

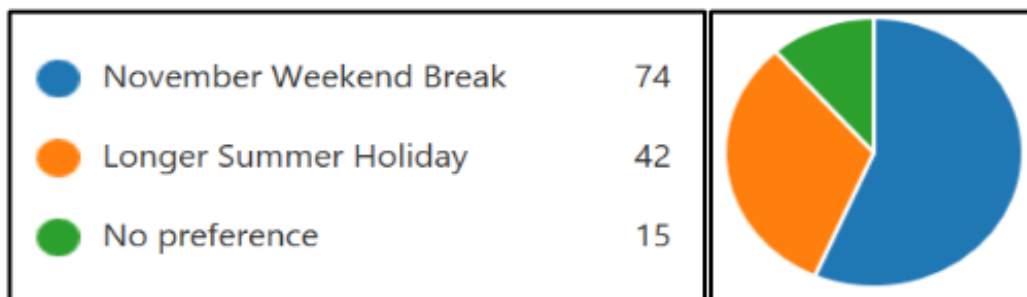


Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have an enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing the children on their return. Please see some of our updates and our upcoming dates on the calendar below.

Holiday date survey

The results of the 'holiday date survey' were messaged out in January but here is a graph to show the responses we received.



Bicton's Lambing Sunday

We will be running a cake stall at the Bicton Lambing Sunday on Sunday 15th March. It would be lovely to see you there. If you are able to make / donate cakes for the stall we would appreciate it. Please can you send in to school on Friday 13th March. Thank you for your support.

Playground consultation

Don't forget to email Andrew Maker amaker@millwater.devon.sch.uk if you would like to be part of the Playground Consultation Group. The first meeting will be held after half term, date to be arranged.

Online Safety for Children

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday this week. Here are the top 10 tips for Parents for keeping their children safe online:

1. Only talk to people you know and trust in real life
2. Don't give away personal information to strangers - like what street you live on, or where you go to school. Say "no" if they ask you to share photos or videos of yourself
3. Set your profiles to private
4. Be 'share aware' - once you share something online, you've got no control over what anyone else does with it. And it's illegal to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop
5. Be mindful of your digital footprint - it could come back to bite you
6. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust
7. Don't assume everything you see is true to life. People often make their lives look more exciting online
8. **Watch out for hoaxes and scams**, like messages you're asked to pass on or that ask you for payment details or passwords
9. **Be wary of schemes** that promise easy cash in return for you receiving and transferring money, and don't be fooled by anything that glamorises gang lifestyles
10. **Watch out for loot boxes** or other ways that games get you to pay - before you know it you can spend a lot on them



Mill Water School Facebook page

Please check out, 'like' and 'follow' our new Facebook page @MillWaterSchoolDevon. There is a live feed on the front page of our website.

Signposting

Life Works – Holiday Project

The Holiday project is developed in partnership with young people age 12-19 plus a fantastic network of activity providers and cultural venues across Devon. Their aim is to provide recreational and leisure opportunities across each holiday that enrich and extend experience; offer young people with learning disabilities a sense of community; belonging and independence. Join them for four days of culinary and active days this February Half Term. You will experience therapeutic horse care and campfire cooking, gyms sessions, helping homeless people, trampolining, art and so much more!

For information about the Holiday Project please contact Traceyhubbard@lifeworks-uk.org DD: 01803 861 069 (Mon-Fri 10am-2pm).

To view the programme and for more information, click on the link below:

<https://lifeworks-uk.org/our-services/community-projects/the-holiday-project/>

Autism: Supporting Parents and Carers Workshop – 1 May 2020

Autism is a neurodevelopmental condition which affects the brain's development. It is a lifelong condition, with characteristics that appear in early childhood. This workshop is for families, carers, teachers and early years practitioners. Date: Friday 1st May 2020 (10am – 2.00pm).

Venue: Colyton Caterpillars, Reece Strawbridge Centre, Coly Road, Colyton, Devon EX24 6PU
Delegate price £20, Parents/Carers FREE - Tea & coffee included – bring your own lunch.

Bookings please follow link:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eys/autism-supporting-parents-and-carers-workshop/>

Dates for your diary

What	When	Time	Where
PTFA – Pre-loved Uniform Sale	Sunday 16 th February 2020	7.30pm	PTFA FaceBook page - @MillWaterPTFA
School starts	Monday 24 th February 2020	9.00am	School
PTFA	Tuesday 25 th February 2020	9.45-11.30am	School
Grid 3 Training	Thursday 05 th March 2020	10.30-3.45pm	School
Bicton Lambing Sunday	Sunday 15 th March 2020	10.00-4.00pm	Bicton College



Grid 3 training day with Smartbox

Thursday 5th March 2020

10:30am-3:45pm

Mill Water School, Bicton, EX97BJ

FREE OF CHARGE

A hands-on training day to guide you through editing on Grid 3. Open to people with all ranges of experience using Grid 3. During the day you will be shown how to customise ready-made grid sets and to create new resources. It will also include a workshop session where you can ask the Smartbox team questions about any particular grid sets you are making or would like to create.

To book a place or for further information please contact Hannah

Reeves on

hannahcandleaac@gmail.com

Places will be given on a first come, first served basis.