

# St Briavels Primary School

## Newsletter



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Dear All,

It has been another fabulous week of learning across our school and I have been delighted to see such engagement in a wide variety of learning opportunities when dropping into classrooms throughout the week. Our children are working really hard and talk enthusiastically about what they are learning, I hope you are hearing about it all at home too. I was amazed to see such fantastic writing from our younger children, Bluebell class, this week following their frosty morning welly walk. They were inspired to write about the things they had seen whilst out and about demonstrating the power of experiences beyond the classroom. Well done Bluebells!

Across the school our learning enquiry themes are proving to be well matched to children's interests and are generating some really thought provoking questions. If your child asks questions around the enquiry themes at home please ask them to note them down and bring them in to share with their class. We always welcome parents to support with our enquiries so if you have anything you feel you could offer that would support the learning around any of our enquiry themes please let us know, we would be thrilled for you to be involved.

I am really pleased that our after school provision is proving popular and we are really pleased with the uptake. This has enabled us to extend the evening provision to now include Monday evenings and the opportunity for our children to enjoy learning and playing chess. If we have any chess experts who would like to get involved in supporting us with this, please let the office know.

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

### Office News

Thank you to those of you who have been booking your children's meals in advance on Parentpay. There are still a few whose bookings are not coming through. This is just a reminder that meals for all children need be booked by 8:30am each morning. This includes children who are in receipt of Free School Meals.

**The Admin Team**



*Courage   Compassion   Respect   Resilience*



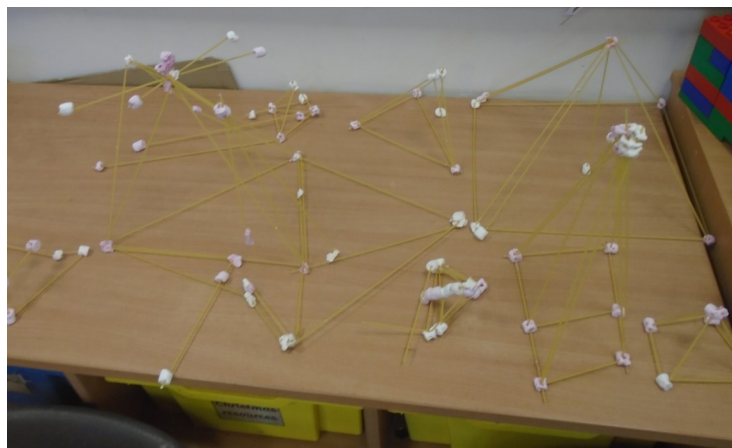
## Daisy Class



Daisy class have enjoyed their enquiry this term, they have chosen to design and build structures ranging from houses to hotels, bridges to rockets! We can't wait to see how they turn out! This week we have been making structures using marshmallows and spaghetti! The children wanted to test stability in structures so we tested our models using a hairdryer, some were more successful than others but we had a lot of fun building and testing! This really helped to develop our scientific state of being, we made predictions and recorded our results.

I look forward to seeing where our enquiry leads us next.

**Mrs Griffin**



We are aware that some year two children in Daisy class have not yet been on a topic driven trip as the cost of the proposed science trip was too expensive. We would like to reassure you that we will be ensuring that a trip is organised with enough time for the payments to be covered.

**Nicola Dutton**  
School business manager



## Poppy Class

Poppy Class has been making cave paintings this week and all our art work is now up on display on the stairs up to the classroom. Please come and have a look. This week we will be focusing on making some Stone Age pottery.



## Bluebell Class

Thank you to the author Mike Smith for visiting Bluebell class last week.

The children had a lovely time asking questions, finding out more about how to become an author and making our own hundred decker bus.

Some researchers from the University of Leeds are conducting a study to find out more about children's eating habits and food in the family home. They are particularly interested in the views of parents of primary school aged children. They are looking for as many parents as possible to fill this in a questionnaire. It takes about 8-12 minutes to complete, is anonymous and voluntary.

Please go the link below if you would like to help:

<https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/food-in-the-family-home-2018>

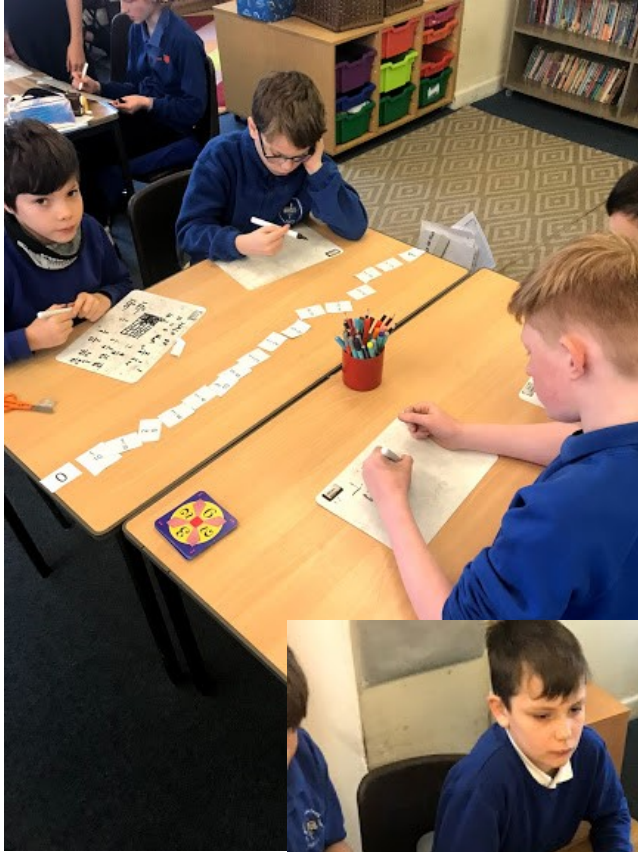


## Foxglove Class



Foxglove started their fractions unit in maths by making Fraction Rods out of straws, these will hopefully help us to compare, order and eventually add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions! We have also been working on some creative writing based on the fictional planet of Pandora – our final illustrated pieces will be finished soon and you will see them displayed outside of our classroom!

