

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter

Striving To Be The Best We Can Be



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Dear All,

I want to start by thanking all of you who have attended our Nativity performances this year. Your children have been truly amazing and it is a delight for us to be able to share this with you, showing a great partnership between school and our families. It has also been fantastic to see the support given to the events organised and run by our fabulous PTA, including the very successful Christmas Fayre and the slightly delayed meal at the end of our open evening for parents. The PTA work so hard to provide these events for our families and it is very much appreciated, both that they are organised and run and that they are well attended. This additional funding is most welcome as we strive to provide the best we can for all of our children. Thank you.

There has been so much going on in school over the term and we are now getting better at sharing on our website so you can keep up to date more easily with all that your children are involved in. Please take a look at your children's class pages. We are building our curriculum pages too and for those of you who missed our English evening, the information is shared on our website at Curriculum/English. It outlines our approach to teaching English as well as ideas to support reading at home, website links/addresses and some ideas of resources to support you as you support your child!

Thank you to the children and parents involved in the school choir. The choir have been busy singing at a number of events including Taurus Crafts, St. Mary's Church and Hearts of the Forest School. These are fabulous opportunities for our children to experience performing to an audience and they have been brilliant, such great ambassadors for our school. Many thanks to the parents who have been getting their children to the various venues, supporting and enabling our choir to perform.

I would like to take this opportunity to give my greatest thanks to Claire Gilmour for the huge difference she has made to our school as Chair of the PTA. I understand that she has not made the decision to step down lightly and as a staff team we have appreciated her dedication, enthusiasm, motivation and organisation that has seen the fabulous PTA raise such much needed funds to support our school in providing the best we can for our community. Well done, Ms Gilmour and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Finally it remains for me to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. I look forward to welcoming you back on January 6th 2020! May peace be with you.

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



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Games needed please!

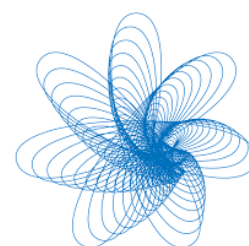
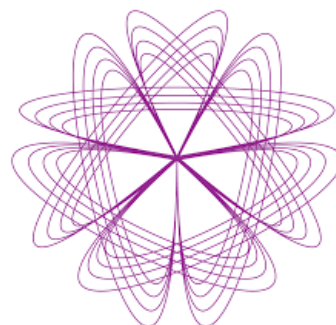
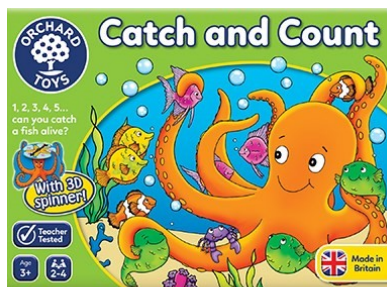


Sunflowers would really appreciate it if anyone could donate any of the following games if they no longer need them:

Orchard Games: **Cheeky Monkeys, Catch and Count, Lunch Box**

Also: **Spirograph Cyclax**

If you do, please bring them to the office. **Thank you!**



Office chair needed please!



We need a new office chair please (one with wheels / adjustable height) - one of the current ones is broken beyond repair. If anyone is upgrading / having clear-out please let us know!

Thank you! From **The Admin Team**



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/>



Well done!

Dear all,
Several residents of St Briavels sing with Monmouth Choral Society. Two people, independently, have told me how much they enjoyed the singing by the children in Monmouth on Saturday night. Well done everybody!

David Rees (Governor)

Flu immunisation catch up clinics:

As there are confirmed flu cases in our bordering Counties, the National Immunisation Team has requested that we promote our already available Community Clinics to all young people that were absent, unwell or did not respond on the day of their session at school.

There are new catch up clinic dates below. To book call **0300 421 8140**, 9am to 4.30pm Mon to Fri.

