

St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

The summer term is always one of the busiest of the year and the first half of this one has been full of opportunities, experiences and learning for the children. From crown parades to SATs to our incredible Malvern garden, there has been so much going on.

It has also been lovely to see the weather improving and the children spending more time outside not only playing but learning too. We are extremely fortunate to be based in an area of outstanding natural beauty and I know that during the summer months we try to make the most of the opportunities that this lends us.

None of this is of course possible without our fabulous staff team and many volunteers who give their time, energy and enthusiasm to keep the children at the centre of everything we do. I can't thank them all enough for their dedication to our school and federation. We are extremely

fortunate to have such a great team and they work extremely hard. I know they will be taking a very well deserved break next week.

As we break for the holidays, I would also like to say thank you to you, our parents and carers. We greatly appreciate the support you offer us, be it day to day with your children simply getting them into school, joining us for events or through supporting our PTA. You always cheer us on and we feel very blessed by this, however if there is ever anything you wish to raise, please do feel you can catch us on the gate or come in. We're here to listen and support and want to work with you for the benefit of your children.

Wishing you all a lovely and hopefully sunny half term holiday.

With kindest regards

Natalie Frey

Sunflowers



This half term the Sunflower children have really made the most of the dry weather and engaged in lots of outdoor play. They have been concocting fantastic meals for their friends and staff in the mud kitchen, observing the structure, growth and life cycle of the insects found in the garden and making swings and getting very, very muddy splashing in the woods.





The Pre-school children have been participating in daily Read Write inc. phonics, where they are learning their sounds with the help of Freddy the frog. They have then had a go at writing these sounds in a variety of activities.







We have been putting our scientific skills to the test with experiments such as melting marshmallows. The children described what a marshmallow looked, felt and smelt like and then were asked to predict what would happen to a marshmallow if it was put into a microwave for different times and in boiling water. Lots of wonderful vocabulary and observational skills were used. The children then got to use their sense of taste after deciding how long they wanted their marshmallow to be cooked for.





Bluebell Class



Bluebell Class and the Daisy Year 1s made a version of our Malvern Garden back at St. Briavels. They arranged the plants and looked after them, watering and dead heading until the plants were moved to the gateway planters at the entrance to St Briavels Village. A big 'Thank you' to all the adults who helped make Malvern such a huge success and to Alexia Naylor and Richard Naylor for making and planting up the gateway planters.

Next term, Bluebell Reception children are invited to bring in any bikes, trikes or scooters on a Friday morning . They must have a suitable helmet and pads (if necessary). We will be practicing our stopping and starting, left and right turns with a view to holding a sponsored bike ride at the end of term.





Daisy Class



The children in Daisy Class have been super busy working on improving their skills across the curriculum. In history, they've really enjoyed learning about Castles and finding out what the

evidence tells us about the past. As part of all this, we had a wonderful time visiting St Briavels Castle for a guided tour and the children came out with so much to share. In art, the children have been learning about collage techniques and have created some wonderful castle collages. In maths, the focus has been on learning to tell the time and this is something that we encourage everyone to keep on practising! The children also had an opportunity to visit St Briavels Church to learn about the items found in a church and their purpose and importance. As I said, it's been a busy term and the children have definitely earned their holiday!







Poppy Class



Poppy class have had a really busy half term, with trips to Malvern and the church. At Malvern, we really enjoyed willow weaving and have helped to create some amazing animals. It was also great to go down and investigate the church and we found loads of interesting artefacts. At the moment we are working on creating pottery in the style of Mary-Rose Young. We will put photos of the finished articles on Seesaw.

Mrs Kear









Speedwell Class

Speedwell class have had an eventful term so far for a number of reasons. In History, they have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and they further expanded this learning in D&T by making their own Stone Age jewellery pictures of which I've attached below. We've been learning about programming in computing and during PE we have begun to practice athletics in preparation for the greatest sporting event of the year (Sports Day). Next term we are looking forwards towards our residential visit and have our fingers crossed that the weather will be as nice as it is this week!





