

St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey

Dear Families,

I can't quite believe that we are at the end of the school year already and what a year it has been! Despite all of the challenges that Covid has continued to bring us, we have so much to be proud of at St Briavels this year.

Our sporting opportunities have been greatly enriched by taking part in many local competitions this year and culminated in wonderful sports days where many of you joined us last week to cheer the children on. We created a beautiful and much celebrated garden at the Malvern Show and so much work has taken place in the school grounds thanks to the generosity of many of you. Ofsted came and went and we truly celebrate what we have achieved in a very short period of time, they found our school a school that our pupils are proud of and we are extremely proud of it too. Our choir has been re-established and if you have been lucky enough to hear them sing this year, you will know just how good they are. We can't wait for what they will perform next. I could list so much more...

But of course, none of this has happened without the incredible commitment of our staff team. I find myself blessed to have a team who are entirely committed to our children, our school and all that we do to make it the best it can be. I can't thank them enough. They go above and beyond every step of the way and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them a very restful and happy summer holiday.

I also thank you, our families, your commitment to our school is unceasing. You've helped us fundraise, you've supported our staff, you've cheered on your children and given so generously to the PTA who enable our children to have so much more than we would have. You've celebrated with us when we've got things right, you've been patient with us when times have been tough and you've challenged us to be better when we haven't done as well as we should. All of those things help us to meet our vision for your children and make our school community strong.

Finally, I want to thank our children. They never cease to make us proud of them. Their courage, compassion, respect and resilience is to be celebrated. As our Year 6 children move on to their new schools, I know that they will take with them many of the skills they will need to succeed. They have been wonderful buddies, role models and ambassadors for our school and we are going to miss them but know they will continue to shine brightly in all that they do.

I wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 6th September for our new academic year.

Kindest regards

Natalie Frey

Sunflower Class



Farm Trip



1 - Meeting the piglets



2 - The chickens had such soft feathers

The Pre-school children enjoyed a picnic and a tour around Cinderhill farm, where we met some very hungry animals. The children and staff were also treated to some of the very tasty sausage rolls made on site that very day. Staff were amazed at how well the children walked down to the farm and back up to Sunflowers afterwards, not easy with little legs.

We would like to say a big thank you to Deborah for opening up her farm to us and to Helen and Ed for showing us around.

We would like to say farewell to all of our Pre-school children, we will miss you and wish you all every success in your transition into reception. ☺

Thank you to all of the parents who have helped us this year with our outside project, it is looking great.

Bluebell Class



Bluebell class recently enjoyed a visit to the meadow

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ursula Williams and Jean Green for organising our visit to Jean's meadow. The children had a wonderful day using butterfly nets, sweeping them through the grass and identifying the beetles, bugs and butterflies that they caught. We also enjoyed looking for and identifying the Miriam of native flowers. A beautiful day which should live on in their memories for a long time.



Daisy Class



Daisy Class has been busy thinking about our local environment this term. We've completed nature hunts around the school site as well as taken a walk around the beautiful St Briavels spotting and naming as many plants as we could. The biggest surprise of the walk for many was spotting a wind turbine! We have also talked about animals native to the Forest of Dean and used this to inspire our writing. A huge thank you to Mrs Hill for bringing Wispa the little owl for a visit. We thoroughly

enjoyed hearing all about her and the chance to give Wispa a stroke. All the local talk linked well with us celebrating the 150th anniversary of our school, too. The children looked fab and had so much fun on the day!

Poppy Class





Poppy class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Redbrook to explore the River Wye. We were able to identify many features of the river and were lucky to see loads of wildlife, including swans and their cygnets. We then spent the afternoon sketching and painting views of the river. Thank you to Mrs Morse, Mrs Clements and Miss Butler for all their help. Also a huge thank you to parents and grandparents for facilitating the children getting to and from Redbrook.

Mrs Kear.

Speedwell Class



3 - Speedwell Class 2021/2022

Speedwell class has enjoyed a really successful year and we would like to take the time to say thank you to all the parents, volunteers, staff and pupils who have been involved. Mr Ford has been extremely impressed with all their progress so far and is looking forward to seeing many of them again next year while wishing those departing to Foxglove all the best. He knows that all of them will continue to thrive next year.

