



Mill Water School

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The Friends of Mill Water School Newsletter – February 2016

Many thanks to everyone who came along and contributed to the Christmas Fayre. It was a fantastic event; just seeing the pupils enjoying themselves was enough to put a smile on anyone's face! The Enterprise Challenge was a huge success with the pupils and staff showing their skills and talents to great effect – there was such an amazing range of handmade gifts on sale. In less than two hours we raised £748.43. **Well done everyone!** And thank you to all those involved for your hard work throughout.

The school choir also went to the Tesco store in Honiton on 12th December, where they sang Christmas songs and did some enthusiastic drumming, raising £183.94 in the process. Later the same day the Sassy Choir, who are an adult singing and signing choir based at the Beehive in Honiton, went along to the store and raised a further £86.26 for us by singing Christmas carols. Thank you to everyone – pupils, staff and Sassy members – for turning out to liven up a dull day at Tesco. If you are interested in finding out more about the Sassy Choir they can be contacted via www.sassychoir.com

Here are some dates of fundraising events taking place in 2016 – all of them will be raising valuable funds for Mill Water. Full details of each event will be sent out nearer the time.

FEBRUARY 12th RED NON-UNIFORM DAY

Come to school wearing something red. Instead of a monetary donation please can you send a chocolate bar or a bag/jar filled with sweets. These will be used as prizes on the Mill Water stall at Bicton's Lambing Sunday event.

MARCH 11th CONCERT WITH BIG NOISE CHORUS

Southernhay United Reform Church, Exeter 7.30pm

The Big Noise is a 200 strong community choir based in Exeter. Mill Water's very own, never seen before, Staff Choir are the support act! Volunteers to help out on the night and cakes to serve at the interval would be gratefully received.

MARCH 20th LAMBING SUNDAY AT BICTON 10.00am-4.00pm – Come and see Mill Water's stall!

MAY 14th TABLE TOP SALE

East Budleigh Public Hall 10.30am-12.30pm

£10 to hire a table – to book, email Penny (PTFA member) at pennybain220@btinternet.com

JUNE Date to be confirmed

Sky Dive at Dunkeswell Aerodrome – are you up for the challenge?

JULY 6th & 7th SIDMOUTH FLOWER ARRANGERS SUMMER SHOW

All Saints Church 10.00am-4.00pm – we will be running the tombola stall.

JULY 15th SUMMER FETE at school 10.00am-12noon

DECEMBER 2nd CHRISTMAS FAYRE at school 10.00am-12noon

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated. The school has given the PTFA a 'wish list' which we will try to achieve but we need everyone's help. The hydro pool needs approximately £27,000 to complete the sensory sound and lighting equipment. We are also looking at around £20,000 to add much needed playground equipment. A second school vehicle to enable the sixth form to take up more work experience placements would also be very beneficial. Huge amounts to raise but we will get there by a combination of fundraising and grant applications.

If you have any questions about the above events or the PTFA in general or would like to get involved, please contact Lyndsey Trimmer (Chair) at lyn.trimmer@sky.com

You can also find more information about the PTFA and our events on the school's website, www.millwater.devon.sch.uk

Dates for our next meetings - everyone welcome!

Tuesday 9th February 10.00am in school

Tuesday 19th April 10.00am in school