



PTFA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

Hello, everyone. Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year! Lots to tell you about, so please bear with us...

SENSORY ORCHARD UPDATE

The orchard is coming along nicely with new paths, the storyteller's chair is in place, as well as two sounds posts. The next step is to put down the rubber matting. We have a 'pot' of money put aside to start on the next stage; this is mainly due to a generous donation from The Norman Family Trust and to Mole Valley farmers who kindly donated some fence posts. Many thanks to Tom Neusinger, TA, for his dedication to this exciting project.

HYDRO POOL

The school has a fabulous pool; unfortunately it isn't as good as good as it could be! On the wish list to make it 'All Singing All Dancing' is to have lighting in and around the pool, a sound system to allow calming music/sound effects to be played and mirrored walls to help with physio sessions. These are just some of the extras that have been considered and there is no doubt that they would enhance the use of the pool immensely. Unfortunately, to have everything, we've got to raise approximately £30,000. To achieve this we will be applying for grants and sponsorship, as well as holding some events. Some people and organisations have already got us started!!

MURDER ON THE MENU

On the 24th October the Buddleigh Lions and Buddleigh Buddies put on an event with all the profits coming to Mill Water. It was a lovely evening filled with good food and great entertainment in the form of a play. The evening was attended by 160 guests and raised an amazing £1,250. Having the local community fundraising for the school is fantastic.

HALF MARATHON

Congratulations and well done to Kayleigh, Class 5 teacher, who completed the Great West Run in Exeter last month and who raised a fabulous £300. Thanks very much Kayleigh and to those who sponsored her. London Marathon next year???

FUNDRAISING AT WAITROSE

Mill Water is one of the chosen charities at Waitrose in Sidmouth throughout the month of November. So if you shop there, please put your green coin in our box. Through this scheme there is the opportunity to obtain a share of £1000 depending on the percentage of coins we receive. Many thanks to Sarah Steggles for organising this.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 4th December 10 am - 11.30 am in school

The 'Apprentice' style challenge is underway!! The school has been split up into 14 groups of mixed ages and abilities. The PTFA has given some start-up money and challenged each group to turn it into profit. The idea is that the children, with some help, will make things to sell at the fair. Prizes will be given to the team that make the most profit. The children will have lots of fun taking part in this event as well as learning life skills. Please come along and see the 'Fruits of their labour' and, of course, buy them. We will also have a raffle and be serving refreshments. So come along with your family and friends. Can you help on the day? Let us know.

BUCKET COLLECTING AT TESCOS IN HONITON

Friday 11th December at 10.30am and 6.30pm

We will be at the store looking gorgeous in our silly festive hats so please pop in and see us. The school choir will be singing in the morning and Sassy (Singing and Signing choir) will be performing in the evening. The times are only a guide so please contact the school nearer the time especially if you wish to hear the children sing. We wouldn't want you to miss them. If anyone would like to join in/hold a bucket on either session we would really appreciate it. The more the merrier!!

AND FINALLY.....

A huge thank you to all the present committee for all their hard work and to everyone for supporting the PTFA. Two members who are unable to continue and don't wish to be re-elected are Jac Ford and Shelly Greenway. Many thanks for the years you have supported the school. They will be still helping but not as trustees.

The PTFA are committed to fundraising for all the extra things that the wonderful Mill Water children deserve. Please continue to support us. We hope to see you soon.

Let us be the first to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and A Happy 2016!!