



# Mill Water School

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## Headteacher's Newsletter – April 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

From everyone at Mill Water School we wish all families an enjoyable break over the Easter holidays and look forward to hearing all about your adventures at the beginning of the Summer term. Here's a few things we have been up to over the last half term.

### Change to School Hours

Please note that pupils will finish school at 2.15pm on Fridays, from the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Thank you to everyone who voted via the website.

### New School Governors

We are pleased to announce we have two additional volunteers who have joined our school as governors, Anthony Jervis and Paul Charlton. Anthony is a Social Worker by profession. Paul has recently retired from Avia where he ran operations for the South West and Wales. Both Anthony and Paul are local to the area. More information about our Governors is available on our website and is in the process of being updated.

[www.millwater.devon.sch.uk/web/governors\\_1](http://www.millwater.devon.sch.uk/web/governors_1)

### PTFA

The PTFA ran another very successful Mothers Day gift wrapping event on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The event was very much enjoyed by the children and the positive feedback from the staff.

The PTFA arranged a 'Crealy take over' event on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. This again was a thoroughly enjoyable event which was attended by families of Mill Water and staff.

For more information regarding the Friends of Mill Water PTFA group please visit the [Facebook page](#) or email [MillWaterPTFA@gmail.com](mailto:MillWaterPTFA@gmail.com)

### Photos of SLT

We have now added photos of the Senior Leadership Team to the school website.

[www.millwater.devon.sch.uk/web/staff\\_list](http://www.millwater.devon.sch.uk/web/staff_list)

### New website for parents on children's mental health problems

[www.happymaps.co.uk](http://www.happymaps.co.uk)

"Worried about your child's behaviour or mental health and not sure what's normal? Wondering whether to go and see your GP? Perhaps you've been referred to specialist services but there is a long wait ..... or perhaps you've been told the problem isn't quite serious enough to be referred.

HappyMaps will signpost you to books, websites, counselling services and parents groups so you can find help and support for you and your child, teenager or young adult."

Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children - from babies to young adults.

We hope this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups in the South West.

### School Council

The first School Council newsletter is being produced and will be added to the website very soon. Watch this space...



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### Easter Events

The whole school made Easter bonnets for the last day of term and paraded in the hall. Following this the whole school had an Easter egg hunt where each child had to find their face on an egg. Finally, the school had an Easter disco in the afternoon.



### Swim Gala

On Wednesday 20th March 2019 15 pupils from Mill Water took part in the regional SEND Swimming Gala in Exeter. Pupils from other SEN schools from as far as Torrington, Bideford, Totnes and Torbay competed against pupils from Mill Water in events such as front crawl, back stroke, relays and team events. Mill Water pupils won several medals including four golds as they more then held their own against the pupils from the schools.

It was a great day out for all involved.



## Dates for your diary

What	When	Time	Where
Easter end of term	Monday 08 <sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019		
PTFA Meeting	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	9.45am	School
Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)	Monday 06 <sup>th</sup> May 2019		
May half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019		
PTFA Meeting	Tuesday 04 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	9.45am	School
Change of hours on Fridays begins	Friday 07 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	2.15pm	School