

St Briavels Primary School Newsletter

Striving To Be The Best We Can Be



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Dear All,

This term has flown by with so much going on in school. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in some way of continuing to make our school a fabulous place of learning and fun. It was lovely to see parents at our information update evening, we plan to hold more events like this over the year to keep you all up to date.

It's great to be back and enjoying the beautiful autumn views from our playground. I have enjoyed hearing about time spent relaxing and regrouping over half term and am delighted that everyone has come back with such a positive attitude to this new term. It is destined to be another busy term for you to be involved in.

We have upcoming PTA events, Christmas performances, choir events and our Christingle Church service to look forward to. Please come along and get involved, we love to see our parents almost as much as we love to see our children!

We would like to welcome Lorna Hill, our new apprentice who is working with Poppy class and Henrietta Snoaden who is working with Speedwell. We are delighted they are working with us and know you will enjoy getting to know them. Chris Harris is new to the Forest of Dean and is taking some time to volunteer in school, sharing his expertise in gardening and forest schools.

We would like to thank Nicky Lloyd Bussell, our School Business Manager, who has sadly had to leave on compassionate grounds to look after family after a dramatic change of circumstances. We wish her all the best.

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



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School pickups

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are regularly collected late from school. I do understand that there are occasions when parents and carers are held up by traffic and other unforeseen events. I accept that this is unintentional and usually in exceptional circumstances and we ensure your child is kept safe until you are able to arrange their collection.

However, we are finding that regular late collection is increasing. Teachers are unable to keep children in the classroom after school collection time, therefore, it has been our normal procedure to send them to After School Club until they are collected. Where this is now becoming a regular occurrence, either most weeks and/or more than an occasional incident, we will apply our normal after school care charges of £5.00 per child per part session. Please collect your child at 3.10pm to avoid being charged.

Should you have any specific problems that are impacting on your ability to collect on time at the end of the school day in the short term, please come and speak to me as we may be able to provide assistance.

Thank you

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



St Briavels Congregational Church

Christmas Family Craft Morning 30th November

Our annual Christmas Family Craft Morning at St Briavels Congregational Church is on **Saturday 30th November**. You are warmly invited to drop in anytime from 10.30-1.30. There are cakes to decorate, advent candles to design, gift boxes to make and more! Children of all ages are welcome. While they are busy being creative you can relax with a cuppa and mince pies.

Christmas Coffee Morning 3rd December

If you are free on **Tuesday 3rd December** at 10am then please come and join us for our special Christmas Coffee Morning and enjoy listening to the lovely St Briavels School Choir!

**Rev Matt Rees
Pastor**



Afterschool Club

Afterschool club will continue to run until 6pm Monday to Thursday.

Please make sure that you book your child in, so we can meet safeguarding regulations. If you have any queries, please speak to the office or to Sian Van Loo. Thank you!



Primary School Applications for 2020

If your child was born between **1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016** they can start school in the school year starting 1st September 2020. You need to apply for a place by 15th January 2020.

To find out more and apply go to:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/>



PTA News

The PTA are currently **busy busy busy** getting things in place for the **Christmas Fayre!** This year it's on a Saturday for the first time and we're inviting the village and surrounding areas to come in and enjoy the Christmas cheer. There are some amazing raffle prizes already and we've got some lovely stalls booked in – if you would like to add to that number please get in touch. Alongside the stalls, this year Olivia Woodhouse is going to be there with her fabulous pizzas; the Naylor's will be doing turkey and cranberry rolls; we'll have mince pies and hot drinks; games for the kids; some carol singing and perhaps even a certain fellow in a distinctive red suit will pay a visit..... Can. Not. Wait. Please come along, bring your Christmas goodwill and support your school!

Continuing on the Christmas theme – this year our 'product' is drum roll..... Calendars! Not any old calendar though.... This one has **ALL THE SCHOOL DATES FOR 2020 ALREADY ON IT!** Term start and end dates, half terms and inset days, PGL and SATS weeks, Malvern, World Book Day.... Each class has been allocated two months and has produced a season-relative photo and piece of artwork for each of them. So your child's beautiful face and fabulous art will feature on there twice... They are A4 with cardboard backing and a hole to hang it but we'll also be selling sticky magnets which you can use to turn it into a fridge calendar. I'll get a mock up asap and will start taking orders shortly. Price will be **£10**.

KS2 event – the Foxglove and Speedwells have been invited to be the first to try the new Christmas Twilight Trains at Perrygrove! There'll be hot chocolate and cookies too (I may even start some Christmassy singing on the train....). There has been a really positive reaction to this from the children – the chance to kick off the festive season in style! I'll open up booking for this next week but the details are **Wednesday 4th December 6pm-7.15pm drop off and collection from Perrygrove - £3/child**. A big thanks to the Nelson-Browns for making this happen.

Very frustrating about the terrible weather last week which forced us to postpone the Open Parents Evening dinner. But good things come to those who wait and I can't wait to tuck in to the food prepared by Sarah Coley and Aaron! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their incredible hard work – I'm really bowled over by the lengths gone to to help create a fantastic dinner for so many. (With ALL proceeds going to help the school). We'll confirm the new date asap.

And lastly I'd like to welcome Danielle Lewis to the PTA team as she joins us as our new treasurer. We're very excited to have her on board – our fundraising is in safe hands! Thanks Danielle for stepping up. Next stop the festive season! HO HO HO.

Claire and the PTA Team x



Winter Term 2019 — St Briavels Primary School

Please check website for updates!



Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	25/11/19		
Tuesday	26/11/19		
Wednesday	27/11/19	Daisy Class Year 1's	Forest School—bring kit in!
Thursday	28/11/19		
Friday	29/11/19	Whole School	Non Uniform day
Monday	2/12/19		
Tuesday	3/12/19		
Wednesday	4/12/19	Daisy Class Year 1's KS2	Forest School—bring kit in! Perrygrove 6pm see PTA news for details
Thursday	5/12/19	Whole School	English Information Evening 6.30pm details tbc
Friday	6/12/19	Poppy Class	Trip to Egyptian Museum Swansea
Saturday 7th December am - PTA Christmas Fayre			
Monday	9/12/19		
Tuesday	10/12/19	Early Years and Bluebell Yrs 3,4,5, & 6	Christmas Play 9.30am Christmas Panto trip
Wednesday	11/12/19		
Thursday	12/12/19	KS1 play	2pm KS1 Christmas Play
Friday	13/12/19	KS1 play	6pm KS1 Christmas Play
Sunday	15/12/19	PTA Christmas Concert	4-5pm details tbc
Monday	16/12/19		
Tuesday	17/12/19		
Wednesday	18/12/19	Whole school Daisy Class Year 1's	Christmas Lunch Forest School—bring kit in!
Thursday	19/12/19		
Friday	20/12/19	Whole School LAST DAY OF TERM	Christingle Church Service December 2pm LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday	6/1/20	FIRST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM