

# St Briavels Primary School

## Newsletter



No. 44 12th March 2018

### Dear Parents/Carers,

Dear All,

Things have mostly managed to return to normal following the snow, although some of it still persists and is refusing to melt!

At the present time we are experiencing some challenges with resources across both our school offices with our staff organisation. However, we are doing what we can to cover this. Our Bursar is currently still off sick and is not due to return until after the Easter break. Therefore, any questions that would normally be directed to the Bursar can be directed to Mrs Crellin in the meantime.

I must apologise for any problems that have occurred with parentpay, specifically if you had problems ordering and paying for lunches as a result of the snow days disruption. It is always useful if you let us know there is a problem then we are able to address it and, hopefully, fix it, straight away. Thank you to those parents who have helped keep us informed of glitches. We are working to ensure all items payable are clearly labelled and refunds are issued as required! I am aware that this can be frustrating but we are grateful for your ongoing patience and support.

This week in collective worship I talked to the children about 'Fundamental British Values'. These are values that we are statutorily required to be taught in primary school and according to Ofsted, they are:

democracy.

the rule of law.

individual liberty.

mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

These fit well with our School Christian Values of Courage, Justice, Forgiveness, Truthfulness, Trust and Friendship and will be discussed as part of our school life.

On the note of democracy, our school council are bravely stepping up and leading Collective Worship this coming Monday in order to inform the school of way they feel playtimes can be improved and what they would like people to do to help. I am looking forward to reporting on this and the impact next week.

I have now been at the federation for seven months. This time seems to have flown by but I have managed to do a lot of 'finding out' about how things are currently working and where we are both as individual schools, and as a federation. This has enabled the team and I to begin to look at what we need to do to be even better. The next steps in this process will be to inform you, the wider community of both aspects, what we know and what we are going to do next. I am going to hold an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting to enable as many as you to attend as possible. This is planned for the week of 30<sup>th</sup> April. We will send out letters with reply slips closer to the time and the proposed dates will be confirmed in the next newsletter. It will be great to share and consult on our planned journey with you as we look forward to being even better.

**Sarah Helm**

**Executive Head teacher**

**The Wye Forest Federation**

### Dates for your diary:

#### Science Day

Tuesday 13th March

#### Year 3/4 Easter Performances

Thurs 22nd March 1.30pm

Fri 23rd March 6.00pm

#### Dress up for Sports Relief

Friday 23rd March

#### Easter Service at the Church

Thursday 29th March 2.00pm

#### Parents Evening

Wednesday 27th March 1:30pm-3:30pm

Thursday 29th March 3.30pm until 6.30pm

#### Easter Holiday Dates

Term Ends Thursday 29th March

Monday 16th April—INSET DAY

Return Tuesday 17th April

#### Parents Meeting—What we know and where we're going

Tuesday 1st May 2:00pm

Thursday 3rd May 7:00pm

### Parents Evening

In the "Dates for your Diary" section, you will see we've have set 27th and 29th March for parents evenings. An appointment sheet will be available at the school office for you to select which 10 minute slot you wish to take.

### Job Opportunity

We have an opportunity for an Afterschool club play assistant to join our team. The club runs on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:10pm-5:30pm. Should you be

### Toddler Group

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



### PTA News

Thanks to everyone who came along to support Book Fair - we sold £600+ worth of books, so the School Library is in for a stash of new titles! It's always lovely to see how excited the children get about choosing their new books and claiming their vouchers - what a great way to kick start the Spring!

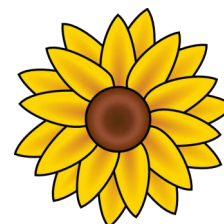
Our next event will be the Mum's PJ Party. We had an absolute ball last time, and this time we shall be cosying up to watch Sisters, sip delicately on a small glass of wine (!) and generally have a good old giggle. Tickets will be just £3 per person, so grab a gang of girls, pack your PJs and a bottle of something, and head to the school hall on Friday 30th April. There may even be some chocolate eggs involved..... Let Jo or Paula know if you'd like to book a space, call 07584 119592, or email [jmdavies@yahoo.com](mailto:jmdavies@yahoo.com)

And lastly the Bella Mamas - there's a rehearsal from 8pm in the school hall on Monday 12th March, so do come along to join in. It really is great fun and a good old lung workout!

See you soon,  
Jo and the PTA Team

### Early Years—Sunflowers

Early Years are now booking sessions for September, if you have a child who will be 2 and a half years old by 1st September 2018 and you would like them to attend our Early Years group please call into the school office for a form. We can also reserve places for those who will be able to start in January 2019 (for those born before 31/8/2016).



### Afterschool Club

Our afterschool club is now fully up and running on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Should you wish to book your child/children into the club, please visit the school office.

### Minibus

Our school minibus has failed its MOT and requires some work. We hope that the work will be completed within the next week, but in the meantime, we apologise for any disruption caused as a result of certain activities being cancelled/postponed.

### Attendance and Punctuality

The local authority has noticed in checking our registers that there is a significant issue with both absence and lateness and they will be helping us to make improvements over the next few months. We would ask parents to please ensure that their children arrive on time for school and attend every day the school is open unless they are ill and then to please follow the sickness absence policy. Thank you for your support with this. #everychildeveryday

### Sports Xtra at St Briavels

Sports Xtra are delighted to announce that they will be offering a holiday camp provision on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th April the first week of the Easter holiday and the Monday 16th April the inset day. Days will run from 9am- 4.30pm. Flexible drop offs and pick up within these times. Activities available are a Football camp, where children will work on their skills and take part in daily matches and tournaments. Also a multi activity provision based indoors with some outdoor sessions weather permitting consisting of a range of activities including spy and adventure as well as a range of sports. Both activities will run side by side and your child will be able to change groups as they please. Please bring a packed lunch with a sports bottle for refilling.



Early bird Prices will be £18.00 per day or all 4 days at £60.00 (daily price of just £15.00) expiring midnight on the 20th March. Prices after this date will be £21.00 per day or £70.00 for the 4 days. The 16th April Inset day prices are £18.00 up to 20th March and £21.00 afterwards. Bookings are now open online at [www.sports-xtra.com](http://www.sports-xtra.com) any questions about these days please email Matt Davis from Sports Xtra directly on [Matthew.davis@sports-xtra.com](mailto:Matthew.davis@sports-xtra.com) and he will respond accordingly.