

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter

Striving To Be The Best We Can Be



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Dear All,

It is lovely to welcome you all back after what has hopefully been a relaxing summer break, at least in part! We have made a great start to the term and our fabulous children have settled well into their new classes. See the next page for our learning enquiries this term: if anyone feels that they would like to be involved with any of these enquiries we would love it! Please contact the class teacher.

We already have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead and we will be starting our RHS Malvern Garden planning soon and would love you to be involved. The dates for our family workshops are in our calendar.

Speedwell and Foxglove are going to be the first classes to embark on our 'Whole Class Strings Project', in partnership with Gloucestershire Music Service. This will be ten weeks of one hour lessons to learn to play a string instrument (violin/cello). Every class will have this amazing opportunity this year and I look forward to your feedback.

We are having a push on oracy this year and looking for greater opportunities to specifically embed these more prominently into our learning. Our initial foci are modelling grammatical correctness and always using full sentences. We believe that this will also support children in continuing to improve their writing.

On Monday the 9th of September we supported the 3rd day of the Deloitte's Ride Across Britain (Lands End to John O' Groats cycle ride) as they passed through St Briavels. This is a 980 mile bicycle ride to raise money for charity which involves 55,00ft of climbing and a thousand cyclists! We are proud of our parent, Mr Midgely who was taking part and all our classes went onto the green to show our support through clapping, cheering and even hi-fiving some of the soggy bikers!

Forest schools will be continuing across the year for all classes, keep a look out for the information.

We are delighted to welcome new members of our team: **Mrs Christine Parsons** will be supporting in both Foxglove and Speedwell classes throughout the week. **Mrs Sarah Green** will be supporting in Speedwell three mornings a week, Mon, Weds, Fri. I know you will make them feel most welcome.

We, as a staff team, would all like to thank you for your end of year gifts and cards. These are not expected or required but very thoughtful and much appreciated.

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

Our Learning Enquiries for this term are:



Bluebell: 'What stories do we know?'



Daisy: 'What makes a good friend?' and then
'What is my hat made from?'



Poppy: 'What makes a good friend?' and 'Where does the darkness come from?'



Speedwell: 'What makes St Briavels School special and safe?'
and then 'Why do people live here?'



Foxglove: 'What makes St Briavels School special and safe?' and then 'Where does our food really come from?'

If you can help with any of our enquiries please speak to the class teacher!

LUNCH ORDERS

Please help us!

Our school lunches are cooked according to the orders made on parent pay. It is really helpful if you have discussed your child's lunch order with them, both as you make it, so you know your child will eat the meal ordered, and in the morning so that they know what they have chosen for that day. This will reduce a significant amount of work for our lovely cook Annabelle and will ensure no upset for your child when they collect their lunch as they will know what they are expecting to eat. This helps us get it right for your child.



Thank you for your help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need parents to help at lunchtime, both with the meals and also during playtime. Please contact the office if you can help. **Thank you!**



Uniform Labelling

PLEASE label all items of school uniform with your child's name/initials. It is important that we can identify whose uniform is whose and the best way is through name labelling. This does not need fancy sewn in labels, I find a sharpie pen does a fab job or even using a ball point pen will last for a considerable time. Uniform is expensive and easily lost if not identifiable, please help us by labelling. Thank you!

Sarah Helm

Afterschool Club

Afterschool club will be running until 6pm Monday to Thursday. This will be on a trial basis until October half term. If you want it to continue please send your children! There will be an additional £2.50 charge for the extra half hour.

Please could you ensure 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!

Tuesday
Cookery and Craft

Monday
Rounders
Stay and Play

Wednesday
Choir
Boardgames & Craft

Thursday
Film Night

Open 3pm-6pm
Until 4.30 £5
Until 5.30pm £10
Until 6pm £12.50
Snack Available, tea available after 4.30PM

Choir

Choir will continue in St Briavels in September on Wednesdays led by Donna Dickinson. The price will be £1 / week, please pay via Parentpay. Choir runs from the end of the school day until 4.15pm.



RHS Malvern Spring Festival 2020 Schools Garden Challenge

Theme: Wonders of the World

Our challenge is: What is the Wye Forest Federation Wonder of the World?

Please bring your garden design ideas along to our workshop on

Friday 27th September, 3.30 – 4.30pm, St Briavels School Hall



The success of our entries over the last 2 years has been down to the wonderful support that we have had from families and our wider community! If you would like to be involved in any way, please get in touch with Mr Gazzard. We can't wait to see your ideas Everyone welcome!



**Thank
You**

....to Becky Kendrick who kindly reupholstered our reception waiting room chairs during the holidays so they are now fresh and clean!!

If anyone needs any upholstery doing, please ask in the office and they will put you in touch!

PTA News

Hopefully we're all back in the swing of things by the time you read this and the children are enjoying being back at school (and you are enjoying them being back at school....). A warm welcome to all the new families, I hope you and your kids are settling in. We'll no doubt meet at the school gate soon if we haven't already!

The annual Back to School BBQ was a great success and we took over £400 with the BBQ, bar, face painting and games. This year the children loved being involved with running some of the stalls – they showed great initiative, enthusiasm and dedication plus speech making skills in announcing winners! Some natural MCs in our midst.

We're holding the PTA's AGM straight after school on Thursday 19th September and Sian has kindly agreed to welcome any children whose parents would like to attend into the After School Club in the Hall (the PTA will be covering any costs). It would be great to see you there as the PTA is a huge part of the school and, as shown with the Ground Force project last year, we can achieve great things when we pool our resources and ideas. Plus it's really good fun to be a part of! (If you've never been at one of the 'St Briavels' Got Talent' evenings you've missed a trick...)

