

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The last couple of weeks have been busy both in terms of learning experiences and in terms of challenges for leading. We have had staff sickness absence which has had an impact on workload for all of us. Sadly, our bursar has been signed off unwell and whilst sending her positive wishes for a speedy recovery and return to work I must extend my apologies to those of you who may have experienced difficulties as a result of this. We are trying our best to minimise the impact for all but sorry if it has caused you problems. A big thank you to everyone for patience and help given, it is much appreciated to feel so supported by the community.

We have also had the local authority in working with us for two days at the beginning of last week in order to review where we are up to and have had some helpful ideas of how we can continue to improve our core provision and extend opportunities for our children. I will keep you informed of the things we make even better as we implement them.

I have been able to set a date for meeting with those of you who have shown an interest in being part of a 'Parent Council', a forum for parents to bring questions and ideas and be a consulted part of the school improvement process. I am really looking forward to getting going with this and working closely to make sure we are putting our effort into things that not only make a difference for your children but also make a difference to the families too. Our first meeting will agree the functioning of the group including electing a chair, agreeing terms of reference and setting the agenda. This meeting will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st February and we will discuss at this first meeting how best to make it inclusive and accessible for maximum engagement and impact. If you haven't already let us know you plan to attend it would be useful to know how many people plan to attend and we can try to have parents representing each class if possible!

Collective Worship continues to be on the theme of courage and this week we used a song from 'The Greatest Showman', 'This is me' by Keala Settle which is a rousing anthem about being proud of who you are. I had been planning to continue this next week but a need has arisen for us to look at the NSPCC Underwear rule, so this is forewarning that we will be talking about PANTS; **P**rivates mean private, **A**lways remember your body belongs to you, **N**o means no, **T**alk about secrets that upset you, **S**peak up, someone can help. www.nspcc.org.uk

Have a great weekend,

Sarah Helm

Executive Head teacher

The Wye Forest Federation

Bristol Zoo Trip—29 January

Daisy and Poppy class had a fantastic day at Bristol Zoo and learnt lots of things about living in a Polar region. Can we extend a big thank you to Mrs Naylor, Ms Cawte, Mrs Davies and Mrs Hills for all their help.



After School Club

We are very excited to announce that we will be starting an after school club after half term on a Wednesday and Thursday evening to provide wrap around care for parents.

This club is available to all children attending St Briavels school between the ages of 3 and 11. All activities provided will be adjusted according to ability.

The intention is to provide the children with a good range of activities Art Craft Board Games toys drama outside play and lots of fun.....

The cost of the club is £5 per hour per child and the club will run from 3.30 until 5.30 with tea being provided for children staying after 4.30.

The children will be encouraged to play outside as well as inside with many varied activities to choose from.

If you have any further enquiries or you wish to book your child a session for one of the evenings please call at the office and ask for a registration form.

Malvern Spring Festival

There are just 12 weeks to go until St Briavels Primary School unveils its garden for the Malvern Spring Festival and Alexia Naylor, Mr Gazzard and team have been working hard on finalising designs, finding sponsorship and funding, and getting the planning well under way. We've had a real boost to the team in the form of a comment made by Mark Harwood-Browne, the Education Executive at Three Counties Education, who said:

'I think the Mushet theme is possibly one of the best I have ever seen, as it fits so well with the overall theme and specifically your local area.'

The team is confident their ambitious design can be achieved, but they need all the help we can muster! So if you have any skills they can use, please do get in touch with Lex on 07970525828. They're particularly keen to hear from anyone who can help with the following:

- Wall building
- Scrap metal animal sculptures
- Mosaic - Sunflower and Daisy Classes
- Tree sculpture - Foxglove Class
- Bug hotel - Poppy Class
- Bunting - Speedwell Class
- Meadow - Bluebell Class

Growing plants!

There will be a scrap metal sculptures workshop on **Friday 23rd February (3.15 - 5.00pm)** Refreshments will be provided.



Here are the important dates

23rd - 27th April - Garden building days at Three Counties show ground.

9th May, 9am. Garden completed for judging

10th -13th May - RHS Malvern Spring Festival

Spreading the Word

As part of the programme, we'd like the children to run a series of 'newspapers, with articles and photos, competitions and word searches. They will also be pulling together a 1900 style pamphlet which will acknowledge our supporters and provide information about the design and the school to those visiting the garden. If your child might like to be involved, please let Jo Davies know via email - jmdavies@yahoo.com.

Many thanks for your support on this ambitious School project

Lex, Rich, Mr Gazzard and Jo

Speedwell Cake Sale

Speedwell class will be holding a cake sale on Friday 9th February at 2.30pm. Parent of Speedwell class are invited and all other parents are invited to buy cakes at the end of the school day.



