

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter



No. 58 November 23rd 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so proud to be told by numerous people how well our children did at the Remembrance service in St Briavels. It was a fantastic turn out from the local community and our children showed courage in reading out their poems to approximately a hundred people in attendance at this service. A special mention to say well done Rose and Kelyan for reading and also to Fred and Robbie for laying the wreath. Our topic work in both Speedwell and Foxglove in relation to remembrance has really enabled our children to think deeply and with empathy about the war and its impact as well as the significance of this occasion. I was at the St Briavels service last year and this year I attended the Remembrance service on Saturday 10th at St Saviour's church in Redbrook and was, on the Sunday, up to my knees in mud at the Sodbury Slog (10 mile trail run).

We were fortunate to have experts from Tae Kwon-Do Association of Great Britain (Mr and Mrs Penman, instructors and Redbrook parents, and Mr Farr, instructor) come into school and work with all our children. The children really enjoyed it! To find out more, contact Mr Farr at monmouthtkd@hotmail.co.uk or on 07966 222647.

Happy weekend, people!

Sarah Helm, Executive Head teacher
The Wye Forest Federation

Children in Need

Well done and thank you to all your efforts in supporting Children in Need, it was spot-tastic here on Thursday! We raised £134.88 for Children in Need by wearing 'spots', a big thank you to all who contributed.

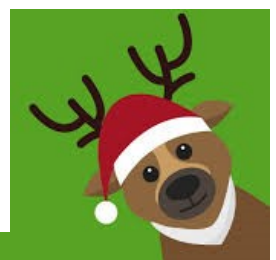
Big thanks to the Raymond family for their kind donation of our raffle prize, Pudsey Bear. He was won by..... (drum roll)....



Jo Davies!

Christmas Jumper day! 30th November

We will be having a Christmas Jumper day on Nov 30th, in exchange for gifts to go in a Christmas Hamper to be raffled at the Christmas Fayre. Please bring your donations into the office!



Daisy Class



Daisy class have enjoyed Forest School so far this term! They have revised the skills needed for Forest School. They visited site two for the first time last week and enjoyed den building, building fairy homes and explored the new environment with their senses. They have also enjoyed a scavenger hunt, looking at seasonal changes in the leaves and the how the area alters. The children loved making woodland potions using natural items found in the Forest School site. This week the children will be creating woodland story maps linked to their ongoing literacy skills. The children have worked hard this term to get changed on their own and are getting quicker each week! Well done Daisy class.

Mrs Morse

Help please!



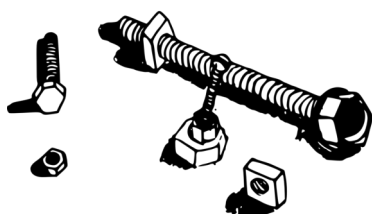
We would like to start some 'Funky Finger' sessions in Daisy class to help us develop our motor skills and we are hoping you can all help. If you have any of the following items in your home that you no longer want or need, please send them in for us to use!

We would like:

Golf tees, wooden cookies (chopped wooden disks), cheerio cereal (will no be eaten so if they are no longer edible that is fine), clean nuts and bolts of various sizes, buttons, ribbon, string, plastic tweezers, cotton buds and medium sized, thick boxes.

If you find any of these items at home please send them in to Daisy class.

Many Thanks!



Mrs Griffin

Apply for a primary or infant school place **DEADLINE 15th JANUARY 2019**

If you have a young child due to start school in Spetmeber 2019, you must remember to apply for a school place! You can do it online here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/>

Timetable: From November 2018..	Letters sent out explaining how to apply for a school place. If you are a Gloucestershire resident and you still have not received a letter by December 2018 please contact coordinated admissions
From 5 November 2018 to 15 January 2019	Online application facility open
Tuesday 15 January 2019	Closing date for all applications
Tuesday 16 April 2019	Allocation Day

Little Red Riding Hood

Early years and KS1 children had a wonderful time at the panto. They went to see Little Red Riding Hood at the Sherman Theatre in Chepstow. All reports are that it was a brilliant production and enjoyed by all! Here are some photos.



