessions, where the children were asked to reflect on what it means, to show compassion to others.

To conclude their capacity learning, KS1 children were faced with a problem, when they met Dave the dinosaur, who was stuck in a bucket, half-filled with water! Without using their hands, the children used their problem solving skills, to suggest ways to rescue Dave, and get him to the top of the bucket. Can you remember how we solved the problem? What happened to the water level when we added rocks, or took them away?



When it came to self-assessing their learning, some children felt so confident, that they decided to explain and share their learning with Nursery, and collect a green traffic light. The children all know that they need to be able to teach someone else, to show secure learning, when they award themselves with a green traffic light.



Spherical or flat? Heliocentric or geocentric? These are just a few of the theories KS2 pupils have been learning about, and arguing for and against this week. Discovering the strongest or weakest evidence to prove or disprove, the children took turns to explain and justify, the different theories and identify significant changes in scientific research.

In forest school, KS2 pupils took turns to collect wood and start small fires. Which types of wood worked better, to start the fire, and why? How did you share the responsibilities in the group, for collecting wood and keeping the fire going? Explain to someone at home the skills you used to keep the fire alight.

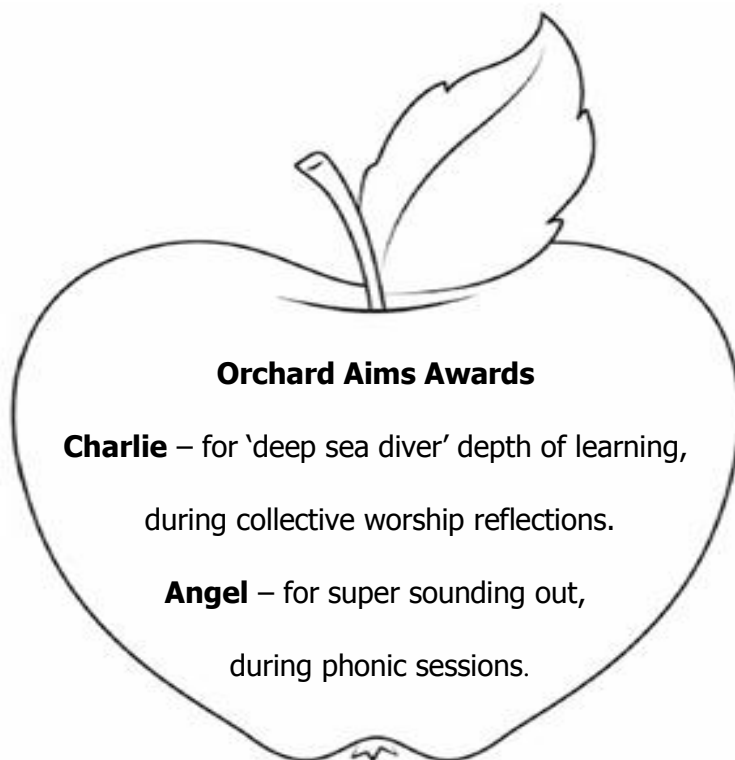


Thank you for all your continued support.  
God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

### **Question of the week:**

What is compassion and why it is important to be compassionate?



### **Key Dates**

Spring Term 2018

16<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day.

21<sup>st</sup> March – World Poetry Day.

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents' Evening.

Thursday 29th March- Last Day of Spring Term & 'Wear a Hat' Day.

## Ready Steady Write

Before the disruption caused by the inclement weather conditions, the children enjoyed taking part in our latest 'Ready, Steady, Write' themed day, during which they all had the opportunity to partake in a range of activities, to explore the nursery rhyme 'Hey Diddle, Diddle'. They completed some art work, and took part in a role play. Afterwards, the children in Key Stage One, wrote their own diary entry, where they took on the role of one of the characters, in the story. The children in Key Stage Two, meanwhile, wrote a news report detailing 'what really happened' in the story. Some of their brilliant work is now displayed in school.



## World Book Day

Unfortunately, due to the snow, we missed our World Book Day celebrations. These have now been rescheduled for next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Your child is welcome to come to school, dressed as a character from a book. The more inventive the better. We look forward to seeing all their amazing costumes!

## Headlice

We still have an ongoing problem with Headlice in school. **Please** can **all** parents check their child's hair for Headlice, and treat them accordingly? We would appreciate your help with this. Please check your child's hair every night. It only takes one child not to be treated, for the whole school to become re-infected. By working together we hope to prevent further outbreaks.

## Futsal event

Our Key Stage 2 children were lucky enough to take part in a Honiton Learning Community Sports Event. They travelled to Honiton Leisure Centre, where they played in a Futsal, five aside football tournament. Seven teams were involved and Farway came fifth overall, even beating the eventual winners of the competition. Well done to all the children who took part. A big thank you also, to the parents who provided transport to this event, we could not have taken part without your help. It is appreciated!



## Multi Skills Event

Unfortunately we have had to cancel next Monday's Key Stage 1 trip, to the Honiton Learning Community, Multi skills event, as we have not had enough parent volunteers to help with transport. We would like to thank those of you who have offered to help. We will continue to attend other similar events, please see below.

### **Honiton Learning Community Sports Events**

Throughout this year, we have the opportunity to take part in a selection of sports events at Honiton Community College. We would like our children to take part in as many of these events as possible, as they are a wonderful opportunity for the children to be involved in Physical Education, alongside friends from the Federation and other children in the Learning Community. They are also lots of fun! As the events are often only for a select age range, we would appreciate parent's help in transporting children to and from these activities.

The next event will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and will be for Key Stage 2. If you are able to help transport children, to and from this event, please speak to Tamsin in the school office. These events cannot take place without parent volunteers, so we would really appreciate your help. Thank you!

### **Parents' Evening**

We will be holding our parents' evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We would really like as many of you as possible to come along and speak to Mrs Hooper about your child's progress. If you would like to attend it is important that you return the parents' evening slip that was sent home earlier this week. Thank you.

### **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.

### **Wear a Hat Day**

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (last day of term) we will be holding a 'Wear a Hat Day' to raise money for Brain Tumour Research. One of the ex-pupils of Branscombe has been supported by this charity and so we have chosen to help them across the federation by supporting their annual 'hat' day! Children can wear, for a small donation, any hat to school for the day. It would, however, be even more fun if they came in home made hats – either Easter Bonnets or hats with another theme. We look forward to seeing the creativity.

### **Farway Church Mothering Day Service**



## Collective Worship Activity

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

### TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

**Compassion** is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help

## Family Day at the NLO

Explore and discover our fascinating Universe!

Featuring:

The Fire Show  
Planetarium Shows & Story Telling  
Hands-on Science Experiments  
Telescope Tours & Talks  
Solar & Radar Meteor Observing

Saturday 17th March 11am - 5pm

Norman Lockyer Observatory,  
Salcombe Hill  
Sidmouth EX10 0NY



Refreshments  
Available

Adults £8  
Children Free

**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 12<sup>th</sup> March 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.***