

# St Briavels Primary School

## Newsletter



No. 56 October 19th 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been a flying start to our year and it has been delightful to see everyone, including our youngest children well settled and making progress in all areas of their learning. Bluebells have been well supported by their buddies which has helped enormously.

Both our lunchtimes and morning breaks have been improved by the introduction of some loose parts in the form of small pallets. It has been interesting to watch them being used imaginatively to enhance these playtimes. We aim to add to these over the year.

We appreciate that parents have, as requested, vacated the playground in a timely fashion enabling sports clubs and afterschool club to use the outdoor space safely. Thank you for your continued support with this. We are now lucky enough to have a number of student teachers from Gloucester university working with us this term. They have been in this week to get to know us and will be part of our team until the end of December.

Ofsted visited our partner school, Redbrook, this week so you may have noticed I have not been available in the mornings to greet you all whilst we have been hosting our HMI Inspector. We have also welcomed the LA for a review of the federation governance. The outcomes from this will inform our future planning. This completes the set of available audits and means we now have a really well informed picture of where we are and what we are aiming for as we continue to work to be even better.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term and I look forward to seeing you all on the 29<sup>th</sup> October.

**Sarah Helm**  
Executive Head teacher  
The Wye Forest Federation

### Foxglove Class



Foxglove would like to thank our Forest school organisers -Vicki Morse and Sian Van Loo and Vicki's mum Pam, as Forest school has now finished for our class. The children had a great time learning outdoors and have begun to set up an amazing area for the rest of the school to use.

**Mrs Ricketts**

### Head Lice!



We have had reports of head lice at school. Please check your children for lice and treat if necessary!

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



### Sunflowers and Bluebells

Forest school learning adventures this week for sunflowers and bluebells looking at the array of colours found on the forest floor , learning about seasonal change and pattern

J George

### Daisy Class



Daisy class had a visit from Mr Naylor on Monday afternoon and he brought along some of his fascinating creatures for us all to meet. The children loved meeting stick insects, scorpions, a tarantula, snakes (big and small!), a leopard gecko and a bearded dragon! They had lots of questions to ask and found out a lot of new information about animal species and classification! They children showed such bravery when holding the animals, the Daisy class adults were very impressed! A huge thank you to Mr Naylor for your time and expertise!



Mrs Griffin



### Bluebell class

Bluebell class have free fruit everyday but to make our choices varied we would love to have a daily fruit donation. If you can bring in a piece of fruit, the children can add it to the fruit bowl to share.

Bluebell class will put reading books out by the gate each home time. If you would like to have a new book for your child you have the opportunity to change it. Books are currently changed once a week. This system gives you and your child the opportunity to read more books if you feel you would like it changed more often. We read daily through our play based activities. If you have any spare time to come in and read with Bluebells please pop in and see us.



Mrs Arnold

### Cyber News



From National Online Safety:

As part of our #WakeUpWednesday campaign, we have created a free updated TikTok (formerly Musical.ly) guide for parents & carers for your school to share with its whole school community!

TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly. This free guide for parents & carers covers what they need to know about the platform to help safeguard their children from potential online risks including; *dangerous trends & challenges, oversharing, online payments, inappropriate content and more.*

Please help us spread the message by retweeting our TikTok (formerly Musical.ly) guide for parents & carers here:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1052469311388958720>

Many thanks for your continued support and for helping us to achieve a safer online world for children!

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## To all parents!

To keep everyone safe we ask that parents leave the school site with their children promptly so we can lock the school gate to keep



## Help needed!

St Briavels are in need of mid day supervisors / lunchtime people from 11.45-1pm. If you can help please let the office know, your help will be much appreciated!

### After School Club

Here is the timetable for the great new activities starting after half term in After School Club!

WEEK	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	<b>DRAMA</b>	<b>COOKERY</b>	<b>CRAFT/BOARDGAMES</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>s</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	THE STORY DRAMA <b>4.30 TEA: JACKET POTATOES/SALAD/ FRUIT</b>	BOLOGNAISE <b>4.30 TEA: PASTA &amp; BOLOGNAISE / FRUIT</b>	CACTUS <b>4.30 TEA: CHEESE ON CRACKERS/CRUDITES/ FRUIT</b>
TWO 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>	OLD MEN AND WOMEN DRAMA <b>4.30 TEA: PASTA</b>	SOUP <b>4.30 TEA: SOUP</b>	POTIONS AND LOTIONS <b>4.30 TEA: BEANS OR SPAGHETTI ON TOAST/ FRUIT</b>
THREE 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	CHARACTERS OF COCKLE BAY DRAMA <b>4.30 TEA: CHEESE ON CRACKERS/ CUCUMBER/TOMATOES/FRUIT</b>	NUGGETS <b>4.30 TEA: NUGGETS SWEET POTATOE FRIES SALAD</b>	SLIME <b>4.30 TEA: JACKET POTATOES/SALAD/ FRUIT</b>
FOUR 20 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	BOATMEN DRAMA <b>4.30 TEA: PANCAKES</b>	CAKES <b>4.30 TEA: CAKES CHEESE AND CRACKERS</b>	PAPER MACHE BALLOONS <b>4.30 TEA: PASTA &amp; VEG SAUCE</b>
FIVE 27 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	ADMIRALS DRAMA <b>4.30 TEA: BEANS AND SPAGHETTI ON TOAST</b>	BREAD <b>4.30 TEA: BREAD AND SOUP</b>	PAPER MACHE BALLOONS <b>4.30 TEA: PANCAKES</b>
SIX 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	PIRATES DRAMA <b>4.30 TEA: JACKET POTATOE &amp; SALAD</b>	MINCE PIES <b>4.30 TEA: BEANS OR SPAGHETTI ON TOAST FRUIT</b>	FIRELIGHTERS <b>4.30 TEA: SAVOURY PANCAKES / FRUIT</b>

