12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

#### Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a good week. We commemorated Armistice Day in our own way with different groups of pupils either joining local memorials or having a moment of quiet in class. The pupils who went out behaved impeccably and were a credit to Mill Water. Here is Class 12 representing Mill Water at East Budleigh, laying a wreath made of poppies designed by each class.







In school, pupils are enjoying a range of fun and exciting activities. Some of our Year 11 and post 16 pupils are getting back to work experience and this includes helping out at charity shops, early years settings, the local food bank and local cafes. This is a very important part of the upper school curriculum so if you know of anyone that could offer a placement for one of our pupils, please get in touch.

Also, with careers in mind, we are hosting a careers event...

# **Moving On/Careers Fair**

Parents and carers of pupils in Yrs 9, 10 and 11 are invited to a Moving On/Careers Fair on Thursday 25th November, 1 pm-3 pm. Representatives from the following destination settings will be attending: Oakwood Court College, Bicton College, Petroc College, Ceda and Careers South West.

This will be an ideal opportunity for you to speak to staff from the colleges and providers that our pupils move on to after leaving Mill Water. You will be able to get prospectuses, arrange visits and ask any questions you may have, to help you decide where you would like your child to move on to. Please see your invitation letter for your year group times to avoid overcrowding.

### **Fundraising**

A big thank you to everyone who bought Otter Valley Rotary Club raffle tickets. We raised £196.20! This will go towards our fundraising for new playground equipment, extra classroom resources and enrichment activities for pupils.

# **Calling pupil librarians**

We have an advert out for pupils to apply to be librarians which has been a huge success in the past. Please have a chat with your child if you think it is something they may enjoy.

# **Important message for parents/carers**

Please can I remind all parents and carers that they must be contactable at all times whilst their children are in our care. We may need to contact you for a variety of health issues, or in case of an emergency.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pickering Headteacher

Dates for your diary			
What	When	Where	Notes
Children in Need	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	School	
Careers Fair	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 1 – 3 pm	School	Please see your invite letter for your specified time
Occasional day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November		
Occasional day	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November		