



Mill Water School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good half term and were able to avoid the crowds that flocked to our wonderful beaches.

The feedback from the parent and staff surveys has now been seen and discussed by governors. The response rate was the highest we have had in my time at Mill Water so this is a really positive outcome. In general, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, but of course there are always things we can work on and improve for the school community. We will publish the findings very shortly.

Thank you to those who made suggestions of areas to improve; if you would like to discuss any of these matters in more detail, please contact me through Paula Harris at school pharris@millwater.devon.sch.uk.

Temperatures are set to soar this weekend, and the world's leaders attending the G7 summit in Cornwall will be seeing the South West at its sunny best. While many a hot topic will be on the discussion table indoors, among them no doubt coronavirus, the higher temperatures, indoors and out, carry health risks that can be amplified during the pandemic, particularly for those spending more time at home because of self-isolation.

Social distancing measures have also reduced the opportunities for people to check on vulnerable friends and neighbours and some people may avoid seeking emergency healthcare when needed because of fears of catching coronavirus.

Much of the advice on beating the heat is common sense:

If you're spending time outdoors, remember to drink plenty of water and avoid excess alcohol. Stay in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a wide-brimmed hat.

Try to keep out of the sun and avoid physical exertion during the hottest hours of the day, usually between 11.00am and 3.00pm when the ultraviolet (UV) rays are strongest.

Please ensure your child comes to school with plenty of water, hat and named sun cream. We plan to be out and about as much as possible as the children are loving outdoor education, walks, lessons outside and particularly trips to the beach. We would also recommend that you **check your child daily for ticks** as we are aware of an increase in numbers over the last week.

Class 7 have been raising money for a games console and so far have made £50 from sales of the beautiful book marks. I love their idea of book marks as it supports reading which we encourage at every opportunity. If you would like to purchase any, please send in your donations marked CLASS 7 FUNDRAISING and they will be sent home to you.



Our 2021 leaver's assembly has been confirmed **for Wednesday 21st July**. Details for those involved will follow shortly, but we plan to build on last year's success and have an outdoor picnic as part of the celebrations.

We haven't made a decision in regards to sport's day but we will once we know what the government guidance is. I know this may be disappointing but the planning of large events within restrictions is very challenging and I want to know exactly what we can achieve safely.

Wishing you all warm wishes for the weekend

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S A Pickering'.

S A Pickering
Headteacher