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Dear Parents / Carers

What a busy and fun filled half term we have had in school. Thank you to everyone who has sent gifts and cards. I have been overwhelmed by your generosity.

PARNELL COACHES

Thank you to Parnell Coaches for donating this Christmas Tree to our school and their continued support throughout the year.



Lots of our classes have been out on visits to soak up the festivities, including Otter Nurseries, Cotley Farm & Kings Garden Centre. A massive thank you to Otter Valley Rotary Club for their kind donation of presents for the children and arranging for Santa to visit with his sleigh.

Rotary Santa Visit



Cotley Farm



Class 9 Trip to Otter Nurseries

Class 9 had a wonderful trip to see Santa on Thursday. The children were all extremely well behaved and a credit to the school. We enjoyed seeing the reindeers, dancing and singing to the Okey Cokey, had a train ride, met Santa (and he had a present for each of the children), plus seeing the winter wonderland with polar bears, penguins and elves.





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Christmas Shows

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Christmas shows this week. We had a great turn out and the children were absolutely amazing. Well done to all the staff for all their hard work to make this a success.



Holiday date survey

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far. I will provide the final survey results at the beginning of January 2020.

Playground consultation

We have been raising money to improve our outside play areas and Andrew Maker (physical education lead) has been in initial discussions with a variety of companies. Please note in our 'dates for your calendar' section, that we will be holding a playground consultation to discuss initial proposed plans and hear your thoughts. I will be inviting members of our physio team to join us along with pupils from our student council. We are really keen to hear what your children like to do at their local parks and in particular which equipment holds their interest and meets their physical needs. The PTFA have been involved in raising funds but of course specialist equipment is very expensive so we will be planning to work in stages.

The Friends of Mill Water School PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to our Christmas Fayre. This was a huge success but was only made possible by the hard work and tireless efforts from our committed PTFA. Personal thanks to each and every one of our members and I wish them all a very merry Christmas.

Message from the PTFA:

Our final Christmas fundraiser total is in - together we have raised an amazing £2945! The breakdown was Fayre: £1489, Raffle: £1456.

We are absolutely thrilled to have smashed last year's total and to have had fun with so many of our families in the process.

We simply could not achieve this without your support - thank you. We're really looking forward to working with you all again next year.

Happy Christmas from the PTFA



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Signposting

Short Breaks Co-design

Short Breaks give disabled children and young people the chance to experience activities and positive learning opportunities while giving parents and carers a break.

They would like to listen to children, young people, families and providers of services to:

- understand the support you get now and how well it is working
- work together with disabled children and young people, families and providers to think creatively about how to support families to have a good family life

Please click on the link below to go to the survey.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/shortbreakscodesign>

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Survey for professionals and parents/carers

Please click on the link below to complete the AAC survey for Devon County Council.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/augmentative-and-alternative-communication-survey-for-professionals-and-parents-carers/>

Parent Forum, 16th January 10am -2pm, at Mill Water School.

If you are a parent / carer of a young person in Yr10 or above (15 years or older), don't forget to join us for the second of our transition events. There will be a focus on transitioning from children's to adult services, rights under the Care Act 2014 and mental capacity. HFT (Home Farm Trust Ltd) are speaking at this event.

<https://www.hft.org.uk/about-us/>

This is a day workshop, we will provide tea and coffee, but ask that you bring your own lunch. If you would like to attend please email me to confirm your place. veulbarker@millwater.devon.sch.uk

Vicky Eul-Barker - Reviews Administrator & Parent Liaison

Dates for your diary

What	When	Time	Where
School Closed for Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 rd December – Wednesday 08 th January 2020		
School Start for Spring Term	Wednesday 08 th January 2020	9.00am	School
PTFA	Tuesday 14 th January 2020	9.45-11.30am	School
Parent Forum Transition Event	Thursday 16 th January 2020	10.00am-2.00pm	School
Playground Consultation	Thursday 23 rd January 2020	1-2.30pm	School