

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter



No. 62 February 8th 2019

Dear All,

Apologies if the snow day caused you any inconvenience, it is always a difficult decision to close the school and is based on the forecast, and the risks to children and staff getting to and from school. We hope some of you got to play with your children in the snow!

The children have been having a great time with lots of activities including yoga, swimming and Forest Schools. It is great to see children enjoying themselves, building up their strength and facing new challenges. Physical activity also supports brain development, so will support classroom work too!

Have a great weekend!

**Sarah Helm, Executive Head Teacher,
The Wye Forest Federation**

Office News

Please note that St Briavels School office will now be closed every day between 1 and 2pm. If you need to talk to anyone in the office please make sure you do it before or after lunchtime. Thank you!

Please could we ask you to contact the school office with any questions or queries in relation to your child's learning (or other issues) so we can ensure the message goes to the correct teacher in order to reply fully. We cannot accept any messages about school and your child through our personal Social Media accounts as this contravenes GDPR. Thank you for your understanding.

**Nicola Dutton, Business Manager
The Wye Forest Federation**



Courage Compassion Respect Resilience

Daisy Class



This week Daisy class have been taking part in a yoga session as part of Children's Mental Health week. We talked about ways to keep our minds healthy and the children suggested relaxation so we thought we would all give yoga a try, it was very successful!

Mrs Griffin



Poppy Class

Miss Scotford has asked that we share these fab cave paintings with you all from Poppy Class. The children had great fun using pastels to create them. It will form part of an ongoing display in the classroom.



Bluebell Class

This week Bluebell class have been learning about Chinese New Year. We made an amazing Chinese dragon, tasted Chinese food and set up our own Chinese restaurant. The children were trying really hard to use chopsticks and talked about their food likes and dislikes.

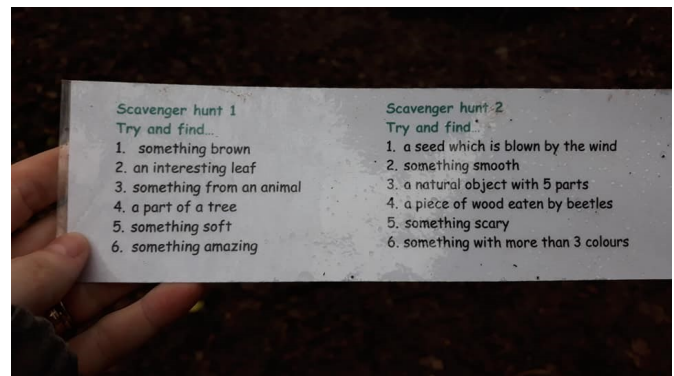




Speedwell class

Speedwell are working hard and having fun honing their maths skills. We sometimes like to investigate numbers and travel far into Deep Maths! This week we got very excited exploring powers (always useful things to have, as Batman will attest) and raised the roof. Times tables continues to be a focus and letters have gone home about the new Multiplication Check pilot for Year 4s coming in the summer – please check your child's bag for this!

Mrs Keeling Paglia



Speedwell have been doing Forest School. Forest Schoolers enjoyed exploring the woodland site via scavenger hunts. They even spotted scarlet elf cup fungi, which the children were fascinated by! The team building challenge was 'shelters'. Children were asked to use their imagination and were stranded on a desert island with only their team mates for help! Children are beginning to get to grips with what skills are vital to succeed in a team task!

Foxglove Class



Foxglove have welcomed Mr Field, our new student teacher into class. He will be working with the children alongside Mrs Ricketts next term.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for parents to help with reading, swimming and playtime. Please contact the office if you can help!



New Website!

We have a new website!

Class pages will be being updated in the coming weeks. Let us know if there is anything you would like to see that isn't there or have any other feedback.



<https://wye-forest-federation.eschools.co.uk>



World Book Day

We would like children to dress up for world book day this year.

Using the theme of recycle, reuse and reduce we would like children to **make their own costumes** and **bring the book their chosen character is from** to talk about over the day.

Children can choose whether to dress up or not!

To find out more information see <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Winter school closures

Apologies for the Gloucestershire School Closures website not working at the beginning of last Friday, we have been assured that it will work from now onwards! In case of another possible closure please do check:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/



PTA EVENTS COMING UP

Book on the St Briavel's Information FB page or by emailing clairevgilmour@btinternet.com



Friday 15th Feb – 530pm-715pm

KIDS PJ PARTY

£3/child inc a snack and drink

Kick start Half Term with a PJ party! Blankets, pillows and teddies all welcome.

Hotel Transylvania 3

Claire Gilmour

After School Club

Chess Club

New Monday After
School Club after
February Half Term

Art Project Club

3.10 –4.30 £5
3.10-5.30 £10
(per child)

Snack Available,
Tea available after
4.30PM

Family Action Support for Families



Being a parent or carer to a child or young person can often be difficult without emotional support and guidance there to help. There is now a free FamilyLine Service which tackles these issues by using a network of volunteers from across the country to support parents and carers through telephone calls, email and text message.

Telephone: 0808 802 6666
Text message: 07537 404 282
Email: familyline@family-action.org.uk

To find out more go to:

www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/familyline/

St Briavels Toddler Group

This is held on a Tuesday in the
school hall.

Tuesdays 9am—11am

There is a small charge.



Term 3 - January / February 2019

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Day	Date	Class	Event
Friday	8/2/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	11/2/19	Bluebell/Speedwell	Tag Rugby pm
Tuesday	12/2/19	Poppy Class Speedwell	Stonehenge Trip Forest School pm
Wednesday	13/2/19	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	14/2/19	Year 5	Swimming
Friday	15/2/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	25/2/19	INSET DAY	INSET DAY
Tuesday	26/2/19	Term Starts Bluebell	Term starts Perrygrove Trip
Wednesday	27/2/19	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	28/2/19	Year 3	Swimming
Friday	1/3/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	4/3/19		
Tuesday	5/3/19		
Wednesday	6/3/19	Bluebell Whole School	Forest School pm Book fair 3pm
Thursday	7/3/19	Year 3 Whole School	Swimming WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday	8/3/19	Whole School	Open the book 2.30pm Book fair 3pm
Monday	11/3/19		
Tuesday	12/3/19		
Wednesday	13/3/19	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	14/3/19	Year 3	Swimming
Friday	15/3/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	19/3/19		
Tuesday	20/3/19		
Wednesday	21/3/19	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	22/3/19	Year 3	Swimming
Friday	23/3/19		Open the book 2.30pm