Pantomime Partial Refund

We are really sorry about the delay in letting you know about the KS2 Pantomime trip partial refund. Unfortunately we had already purchased the tickets for the pantomime and so we have lost the money for this, however we didn't use the coaches and so were not invoiced for this.

Next week we will refund everyone who paid £8.00 for the coach element.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Student Teachers

We welcome four student teachers:

Miss Nation in Bluebell

Mr Richard in Daisy

Mr Fuchs in Poppy

Miss Birch in Speedwell



Netball?

If there is enough interest Matt from Sports Extra will run a netball club after school. He would need 10 people to commit to this. If your child would be interested in this please let the office know and we can ask Matt to provide this as soon as he is able to.

We're supporting

NSPCC

Number Day and NSPCC

Thanks you to everyone who took part in our NSPCC number day. We appreciate your support for this worthwhile charity. Everyone has enjoyed the variety of the day and the excitement of learning focused purely on maths which is one of our key areas for improvement across the federation. It has been lovely to see such a positive approach to maths learning from all of our children.

As part of their prevention work the NSPCC are also booked to visit to lead a collective worship to encourage children to 'Speak Out' and to give them the information and strategies to support them to do this in a range of contexts. The date for St Briavels is Monday 26th February.



Toddler Group

We hold a toddler group in school every Tuesday; 10-11:30am. £3 per family, including refreshments.



Lunchtime help

We would like to recruit Midday Supervisors to assist at lunchtimes. Please contact Ginny Crellin in the office, should you be interested in joining the team.

St Briavels Produce Market

TOMORROW SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY The Pavilion : 10am - 12.30pm

FRESH FISH & SHELLFISH
FRENCH BREAD, CAKES & PATISSERIE
FRUIT & VEG LIP
SMACKING ST. BRIAVELS CIDER
HAND MADE CHUTNIES & PRESERVES

POTTERY, ART & MORE – PHEWEY!!

EVERYTHING FOR A FANTASTICALLY FOODIE WEEKEND, SO COME ON DOWN!

* 100 CLUB DRAW * MEAT RAFFLE * REFRESHMENTS *

PTA News

The Bella Mammias

We're back into rehearsals now, and having so much fun singing together. We've got a solid 18 members, but there is always room for more! We'd love to have some new members, and it's a really relaxed group. To be honest, we don't even care if you can sing or not!! So why not come along? There's a rehearsal tonight, Friday 2nd February from 7.30pm for just an hour in the school hall, so come along and give it a go.

PTA Events

We've been working hard on events for the rest of the school year, so there are loads of ways for you to get involved and have fun! Get these dates in the diary, and we'll give you more information nearer the time.

Friday 23rd February	Pyjama Party
Thursday 1st March - Wednesday 7th March	Book Fair
Friday 23rd March	Mum's PJ Party
Saturday 21st April	Bollywood Night
Friday 4th May	Zumbathon
Sunday 20th May	Whittington Purse and Spring Fling
Friday 25th May	Pyjama Party
Saturday 9th June	Back to School Disco (after Carnival)
Friday 6th July	Summer Fete (after Sports Day)

Phew! We've still got another £3000 to make before the end of the school year, so come on, get involved to help with an event and let's make sure we reach that target! Let me know if you'd like to help out with any of the above events, and we hope to see lots of you joining in with them.

Have a great weekend,

Jo and the PTA Team

Maths Tutor

Mrs Ricketts has asked me to put this in the newsletter as Mark is highly recommended by school for his work with our Year 6 pupils in Maths across the federation.

Dear parent

I offer maths tuition for all ranges of ability, from year 6 up to university entrance. I am a highly experienced and Chartered mathematician, and have recently retired after many years in industry. My wife and I moved to St Briavels early in 2017 and I help with year 6 maths at St Briavels school. I look to use my experience to develop young people in their mathematical skills using the premise that 'Maths is Fun' at all levels. So, should your children need help, ranging from year 6 extra tuition to GCSE/A level coaching, and for all ranges of ability, then I will be glad to give that help. The hourly charge starts at £20 per hour for individual tuition for years 6 to 9. If you would like to discuss your needs further, with no commitment, then please contact me. The details are given below:

Dr Mark Mitchelmore (MSc, PhD, MIMA, CMATH)

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Dates for your diary:

Half Term

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February 2018

Inset Day -

Monday 19th February 2018

Back to School -

Tuesday 20th February 2018

Parent Council—

Wednesday 21st February at 2.30pm.

PTA Pyjama Party

Friday 23rd February

PTA Book Fair

Thur 1st March to Wed 7th March

Year 3 Swimming

Please note that Year 3 will start swimming lessons from Thursday 22nd February until Thursday 29th March.

