

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We really enjoyed seeing so many of you at the parents open evening, what a great turn out and show of support from you all. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to talk you through their learning and we really appreciate you taking the time to join us. Many thanks to our fabulous PTA volunteers, led by Claire Gilmour, who made it a fabulous fiesta. It was a really great evening with our fantastic children showing how *Respectful*, *Courageous* and *Resilient* they are whilst taking orders and serving food.

Our partner school in the federation, Redbrook Primary School, underwent inspection by Ofsted in the week before half term. The report is now public and I am delighted that we have retained our status as a 'good' school. The report will be available on the Ofsted website from 7th November. It will also be on our new website as soon as we are able to launch it!

We have appointed our new School Business Manager to the federation and will be delighted to welcome Nicola Dutton into post on Monday 19th November. Ginny Crellin who has been acting in this position has now finished with us to take up her new post in Worcester. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ginny for all her hard work over the last year and to wish her all the very best for her future. This does mean that we have the next couple of weeks without a business manager and so I ask you to bear with us if things aren't running as smoothly as we would like in the interim.

Happy weekend, people!

Sarah Helm
Executive Head teacher
The Wye Forest Federation

Children In Need

As you know this Thursday is Children in Need and to support this, we have giant Pudsey bear to raffle. Tickets are 20p each or £1.00 for a strip. School council will be selling tickets all week so please bring some money into school!
Many thanks!



Word of the week

Vivacious means lively and high spirited and can be used to describe a person, their personality or other attributes such as a vivacious smile or a vivacious wave of the hand.

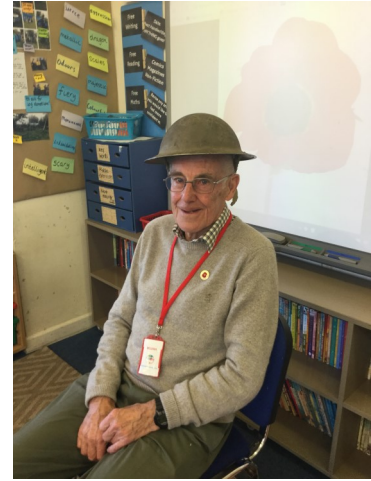
Foxglove Class



Foxglove have enjoyed a week of inspirational and emotional visits from members of our community with stories about the Wars. Some had fathers or grandfathers involved and would recall stories from their time in both the Great War and WW2, other were involved themselves!

We also had the privilege of seeing genuine photographs from WW1, courtesy of Mike Bradley – pictures of soldiers, horses, trenches, villages and even The Prince of Wales of the time!

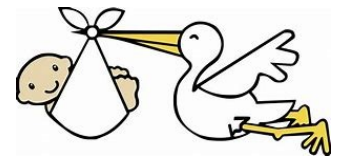
What an amazing start to our topic question – What was life really like in WW1? **Mrs Ricketts**



Daisy Class



It is lovely news that Mrs Griffin and her husband are expecting baby number two! Congratulations!



I appreciate that there has been some inconsistency in the supply cover whilst Mrs Marshall continues to be absent from work due to ill health. We are trying our best to secure a consistent supply teacher for Thursdays and Fridays and apologise for where this has not been possible. I am aware that the news regarding Mrs Griffin's pregnancy will also cause further concern but I am happy that we have enough notice to advertise this position and am confident we will secure a good teacher to cover the maternity leave. I will keep you updated.

Mrs Sarah Helm

Poppy Class

Poppy class have enjoyed starting their new topic all about Extreme earth. We have made some beautiful collages of the layers of the Earth and are looking forward to learning all about volcanoes.



A466 Open!

The work on the A466 has been finished well ahead of schedule, so it is due to open today, Friday 9th November, in late afternoon. Hurray!



Speedwell class

Speedwell have been very brave facing the start of World War II. We have been issued with gas masks and are now highly trained in what to do should the Air Raid Siren sound (if not in wrapping boxes); we never know when the Luftwaffe will be coming, so we are in a constant state of alert. To cheer ourselves up, we have learned how to do the Lambeth Walk, with some very fine cockney dance moves (see Arthur for more details). We learned that Poland was invaded and that consequently, we are at war with Germany...many of our families are involved and have shared their stories – keep them coming!



Mrs Keeling Paglia

St Briavels PARENTS FORUM MEETING

The next meeting will be:

09.00 Friday 23 November

This forum is for all parents of children at St Briavels and you are welcome to turn up and join in! Items for the agenda need to be sent to Kelly Leech kelly_hoare2005@yahoo.co.uk by Thursday 15th November please.

New Toddler Group at Redbrook!

Sian Van Loo will be running a toddler group in Redbrook starting on Thurs 10th Jan, running from 10-11.30 am in the lovely Church at Redbrook.

There will be a small charge.



Consent for children to go on trips is now part of the payment process via parentpay. If we don't have consent for your child we are unable to take them on any organised trips. The consent form appears on parentpay once payment has been made.