21st Dec 2019	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	10.00 - 15.00
23rd Dec 2019	Lydney Hospital Outpatients, Grove Road, Lydney, GL15 5JE	09.30 – 14.30
30th Dec 2019	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	09.30 - 14.30
31st Dec 2019	Stroud Hospital, Trinity Outpatients, Trinity Rd, Stroud, GL5 2HY	09.30 - 14.30
02nd Jan 2020	North Cotswold Hospital Stow Road, Moreton-In-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 0DS	09.30 - 14.30
03rd Jan 2020	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	09.30 - 14.30
08th Jan 2020	Edward Jenner Court, 1010 Pioneer avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4AW	17.00 - 19.30
13th Jan 2020	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	15.45 - 19.00
15th Jan 2020	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	15.45 - 19.00
20th Jan 2020	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	15.30 – 19.00
23rd Jan 2020	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	15.45 - 19.00
31st Jan 2020	Rikenel Health Centre, The Park, Gloucester, GL1 1XR	15.45 – 19.30

Sports news

Well done!

The years 4/5/6 represented The Federation on Thursday at Forest High, they competed in track and field events. Their attitude, team spirit and sportsmanship was impeccable. There was high praise for their track events as they came first in nearly all there races. Overall they came fourth out of the teams involved. Well done!



Sports Xtra sessions

Sports Xtra will be swapping their sessions around as of January 2020. Football for KS2 will be held on a Tuesday and Multisports for KS1 will be held on a Thursday (timings to remain the same). Matt will be writing home to his customers directly about this. He has also confirmed that he will be running holidays clubs on our Inset days in 2020 – 24 February, 22 May and 20 July.

Keeping children safe online over the holidays

From the CEOP (child exploitation and online protection) education team:

Find tips on how you can make sure that young people are safer online, over the Christmas period and beyond at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

- The Internet of Things: 9 ways of making your connected home more secure:
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot>
- * Seasonal Netiquette: 5 new parenting rules for screen time and tech when families gather:
<https://parentinfo.org/article/seasonal-netiquette-5-new-parenting-rules>



PTA News

Drum roll please! The numbers are in and **we have raised over £2,000 this term!** Well done you! As we're very aware from information fed through the Parents Forum (and general knowledge) budgets are tight so this money will really help with making sure our children have access to the resources they deserve. A new, up to date reading scheme is top of the spending agenda and as the school has secured match funding for this they'll really be making the most of the money.

A quick reminder that the BRILLIANT school calendars are in the office (£10 each) and there are still flash drives left if Speedwell and Foxglove families want to see the performance the children gave at the end of their strings lessons. They can be played on most smart TVs and various other devices. It's really good!

Time for a massive thank you to everyone who has volunteered, attended events, run events, spent money at events, filmed performances, washed up, been a talent show judge, cooked fabulous Italian food or just been smiley and supportive in the playground. A special thanks goes out to the school staff - you're superstars and I'm glad my child is in your hands. We're all important pieces of the lovely jigsaw that is St Briavels school (can you tell Tilly was in The Magic Jigsaw Nativity last week ???!).

So it was with sadness that last week I handed in my PTA Chair's cap. When I was asked to carry on the good work of the previous PTA Chair I was over the moon - nothing I like more than organising events, having fun with the kids and their families and raising much needed funds for our school. Like Jo before me I have the enthusiasm, energy and love for this voluntary role to have been able to find the time, alongside a full time job and family commitments, to devote to it. It is a PTA full of warmth and I wanted to extend that to even more families who perhaps hadn't been involved before. I'd like to think that was achieved during my time as Chair.

I have absolutely LOVED chairing your PTA but this term has been a battle and it's taken its toll on me - I need a break! So the door is now open for someone else to put the P into PTA and take on the baton. If you have your own views and ideas on how the PTA should be run - and I'm sure there are those who do - here's a golden opportunity to step up and take the reins.

We mustn't underestimate how vital the PTA is during this time of depleted public funding. We as a community need to work together to help bring out the best in our wonderful school for our children.

My committee and I would like to thank you - you've been amazing.