Foxglove Class



The past term has been a busy one and Foxglove have been working really hard right up to the very end! As a class, Foxglove have been immersed in the mystery of the flying frogs in the book 'Tuesday' and written in many different styles to finish the year with this topic. The children have particularly enjoyed learning about the history of bread in our D.T. lessons and planning and putting on an afternoon tea for helpers of the school in celebration of St Briavels' 150th anniversary. Overall, it has been a very productive term!

We would love to say a goodbye to Mrs Woods, who will be moving to Redbrook School in the Autumn. We will miss you! We would also like to welcome Miss Collins, who will be our Foxglove teacher from September onwards.

We would also like to say our goodbyes to Foxglove's year 6s who have been an amazing group to teach and fantastic ambassadors for our school. We wish you all the best of luck moving onto secondary school - you will be greatly missed here at St Briavels Primary School!

Choir



I would like to say a huge congratulations to our choir for such a successful concert in the church last Friday. We had a fantastic turnout, which made all the difference to the performers and atmosphere so thank you to everyone who attended. An evening of enjoyable musical variety was had by all and we look forward to our next opportunity to perform as a choir and showcase our many talented young singers and musicians!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Nature Quiz team on reaching the Gloucestershire final of the Nature Quiz. We reached third place which is the furthest we have ever reached!

A huge thank you must go to Mr Gazzard who worked with the children and supported them through the regional rounds, the regional final, the semi finals and of course the grand final. He truly inspired the children with all of his knowledge.

PTA

PTA NEWS

Not a long one from me today as we're busy preparing for the Year 6 Leavers water fight and pizza party (on the hottest day of the year!!).

I'd like to say a big thank you to Ellen Rule, Helen Banner and Rebecca Rose for being part of the PTA committee this year. It's been really tricky navigating and adapting to Covid rules as the year has gone on but we still managed to raise some money and have a huge amount of fun in the process.

There will be a full report at the AGM in September when we'll need to vote in a new committee and get some plans in place for the '22/'23 season! I hope we'll see some fresh recruits or if you fancy being a bit more involved as your child/children moves through the school you'll be a welcome addition to the team.

So I'll sign off by wishing the Year 6 Leavers and their families a heartfelt farewell. You'll all be missed but I'm sure you'll absolutely smash it at your new schools!

Thanks to all our St B families for your support and good will throughout the year.

By welcoming the Bluebells, new starters and their families to our wonderful school. Can't wait to meet you all!

And lastly by thanking all the staff for their hard work during a thoroughly challenging time. You've been amazing as always.

Enjoy your summers and will see you at the Back to School BBQ on Sunday 4th September!

Claire X



Olympic Athlete



We had Olympic athlete Jack Rutter visit St Briavels and give a talk and exercise session to the whole school.

Part of the event was about raising money for our school and also Sports For Schools. We raised a total of £952.60, which is amazing. We get to retain £457.26 which we have used to buy new equipment for morning and lunch time play. Well done and thank you everyone!

Thank you!

A big **'thank you'** to Tim Matthews and Dan Hayes for giving up their Saturday to build the Sunflower shed. Also thank you to the Foxglove and Speedwell children for helping move the cobbles to build up the Sunflower garden. The next generation of Sunflowers children will love it!

Prepare for September

Term Dates / School Day Timings

The first day of term is **Tuesday September 6th** (there is an INSET day on Monday September 5th). Term dates are below and can also be found on our website.

Please remember the timings for the school day have changed:

Gates open - **8:40am**

Registration and gates locked - **8:50am**

End of school day - **3:20pm**

School Uniform

Please note that the final day for orders from our school uniform suppliers for delivery in time for September is 1st August. You can order here:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stbriavels>

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stbriavelsearlyyears>

Welcome Meetings

Each class will be holding a welcome meeting at the start of September so that you are able to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about what they will be learning in school in the new academic year. All meetings will start at **3:20pm**, be held in your child's classroom and children are welcome so that they can listen too. Please save the date and come along if you can.

Bluebell 12th September

Daisy 15th September

Poppy 13th September

Speedwell 14th September

Foxglove 19th September

Term Dates 2022-2023

There is a downloadable version of this on our website at:

https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/363933

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	