We would never not take a child on a trip if it is to go ahead for the class or group, so if you are unable to pay for the trip please let us know and we can arrange for a paper consent form. If we are not able to cover the costs of trips then, unfortunately they won't be able to take place.

We have a number of previous trips that have not covered costs and with our limited budget we are no longer able to sustain this. If you have trips on your parentpay account that you have just forgotten to pay for and you are in a position to pay them retrospectively, we would very much appreciate this. Many thanks!

The Admin Team

Breakfast and After School Club: Wrap Around Care: **ONE FREE HOUR OFFER!**

We would love you all to benefit from our great breakfast and after school clubs, so we are offering each child attending St Briavels school and early years **one hour free** wrap around care either at breakfast club, or after school club immediately after school. Please book your child into the club through the office to secure a place for them on the requested day and session. Thank you!

After School Club

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

Week	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Drama	Cookery	Craft
13/14/15 Nov	CHARACTERS OF COCKLE BAY DRAMA 4.30 TEA: CHEESE ON CRACKERS/ CUCUMBER/	NUGGETS 4.30 TEA: NUGGETS SWEET POTATOE FRIES SALAD	SLIME 4.30 TEA: JACKET POTATOES/SALAD/ FRUIT
20/21/22 Nov	BOATMEN DRAMA 4.30 TEA: PANCAKES	CAKES 4.30 TEA: CAKES CHEESE AND CRACKERS	PAPER MACHE BALLOONS 4.30 TEA: PASTA & VEG SAUCE
27/28/29 Nov	ADMIRALS DRAMA 4.30 TEA: BEANS AND SPAGHETTI ON TOAST	BREAD 4.30 TEA: BREAD AND SOUP	PAPER MACHE BALLOONS 4.30 TEA: PANCAKES
4/5/6 Dec	PIRATES DRAMA 4.30 TEA: JACKET POTATOE & SALAD	MINCE PIES 4.30 TEA: BEANS OR SPAGHETTI ON TOAST FRUIT	FIRELIGHTERS 4.30 TEA: SAVOURY PANCAKES / FRUIT

St Briavels School PTA news

The St. Briavels Kitchen Mexican Fiesta evening was a roaring success! Annabelle the school chef and Alex Vernon the mum chef catered for over 100 of you with their tasty chillis. The kitchen team worked tirelessly and the waiting staff (AKA your children) were absolutely brilliant. Thanks to all who helped and all who came and made it such a fun evening. We raised over £300 so a great haul. Thoughts on an Italian theme next year??

We're on the home straight to Christmas now and we have three events left in 2018 - the always hilarious **Mum's PJ party night** on Friday 23rd November (we'll be showing 'Bad Mom's 'Christmas'...bring a bottle of your favourite tippie, something to nibble and join us for a giggle; there's the **Christmas Fayre** on Friday 7th December and then the **Christmas Carol Concert** on Sunday 16th December as the big finale. More details to follow but it would be great to see you at any or all of these events. We love and need your support!

On that note.. the Christmas Fayre takes a crack team of fun loving volunteers to really do it justice so if you'd like to get involved on any level - decorating the hall, selling wares, helping in the kitchen, face painting etc please drop me a message on the St Briavels Information Facebook page or by email on clairevgilmour@btinternet.com. It'll be fun, I promise!

And lastly I wanted to say thank you very much for your support and the funds raised so far - we should have some exciting spending news to share with you in the next newsletter! Watch this space.

Claire Gilmour

Thank you for buying photos!

Both St Briavels and Redbrook schools receive commission as a result of the purchases of school photos you made in the summer term. It amounted to 166.26 across both schools for the summer photos, so a great big....



Christmas Family Craft Morning at St Briavel's Congregational Church

Our annual Christmas Family Craft Morning at St Briavel's Congregational Church is on

Saturday 1st December
10.30am - 1.30pm

You are warmly invited to drop in anytime from 10.30-1.30. There are cakes to decorate, wooden nativities to construct, origami stars to fold and lots more! Children of all ages are welcome. While they are busy being creative you can relax with a cuppa and mince pies.

Term 2 - Autumn 2018
St Briavels Primary School



Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	12/11/18	Speedwell	Trip to Cannop Ponds
Tuesday	13/11/18		
Wednesday	14/11/18		
Thursday	15/11/18		Wear Spots for Children in Need
Friday	16/11/18	Sunflower, Bluebells and KS1	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 Mums	Positive Playtime Practise 7.30pm Mum's PJ party (Film – Bad Mom's Christmas)
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	Selected children	Positive Playtime Practise
Thursday	6/12/18	Reception to Year 5	Flu vaccinations for Reception to yr5
Friday	7/12/18		Christmas Fair after school
Monday	10/12/18		
Tuesday	11/12/18		
Wednesday	12/12/18	Sunflowers/Bluebells	Sunflowers/Bluebell Christmas Production is 2.30pm
Thursday	13/12/18	Y1 / Y2	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play – 2pm
Friday	14/12/18	Y1 / Y2	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play – 6pm
Sunday	16/12/18		Christmas Carol Concert
Monday	17/12/18	KS2	KS2 Pantomime Trip