St Briavels Toddler Group

This is held on a Tuesday in the school hall. From January it will move to the new time of 9am-11am

From January new time will be:

Tuesdays 9am—11am

Flu Vaccinations Reminder

Reception to Yr 5 Flu Vaccinations will take place on 6 December at school.

Please remember to register your child if you wish for them to be vaccinated by going to:

<https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/consentforms>

If you require a paper version of the consent form, please contact the office.



'Officer George'

PC Smart came in to visit Sunflowers, Bluebells and Daisy class, he is a Police officer who is also the author of **Officer George**. He came in to talk to the children about the role of Police officers, how to be safe near the road for road safety week and then he read his story to us all.

The children loved hearing the story and how Officer George helps people in need! The children also enjoyed trying on his helmet, it was very heavy though! If your child is interested in the book then look out for another installment in February 2019! If you want to find out more visit <https://www.officergeorge.com/>



Speedwell class

Speedwell are bearing up well, considering the dramatic events of WWII so far. They have been evacuated to a safe part of the country and have contributed to the war effort by joining the 'small ships miracle' at Dunkirk. In between, they have danced the Charleston - thankfully, there was no air raid siren, as they forgot to take their gas masks, which is an unusual lapse for them. They took a break from war worries to explore measurement and machines in the forest and behaved beautifully representing their school.

We will be going on a WWII trip soon; could families be thinking about a costume? Grey shorts, wooly jumper, long socks for the lads and long socks, plain / grey skirt and wooly jumper for the lasses, with a cap or beret to top it off!



Mrs Keeling-Paglia

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.



Trips and PARENT PAY

Please check your parent pay account and tie up any loose ends with unpaid trips etc. We have a large number of outstanding payments for trips that have already occurred. Trips have always been arranged to broaden our children's learning experiences and the costs have been kept to a minimum. Our school budget is already stretched and we cannot afford to run school trips without sufficient contributions to cover the costs. We understand that there are some families who may have difficulty contributing to the costs so please let us know. For future trips, in order to ensure our costs are covered, we will give a payment cut-off date prior to any cancellation charges being incurred by the school. Should sufficient payments not be received by the date given then, unfortunately, trips will be cancelled.

The Admin Team

Forest Foodbank

I am aware that families within our community may be struggling as we head into the Christmas period. I am able to issue food bank vouchers for those who feel they would benefit from being able to access the food bank. Please use it if you need it, it is there to help. If you feel you would benefit from food items but, for any reason, are unable to access the foodbank, please let me know and I will happily arrange for someone to collect on your behalf. Your family's well-being is important to us as a school and we will do what we can to help, so please, just let us know!

If you are lucky enough not to need to use the foodbank this Christmas, we are able to collect donations and take them to the foodbank for distribution to those who could do with a helping hand. Please bring any donations to the school office and we will deliver to the foodbank.

Sarah Helm

Foodbank Opening time over Christmas:

Mon 24TH Dec (XMAS EVE) - **COLEFORD OPEN** - 9.00AM - 11.00AM (N.B. not the usual 2-4)

Tues 25TH Dec (XMAS DAY) - CLOSED

Weds 26TH Dec (BOXING DAY) - CLOSED

Thurs 27TH Dec- CLOSED

Fri 28TH Dec - **CINDERFORD OPEN** - 9.30AM – 11.30AM

Mon 31ST Dec (NEW YEAR'S EVE) - **COLEFORD OPEN** - 9.00AM - 11.00AM

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 in After School Club up until Christmas!

Week	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Drama	Cookery	Craft
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

Are you having a Christmas Clear Out?

