

The Friends of Mill Water School (PTFA)

Dear Parent / Carer

As the school year draws to a close, we thought that this would be an ideal time to reflect and to say thank you so much for your support.

Together we have raised an incredible **£15,000** towards enriching the lives of our pupils and families at Mill Water! We hope that you enjoy our round up of just a few of this year's events.

The PTFA

Mother and Father's Day Workshops

We spent 2 lovely days in school helping the pupils choose and wrap a gift for their special adult. We sourced gifts from a mixture of PTFA members, PTFA fundraising and some generous companies such as Lush, Morrisons, Tesco's and Sainsbury's.

We loved listening and watching why the reasons gifts were chosen – some because they smelt nice, others because they were chocolate and a few because 'they'll last forever'. Levels of excitement were off the scale!

Back to School



For lots of our Parents and Carers it's been about skill building this year as we came together to attend First Aid, Speech & Language, Sensory Processing and Makaton training.

We were delighted to be able to offer these opportunities through a combination of fundraising and grant applications. With comments such as *'the best course I've ever been on'* we were really excited to be able to bring you this opportunity.



Upcoming Events

0945, 18 Sept, 30 Oct, 27 Nov '18

PTFA Meetings - at school

0945-1145, 9 Oct '18

Parent / Carer drop in coffee morning – at school

10-12, 7 Dec 2018

Christmas Fayre – at school

Get in touch

We'd love to hear from you.

Facebook Message

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Email

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Visit

Us at any of our meetings. We meet roughly every 6 weeks, Dates will be on our Facebook page, the school website and our newsletters.

Free money!

Well for us, anyway.

If you shop online, please do it through

www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

For every purchase that you make, we will receive a donation at no cost to you. We have raised £633 so far – please do help us continue.



Mill Water / Crealy Takeover

Mill Water pupils and their families had a great time when we private hired Crealy Adventure Park for the evening! It was lovely to see lots of excited faces flying down the drop slides and whizzing around the soft play. Feedback was that it was great to have the opportunity to mix with other families, particularly for siblings. Thank you to the staff that came along to join in too – it was lovely to have you there. By popular demand we will be running this event in 2019.

Clip n Climb

One of our classes took the phrase 'reaching new heights' literally this year, with a PTFA funded trip to the climbing centre in Exeter. It was great to see photos of them working together as a team, building on their motor and teamwork skills. And having a good laugh in the process!

Summer Fayre

This year's Fayre was our best attended to date and raised a fabulous **£500!** As well as our usual stalls, we had music from the school choir and Sharon's Makaton, animals from the World of Country Life, glitter face art from Charlotte at Ineffable and a Bouncy Castle kindly sponsored by Everys Solicitors. It was a wonderful afternoon – thank you to everyone who visited and/or gave up their time to help.

A few other things that our fundraising has enabled...

★ We've also funded lots of other things – phases of the Orchard project to include the shed, a trampoline for Early Years, Speech and Language resources, bookcases and seating for the new library, equipment for the allotments, wheelchair umbrellas, sensory lighting for the classroom, resources for enrichment sessions, therapy dog training, outdoor play equipment, leavers hoodies, the Leavers Prom, a defibrillator, tools for the Orchard project... the list goes on! ★

If you would like to get involved next year, do get in touch (see page 1 for how).

This might be by helping at events, offering certain skills, maybe your employer offers match funding or you'd just like to pop along to the occasional meeting.

Either way, you will be made ridiculously welcome!