The Rags2Riches collection last year worked really well and so we've booked another collection date – Monday October 7th. If you're planning a post summer clear out please bear this in mind. The website is <https://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/> where you can find out what you can include and more details about what happens to the collections. I'll remind everyone again in a couple of weeks.

Below is a list of the upcoming events for this term plus an agenda of sorts for the AGM. I really hope to see you there.

Claire and the PTA Team x

SEPTEMBER		
Thurs 19th	1515	PTA AGM
Fri 27th	1700 TBC	Beetle Drive
OCTOBER		
Mon 7th		Rags2Riches Collection
Fri 11th	1645-1800	Talent Show/Disco (Bluebell/Daisy/Poppy)
Fri 25th	1700-1845	PJ Night
NOVEMBER		
	1730-1900	Open Parents Evening Dinner
Friday 22nd	1700-1830	Speedwell/Foxglove eve (theme TBA)
DECEMBER		
Sat 7th	1000-1300	Christmas Fayre

AGM AGENDA

New Trustees announced - Treasurer and Secretary
Events—current, upcoming and how to submit ideas
Volunteering—communication
Spending



09/09/19

Dear Parent/Carer

Operation Encompass is a new innovative project in which schools in Gloucestershire will be participating, and which is run in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board and Gloucestershire Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass will commence on 4th March 2019 and aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the Police will make contact with one of the Education Researchers within the Gloucestershire MASH, who will then on behalf of the police communicate relevant, necessary and proportionate information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each school has members of staff who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the notification of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our DSLs in school who are Sarah Helm and Mrs Frey at Redbrook, and Sarah Helm and Mrs Kilty at St Briavels.

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

Yours,

Sarah Helm
Executive Head Teacher

Secondary Schools—Year 6 (and interested Year 5's)

Just to remind all of those parents of Year 6 children (and year 5 if interested) that open evenings / open days are coming up soon for all the local secondary schools. Most of them will have open evenings and also open days where children can try things out / have a good look round. The grammar schools in Gloucester will also be having open evenings: they have earlier application deadlines so please contact them directly if you are interested.

Please confirm dates and times with the schools concerned. You will need to check with the schools if you are in catchment area for them.

Five Acres High Open evening 17th September	Dean Academy Open day and evening 19th/20th Sept
Forest High Open evening Sept 24th	Monmouth Comprehensive Open evening 26th Sept
Dene Magna Open evening 26th Sept 01594 542370	Wyedean Open evening 3rd October 01291 625340

Bluebell Class -Cool Milk

This is just a reminder that if you would like your child to continue to receive milk each day once they join Year 1, please ensure you register with Cool Milk to enable to you to make payment for this (www.coolmilk.com)

Payment for School Meals (Year 3 upwards)

This is just a reminder that once your child joins Year 3 (unless you are in receipt of Free School Meals) you will be required to make payment each day for your child's school lunch. The cost per day is £2.50 and you can make lunch selections and payment for this via ParentPay.

Autumn Term 2019 — St Briavels Primary School



Please check website for updates!

Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	16/9/19		
Tuesday	17/9/19		
Wednesday	18/9/19	Daisy	Forest School—bring kit in!
Thursday	19/9/19	Poppy Parents	Forest School—bring kit in! PTA AGM 3.10pm
Friday	20/9/19		
Monday	23/9/19		
Tuesday	24/9/19		
Wednesday	25/9/19	Daisy	Forest School—bring kit in!
Thursday	26/9/19	Poppy	Forest School—bring kit in!
Friday	27/9/19	Whole school Parents	PTA Beetle Drive Parent Forum (chapel) 2pm
Monday	30/09/19		
Tuesday	1/10/19		
Wednesday	2/10/19	Whole School	Individual school photos
Thursday	3/10/19	Whole School	School census day
Friday	4/10/19	Whole School	Harvest festival tbc
Monday	7/10/19	Everyone	Rags to Riches collection
Tuesday	8/10/19		
Wednesday	9/10/19	Daisy Selected year groups tbc	Forest School—bring kit in! Flu jabs
Thursday	10/10/19	Poppy	Forest School—bring kit in!
Friday	11/10/19	Everyone	PTA Talent Show / Disco after school
Monday	14/10/19		
Tuesday	15/10/19		
Wednesday	16/10/19	Daisy	Forest School—bring kit in!
Thursday	17/10/19	Poppy	Forest School—bring kit in!
Friday	18/10/19		

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Monday	21/10/19		
Tuesday	22/10/19		
Wednesday	23/10/19	Daisy	Forest School—bring kit in!
Thursday	24/10/19	Poppy	Forest School—bring kit in!
Friday	25/10/19	LAST DAY OF TERM	LAST DAY OF TERM PTA Movie night
Half Term 28th October—1st November			
Monday	4/11/19	FIRST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Tuesday	5/11/19		
Wednesday	6/11/19	Speedwell	Forest School—bring kit in!
Thursday	7/11/19	Foxglove	Forest School—bring kit in!
Friday	8/11/19		

Dates subject to change—please check on www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk and watch out for letters home!

Wellies and waterproofs needed!

Please help us for the Autumn. We need donations of wellies sizes 3,4,5, hats scarves and gloves, and water proofs KS2 size please. Please bring them into the office!
Thank you!

