

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter



No. 39 8th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! The last newsletter of the term. We seem to have landed here rather quickly amidst a flurry of Christmas activities as (possibly- I write this on Thursday evening having just read tomorrow's weather forecast!) opposed to snow, which is probably a good thing but I am always hopeful to be able to enjoy the snow with the children, maybe after the break.... (I appreciate that not everyone has the same joyful approach to the ultimate disruption that snow brings to everything else though!)

I am delighted with the attendance at our Christmas performance and would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding with our ticketing systems which has enabled fair and equal access to all parents of the children involved. I would also like to thank you for your generous donations which we will use to enhance the learning experiences we offer in the new year. The children know how proud I am of them all in their amazing and confident performances which have been a delight to watch, I am sure you are/will be too!

I won't say too much for fear of spoiling the surprise still to come for some of you but suffice to say, the children have shown just how capable they are in planning their performance story and writing their scripts. Well done key stage one #teamawesome.

It remains for me to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a joyful new year. Enjoy the break from school, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you on January 3rd 2018.

Sarah Helm
Executive Head teacher
The Wye Forest Federation

Dates for your diary:

KS2 Xmas Theatre –

Monday 11th December

Early Years Christmas Production

1.30pm—Monday 11th December

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December

Christingle and End of term

Friday 15th December at 1pm
Church

Term ends at 2pm.

PTA Christmas Party

Friday 15th December 2pm

End of Term

**Monday 18th December – Tuesday
2nd January 2018**

Inset Day –

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Back to School -

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Half Term

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th
February 2018

Inset Day -

Monday 19th February 2018

Back to School -

Tuesday 20th February 2018

After School Club

We are excited to inform you that we will be starting an After School Club at St Briavels from January 3rd 2018. On Wednesdays and Thursdays we will be able to offer your child full wraparound care from 8am Breakfast Club to 6pm After School Club.

If you are interested in your child attending our after School Sessions then please come along to a parents meeting on Tuesday 12th December at either 08.50am or 6pm to register your child and ask any questions.

The sessions for After School will run from 3.15/3.30 to 4.30 for £5.00, and until 6pm for £10.00. This can then be paid through ParentPay.

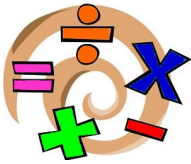
Online Safety

Please visit

<https://parentzone.org.uk>

For further information on how to keep you and your family safe whilst using the internet.

Maths



We are continuing to work on developing a growth mindset with our staff and children. We would welcome your support with this. One of the first areas we are working to improve this year is learning & teaching in maths. It would be amazingly helpful in challenging where some children have negative attitudes towards maths if you could support this at home with positive maths language. If your child is finding maths hard then we are adopting the powerful word 'yet' to all new learning. Eg 'You haven't got it, yet'! We are trying to ensure that the importance of maths is clear and that everyone knows they can be good at maths with the right teaching & learning experience and a positive approach and to "not be good at maths" is not ok!! We will be running maths workshops for children and parents in the new year which we hope will help all parents and carers, including those who feel under confident in maths, sharing learning with their children. Further details will follow in the new year.

Music Lessons

Flute has finished for this term now but will continue on January 9th.

Fiona does have spaces for children in Y4-6 if anyone is interested in taking up learning the flute.



Piano lessons will also start again on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Tracey currently has two spaces available.

Drum lessons will start again on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Terry currently has no spaces available for more students. If you are interested please add your name to the waiting list.



Christmas Lunch and an Older Generation

Playgroup are looking at different ways they can set up links between the young children and the senior members of the community.

We are delighted that for Christmas Lunch this year Playgroup have invited some of these people to come to school and join us in the festivities.

We are hopeful that the links we can develop between the senior members of the community and the young children here at Playgroup and school will create positive relationships for the whole community.

Offer of Early Help

Our Offer of early Help can be found in the Policies section in Key information on our website—visit www.stbriavelsprimaryschool.co.uk.

PTA—News

Well, the Christmas Fayre went very well!! Thank you so much to everyone who came along, ran a stall for us, helped out with setting or clearing up, serving mulled wine - everyone made a huge effort and I hope very much that you all enjoyed it! And of course, the bonus is that we raised a fabulous £1200!

So the final PTA event of the year will take place straight after Christingle, and is our Christmas Party! We will be showing Elf, and serving hot dogs and ice creams for the children. The cost is just £5 per child, and they will need collecting at 4.30pm please.

Nearly there!

Jo and the PTA Team



**We wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**