Merry Christmas, a happy new year and as always, see you at the school gates

Claire Gilmour xxx

Polite Reminder

School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.10pm

The school is open from 8.45am every morning to help with dropping off and parking. Please ensure your child arrives before or on time for the start of school every day and is collected promptly at the end of the day. Late arrival can be disruptive and unsettling for a child and may mean that they miss teaching and support that is provided. Thank you for your continued support with giving our children the opportunity to be the best they can be.

VACANCY: SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER



Do you want to join a team committed to helping every child be the best they can be?

We are looking for an experienced School Business Manager who will be responsible for:

- the operation and management of the finances across our federation of two schools. This will include the generation of income.
- managing the provision of effective administration and HR processes, including the management of non-teaching support staff.
- Contributing to future direction of the school including through the provision of sound financial advice to the Governing Board.

This role could be a flexible role negotiated to fit around existing commitments or could be a full time, five day role which would also include the following:

- the management and development of the school premises with a key role in contributing to planning and development.
- clerk to governors

This post as full time would be 37 hours per week at Grade 7 point 21 for 41 weeks per year. Any other flexible option would be pro rata. **Experience of working in a school office is essential**

This is a permanent post subject to a probationary period of 6 months.

Application closing date: **Mid-day on Friday 17th January 2020**

Interview date: **Monday 27th January 2020** (please do not submit an application for this post unless you are able to attend the interview date).

Application forms and a job description may be obtained from our website: **www.wyforestfederation.co.uk**, or from our Federation Office on **01594 530428** or email **admin@st-briavels.gloucs.sch.uk**.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed; please call the office to arrange.

January / February Term 2020 — St Briavels Primary School

Please check website for updates!



Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	6/1/20	Yr 5	Remember swim kits and car booster seats
Tuesday	7/1/20		
Wednesday	8/1/20		
Thursday	9/1/20		
Friday	10/1/20		
Monday	13/1/20	Yr 5 Yr 6	Remember swim kits and car booster seats Bikeability—forms back by Jan 6th please
Tuesday	14/1/20	Yr 6	
Wednesday	15/1/20	Yr 6	
Thursday	16/1/20	Yr 6	
Friday	17/1/20		
Monday	20/1/20	Yr 5	Remember swim kits and car booster seats
Tuesday	21/1/20		
Wednesday	22/1/20		
Thursday	23/1/20		
Friday	24/1/20		
Monday	27/1/20		Remember swim kits and car booster seats
Tuesday	28/1/20		
Wednesday	29/1/20		
Thursday	30/1/20		
Friday	31/1/20		
Monday	3/2/20	Yr 5 Parents	Remember swim kits and car booster seats Parent Forum Meeting time tbc
Tuesday	4/2/20		
Wednesday	5/2/20		
Thursday	6/2/20		
Friday	7/2/20		

February / March Term 2020 — St Briavels Primary School

Please check website for updates!



Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	10/2/20	Yr 5	Remember swim kits and car booster seats
Tuesday	11/2/20		Internet Safety Day
Wednesday	12/2/20	Yr 1, 2 & 3	Visit to Gloucester Cathedral and Mosque
Thursday	13/2/20		
Friday	14/2/20		
HALF TERM			
Monday	24/2/20	WHOLE SCHOOL INSET	INSET DAY
Tuesday	25/2/20		
Wednesday	26/2/20		
Thursday	27/2/20		
Friday	28/2/20		
Monday	2/3/20		
Tuesday	3/3/20		
Wednesday	4/3/20		
Thursday	5/3/20	Whole School	World Book Day
Friday	6/3/20		
Monday	9/3/20	Whole school	Parents meetings 1-3pm
Tuesday	10/3/20		
Wednesday	11/3/20		
Thursday	12/3/20	Whole school	Parents meetings 3pm onwards
Friday	13/3/20		
Monday	16/3/20		
Tuesday	17/3/20		
Wednesday	18/3/20		
Thursday	19/3/20		
Friday	20/3/20		