**Mrs Ricketts**







## Speedwell class

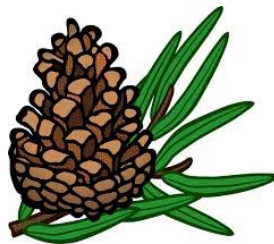
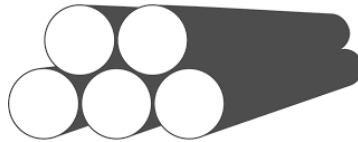
Speedwell are learning a great deal about effective planning, communication and teamwork in their outdoor learning. Planning is a 'work in progress', as not everyone has yet managed to remember to bring warm and waterproof clothing to school on Tuesdays. Communication and teamwork are difficult with chattering teeth, so please make sure young Speedwellies have top-to-toe outdoor gear. This week saw the challenge of making a shelter. We probably have the makings of a TV reality series...



## Outdoor Play Donations Please!

We desperately need more objects to play with outdoors - so please if you have any of the following bring them in! They will be much appreciated!

- drain pipes / guttering
- Stones
- pine cones
- wooden or synthetic items
- wooden slices
- Tubes
- reels
- boxes with lids
- old material various sizes
- chinks, felt tips, colouring
- pencils and drawing books



Mrs Watkins





## JOB VACANCY!

We desperately need mid day supervisors  
to help over see dinners and playtime.  
Please contact the office if you want to  
know more.

## Toddler Group at Redbrook Cancelled

Please note the toddler group at Redbrook  
will no longer be running  
due to low numbers.



## Internet Safety

The NSPCC has issued the following **'TEAM'** guidelines for parents who may be concerned:

- **T**alk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen.
- **E**xplore your child's online activities with your child. Understand why they like using them and make sure they know what they can do to keep themselves safe.
- **A**gree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games
- **M**anage your technology and use the settings available to keep your child safe.

There is more information about internet safety in general at [catshill.com/parent](https://www.catshill.com/parent)



## PTA News

Happy 2019 everyone! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to the fab forest spring coming our way in the not too distant future.

There are some great PTA events coming up – pop these dates in your diary for the first half of term!

WED 30 <sup>th</sup> JAN	7/7.30pm	PTA meeting	The George Inn, St Briavels Village
MON 4 <sup>th</sup> - THURS 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb RAGS2RICHES COLLECTION AT SCHOOL			
SAT 9 <sup>th</sup> FEB	2-4pm	Family Games Afternoon	School Hall Tickets £2 to include a drink (snacks on sale). <i>Bring your favourite board game to play or just have a go at something new: Junior Cluedo, Forbidden Forest, Room on a Broom, Scrabble, Jenga, Backgammon, Forbidden Island and many more!</i>
FRI 15 <sup>th</sup> FEB	5.30-7.15pm	Children's PJ Party	School Hall HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3 (U cert) Tickets £3 per child inc a snack and drink. PJs, blankets and teddies a must! <i>(Sunflowers &amp; Bluebells will need an adult to stay with them)</i>

### PTA MEETING

Come along and share your ideas for future events, volunteer for upcoming events and help decide how to spend funds raised. It's a very friendly and informal get together – I love to hear everyone's thoughts! If you can't come on Wednesday but you have something to add you can email me on [clairevgilmour@btinternet.com](mailto:clairevgilmour@btinternet.com) or catch me at the gates.

### RAGS2RICHES

Want to get rid of the clothes, bed linen, towels, belts, handbags, accessories, soft toys and paired shoes that have been cluttering up your storage space (and help us raise funds in the process)??? Bag them up and bring them to school where they will be collected and become affordable clothing to help developing nations. More details to follow.

### GAMES AFTERNOON \*

We're turning the hall into a games room for the afternoon! If you enjoy playing games as a family then bring your favourite along or just come to try your hand at something new. Tickets are £2 and will include tea/coffee or a cold drink. There will be delish homemade snacks available to buy too.

### PJ Party\*

Needs no introduction!

Drop off at 5.30pm, collection at 7.15pm – bring pillows, blankets and teddies as needed! £3 per child.

**\*TO BOOK FOR THE GAMES AFTERNOON AND/OR PJ PARTY CONTACT ME ON THE ST BRIAVELS INFO PAGE ON FB OR BY E-MAIL**

**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

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FILM NIGHT

31ST JANUARY  
THE JUNGLE BOOK

PLEASE BOOK...LIMITED SPACES!.....



### St Briavels Toddler Group

This is held on a Tuesday in the school hall.

**Tuesdays 9am—11am**

There is a small charge.

### Toddler Group at Redbrook Cancelled

Please note the toddler group at  
Redbrook will no longer be running  
due to low numbers.





**Term 3 - January / February 2019**  
**St Briavels Primary School**

Day	Date	Class	Event
Friday	25/1/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	28/1/19	Bluebell/Speedwell	Tag Rugby pm
Tuesday	29/1/19	Speedwell	Forest School pm
Wednesday	30/1/19	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	31/1/19	Year 5 After School Club Film	Swimming FILM NIGHT—the Jungle Book
Friday	1/2/19		
Monday	4/2/19	Bluebell/Speedwell	Tag Rugby pm
Tuesday	5/2/19	Speedwell	Forest School pm
Wednesday	6/2/19	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	7/2/19	Year 5	Swimming
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	Term starts
Wednesday	27/2/19		
Thursday	28/2/19		
Friday	1/3/19		