## St Briavels School PTA news

Half term already! The new PTA team has had a busy first couple of months getting to grips with the ins and outs of the job at hand. It's been a lot of fun and we've raised about £400 so far this term which is great. We had a very successful open meeting last month – the round up of which is on the board by the school gates (I can email a copy to anyone who wants one – just let me know, catch me at school or email on [clairevgilmour@btinternet.com](mailto:clairevgilmour@btinternet.com)).

By the time you read this we are probably half way through our third event – the Pyjama Party...where lots of your children will be cuddled up under a blanket alongside their friends enjoying Disney's Super Buddies. The Back to School BBQ and the Disco/Talent Shows were great fun so here's to a hat trick!

We hit the ground running when we get back after the break with our Mexican Fiesta Dinner at Parents Evening on Thursday 1st November. I absolutely loved this event as a new parent last year as it showcases the wonderful job the kitchen staff do and it was the first time I really got a sense of the school and the children. Especially the ones serving our table – they were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed getting involved. I hope we can do the concept justice this year! Booking details below.

The other dates in the second half of term are the mum's PJ party on Friday 23rd November (we'll be showing Bad Mom's Christmas...bring wine, soft drinks, snacks – always a hilarious evening!); the Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December and the Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday 16th December. These dates are all up on the board by the gates and I've listed them at the bottom of this page but I'll make sure they come round again on the next newsletter and feature on the facebook page as a reminder. You don't want to miss out! *(Continued overleaf...)*

# The St Briavels school kitchen restaurant presents: MEXICAN FIESTA NIGHT!



*Venue:* The school hall  
*Date:* Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
*Time:* After parents evening  
First sitting 530pm  
Second sitting 615pm  
When booking let us know your preferred time  
and which chilli you'd like\*  
*Price:* £5 per adult £3 per child



\*Booking essential : [clairevgilmour@btinternet.com](mailto:clairevgilmour@btinternet.com) or through the St Briavels School Information Facebook page

### Menu

Chilli con carne or  
vegetarian chilli  
with rice, tortilla  
chips and cheese.

Chocolate pudding  
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Wine and beer  
available

## St Briavels School PTA news continued....

Our Christmas Project this year is Christmas cards. The children have all worked very hard on their artwork which has by now been sent off to be scanned and turned into beautiful cards, tags and paper for you to order in time for the festive season (there will be two sizes of cards, tags, plus wrapping paper with your child's design). Details on how to do this will be sent out after half term.

That's it for now so see you at the PJ party/Mexican dinner/Mums PJ party/ Fayre/Carolling/all of the above! Enjoy half term everyone.

Claire and the PTA team x

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 19th**      **October 5.30-7.30pm PJ party (Film - Super Buddies)**
- 1st**        **November 5.30-7pm Mexican Fiesta School Dinner**
- 23rd**      **November 7.30pm---- Mum's PJ party (Film – Bad Mom's Christmas)**
- 7th**        **December 3.15pm Christmas Fayre**
- 16th**      **December TBA Christmas Carol Concert**



Executive Head Teacher—Mrs Sarah Helm

## IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019?

*ST BRIAVELS PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE HOLDING AN OPEN MORNING ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018. THIS WILL BE A CHANCE FOR YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE SCHOOL, MEET THE HEADTEACHER AND RECEPTION CLASS TEACHER AND TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.*

We are running two sessions; 9:30am or 10:30am. Please contact the school office ([admin@st-briavels.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-briavels.gloucs.sch.uk)) to book a place at our Open Morning, stating which time slot you would like to attend. Alternatively, please call 01594 530 428.

**We look forward to meeting you!**

**Term 2 - Autumn 2018**  
**St Briavels Primary School**



Day	Date	Class	Event
Friday	19/10/18		Break for half term
Monday	29/10/18		START OF TERM!
Tuesday	30/10/18		
Wednesday	31/10/18	Reception and Yr 6	Height, Weight and Vision checks
Thursday	01/11/18		Mexican Fiesta and open classroom evening
Friday	02/11/18		2.30pm Open the Book
Monday	05/11/18		
Tuesday	06/11/18		
Wednesday	07/11/18	Reception 2019 parents	Open Morning
Thursday	08/11/18		
Friday	09/11/18		2.30pm Open the Book
Monday	12/11/18		
Tuesday	13/11/18		
Wednesday	14/11/18		
Thursday	15/11/18		
Friday	16/11/18		KS1 Pantomime trip 2.30pm Open the Book
Monday	19/11/18		
Tuesday	20/11/18		
Wednesday	21/11/18		
Thursday	22/11/18		
Friday	23/11/18	Selected children	Positive Playtime Practise
Monday	26/11/18		
Tuesday	27/11/18		
Wednesday	28/11/18		
Thursday	29/11/18		2.30pm Open the Book
Friday	30/11/18	All children Selected children	School photographer all children Positive Playtime Practise
Thursday	6/12/18		Flu vaccinations for Reception to yr5
Friday	7/12/18		Christmas Fair
Monday	17/12/18		KS2 Pantomime Trip