If you are making space for new toys at Christmas and your children have outgrown good condition and complete toys and games, we would be most grateful if you would consider donating them to the federation. We are particularly short of construction such as **lego/duplo, k'nex, zoobs** etc, dressing up clothes for our younger children (ASK NAT & SARAH FOR ANY OTHER SPECIFICS). If you make donations that we are unable to make use of then we will return them to you if requested, or donate to a local charity. Thank you for helping us

New School Business manager

Welcome to our new School Business Manager, Mrs Nicola Dutton. Nicola is an experienced School Business Manager and is primarily based at the St Briavels site but will be supporting on site at Redbrook some days. Please feel free to pop in and say hello to her, she's lovely!

Safeguarding request

Please can we remind parents and carers of children in Reception to Yr6 that, for safeguarding reasons, they must not enter the school building through the reception doors with their children when dropping off.

St Briavels PTA NEWS

Well the PTA is in full Christmas mode already! It's **Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 30th November** when the children can wear their most festive jumper in return for donating an item for the hampers. The draw for the raffle will be held at the **Christmas Concert on the 16th December.**

Plans for the **Christmas Fayre (Friday 7th December straight after school)** are gathering momentum and the crack team of volunteers is shaping up nicely. If you would like to help in any way – setting up and decorating the hall or Santa's Grotto; or helping with the clean up operation afterwards; baking mince pies or biscuits or a cake; creating an oversized cracker for the Lucky Dip; making the signs for our sugar cane sign post, manning a table for an hour; selling raffle tickets; wrapping the presents from Santa (ssssshhh don't tell the kids!) or for the No Grown Ups Shop etc etc (there are LOTS of jobs) please give me a shout on the school FB page or on clairevgilmour@btinternet.com. It's going to be a lot of fun putting it all together – we want an afternoon the whole family can enjoy whilst raising some all important funds for our school.

Talking of which, we're about ready to open the purse and spend some money! Mrs Watkins and Mr Gazzard are in the process of designing a new outside area – you may have noticed the rotten old benches have now gone.. Once I have more details I'll pass them on to you but I hope you'll agree that it's a great project for the PTA to fund. Maybe we could have a Grand Opening Party when it's ready.... mmmmm TBD... I'm off to prepare for the Mum's PJ Party at school this evening.. always a raucous affair – if you see this in time please come down. We're showing Bad Mom's Christmas at about 730pm and generally having a laugh. Bring a blanket and a beverage and I'll see you there!

Claire and the PTA team xx



Cyber News



As part of our #WakeUpWednesday campaign, we've created a free poster for schools to share with parents and carers about LiveMe; the live mobile broadcasting application which has been downloaded more than 60 million times and is aimed at 'young people who love to share' - a concerning tagline considering the official age limit (defined in their T&Cs) is SEVENTEEN.

Whilst LiveMe prides itself on 'giving creators a platform to reach a wide audience and share their talents and passions directly with their fans', beneath the glitz and the glamour the platform has been heavily linked to online risks including; online grooming, privacy & security issues, online payments and adult content.

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

The National Online Safety Team

National Online Safety

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W: www.nationalonlinesafety.com

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.

Online safety

Please be aware of the dangers of children 'live streaming'.

It may be helpful to start a conversation with your child if they have access to a phone or tablet. There are a number of apps that enable live streaming and we need to ensure our children understand how to keep themselves safe.

Please find further advice at the UK safer internet centre (www.saferinternet.org.uk)

Term 2 - Autumn 2018
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Day	Date	Class	Event
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
Tuesday	18/12/18		
Wednesday	19/12/18	Whole School	Christmas Lunch
Thursday	20/12/18		
Friday	21/12/18	Whole School	2pm Christingle at Church
Monday	07/01/19		

School Council

School Council would like to increase the number and variety of good quality books we have in school. If you have any unwanted books for ages 2-11 we would be most grateful if you could send them in to school with your child. We are also looking out for a table tennis table, circus toys (diablo, juggling balls etc..) and plastic boxes with lids to enable us to store books outside for the quiet area.

Many thanks for your support.

School Council