



Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It is difficult to predict how the winter will affect school, but we are continually reviewing our practices and will keep you informed of any developments that the government and or DFE announce. We have not needed to make any significant changes for the next week, however we will be asking all parents and visitors coming in to school to take an LFT test and only attend if it is negative and the visit essential. Masks will be worn by all those that can in communal areas but, encouragingly, there has not been a requirement to change anything else in schools.

We continue to have minimal Covid cases at Mill Water, so thank you to all parents and carers for your vigilance and communication with us.

Despite the announcement on Wednesday, we continue to enjoy being together in school. Christmas jumper day has been a huge success and the smiles around school have highlighted that simple activities can bring great joy. This week alone I have watched class practices for video messages, smelt Christmas cooking, made a mince pie holder with Class 7, seen an array of sequins and bobbles on jumpers and sung some Christmas favourites. It really is one of the wonderful things about school.

School Christmas Raffle reminder

Don't forget to send in money for your tickets, or they can be bought on Schoolcomms/ParentPay. £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. The draw will be on Wednesday 15th December. Money raised will pay for extra school activities.

Prizes on offer...

- First** Luxury Waitrose Christmas hamper worth £50; including a £20 Waitrose & Partners voucher, wine, chocolates, biscuits, mince pies and a Heston Blumenthal Christmas pudding.
- Second** Cream tea for two voucher (Otterton Mill), wine, chocolates.
- Third** Luxury fudge selection box (Roly's Fudge in Exmouth), large 'Holly Deer Buddy' reindeer decoration (Honiton Garden Centre).
- Fourth** Luxury scented candle (Arthur & Martha), Combe Garden Centre voucher, chocolates.



Plus loads more prizes up for grabs, including: a family veg box voucher (Pynes Farm Shop in Budleigh), £10 voucher for Antonio's Cafe in Exmouth, £15 voucher for Muddy Good Grub caterers, a pledge for a celebration cake made by school driver Jason, Fearne Cotton's 'Cook. Eat. Love' cookery book (from The Book Rest in Exmouth), 2022 calendars by Oliver Hellowell (renown wildlife and landscape photographer with Down Syndrome), and lots more pamper products and seasonal goodies.

Shopping Online

Please remember to support Mill Water School when shopping on Amazon, using Amazon Smile, and also to use the below easyfundraising link when shopping online at the listed stores:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/millwaterschool

Many thanks
Sarah Pickering

<i>Dates for your diary</i>			
What	When	Where	Notes
School Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 th December	In school	
Christmas Raffle Draw	Wednesday 15 th December	In school	First prize Luxury Waitrose Christmas hamper
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 17 th December 2.15pm		Finish at 2.15pm
First day of Spring Term for staff	Tuesday 4 th January 2022		for staff
First day of Spring term for pupils	Wednesday 5 th January 2022		for pupils