Foxglove Class



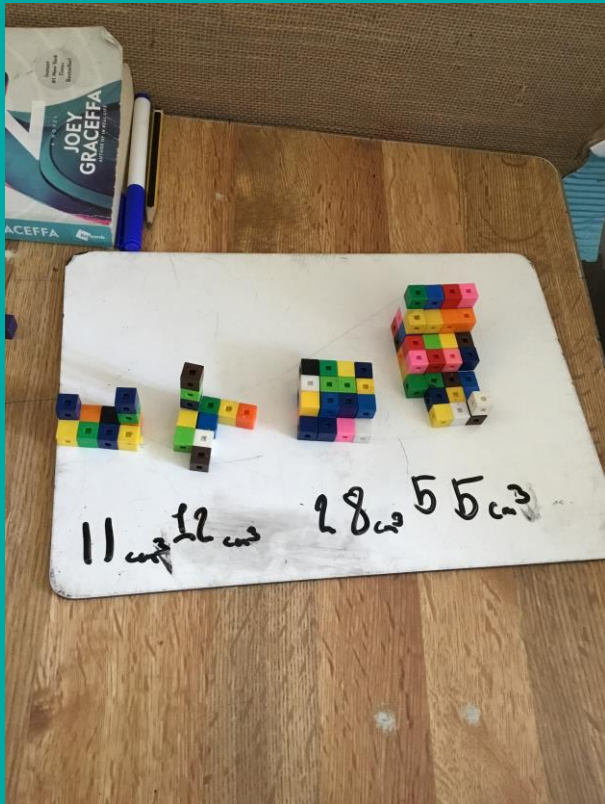
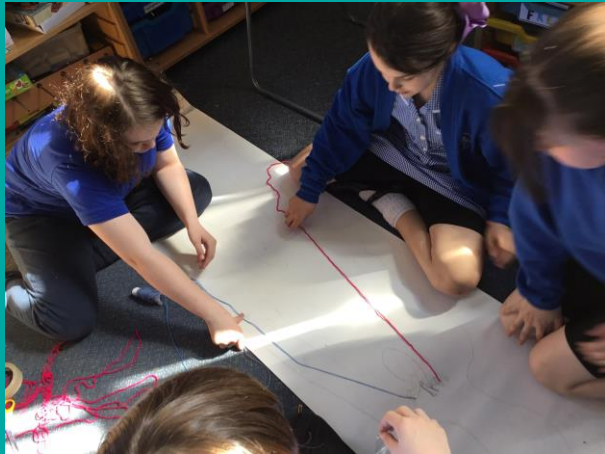
Wow, Foxglove what a term!!!!

I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of all the Year 6's with how they coped during SATS week. You are all super stars.

This term in English we have been looking at I Dissent and Toms Midnight Garden, writing biographies and narratives.

In History we have been exploring the Stone Age to Iron Age creating cave paintings, and newspaper reports.

Science has been all about Animals including Humans, the children have been looking at the lifecycles of animals and how exercise and lifestyle affect the body.



ELSA news



Over Easter, the ELSA room had a bit of a move around and sort out. The children love the new space and have enjoyed exploring a few new additions. Recently, some of our year 6s had some ELSA time to think about how they would manage their stress and anxieties around SATS and they all did brilliantly...they also enjoyed a bit of biscuit decorating to express their emotions.

Mrs Hill

Sporting Success!

Four children from Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon at Wyedean School mountain biking.

The children took on the challenge really well. They took part in individual races and a team race.

The children came 2nd overall in their team race.

Well done all!!!



Malvern Garden Competition Success



We were absolutely thrilled to be awarded Best School Garden for our Garden “How Grimm is our garden!” at the Malvern Show.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us to build, plant and construct the garden, but especially all the school children who came up with the original ideas, made all our artefacts and helped to build and plant the garden at Malvern.

Special mention must be made to Zara, Archie, Seb and Emily who were 4 of our year 5’s who spoke so well and confidently to the judges on judging day and made such an impression on both the judges and the visiting public.

We must also thank all the children and families who gave up their time to come to the Show at the weekend in order to be at our School Garden and talk to the members of the public who visited the show. We were visited by two Bishops and two Gardener’s World presenters!

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with children across the Federation and look forward to beginning next year’s Malvern project with all of you early next year!





Archery Success

Some of our children recently had fun playing archery at the The Christian Adventure Centre on Viney Hill. Redbrook won their round, and came 2nd overall against 8 schools. St Briavels got an award for the best attitude.



Dates for your diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Dates may change.

- Friday May 26th - last day of term
- Monday June 5th - INSET
- Tuesday June 6th - first day of term
- Tuesday 13th June Reception Trip to the Wild Place

- Thursday 15th June Yr6 Leavers Service Gloucester Cathedral
- Thursday June 15th to Friday June 16th - year 3 / 4 YHA residential
- Monday June 19th Yr 4 trip to In The Net
- Thursday June 22nd Whole School Photo
- Friday July 7th St Briavels sports day times tbc
- Friday July 14th Year 6 Safari Park trip
- Friday July 21st - leaver's service
- Friday July 21st - last day of term
- Monday Sept 4th INSET
- Tuesday Sept 5th INSET
- Wednesday Sept 6th - first day of term

We update key dates on our website (www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk), please check there and in your emails for notifications

Term Dates 2022-2023

There is a downloadable version of this on our website at:

https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/372930

We also have the term dates now for 2023-2024 on the same page. If they don't appear immediately please give it a little time to download.

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	