

St Briavels Primary School Newsletter

Striving To Be The Best We Can Be



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Dear All,

It has been a busy time for key staff as we have managed two inspections in as many weeks at Redbrook. My apologies for not having been on the gate during this time, it's been nice to see everyone and catch up this morning! I would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the St Briavels carnival this weekend. It is a lovely traditional village event that we are delighted to be a part of. It has been a joy to see the amazing costumes that you have spent time putting together and your help and support to make this event happen is very much appreciated. The KS2 'Carnival of animals' float was judged to be the winner this year so a big 'well done' to years 4, 5 and 6 (Speedwell & Foxglove classes) who worked really hard to make it so fabulous. Tremendous thanks to Mrs KP and her team who took the lead in organising and preparing for this as well as being here to dress the float. Thanks to all of our staff team who came along on their weekend to dress the floats and keep the children safe.

I know there has been a lot of chat and comments about sports day this year. We are trying our best to get it right for the majority of people (I am aware we won't manage to get it right for everyone!) The changes to sports day were proposed at the Parents' Forum in response from several quarters following last year's event. Chris Powell, our PE leader, made proposals for change which were agreed by those in attendance at our forum meetings. The response to this has meant further change and Claire Gilmour, our lovely chair of the PTA, has been organising volunteers to support with the set up and delivery of the event. I hope that we have managed to get a balance to ensure that the day is enjoyed by the children and well supported by the parents.

I look forward to seeing you joining in at the spouse carrying race..... ☺

Sarah Helm, Executive Head Teacher,
The Wye Forest Federation



In the hope we will get some more sun before the end of the year, please remember...

waterbottles and sunhats!!



Sun cream – children must apply their own sunscreen, if it is going to be hot please get them well covered before they come in!



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The School Choir led by Donna Dickinson rehearsing for their first public performance at Live on the Wye on Saturday June 1st, which (together with Redbrook) they opened with aplomb. Thank you all who attended, and many thanks to Donna Dickinson for all her time and effort!



RHS Malvern

The RHS garden was a great success and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped. The feedback from the public was amazing, with lots of positive comments, which included many people saying that the garden was a fabulous depiction of the Forest and Wye Valley. It was lovely seeing the children interact with the public, talking about the ideas behind the design, the reasons for choosing the planting scheme and informing people about the picturesque location we live in. We have had a huge amount of support from our local community. It has been a wonderful learning project for all those involved. We received a grant from the Village News community grant awards to allow us to transport children to the show ground in order to build the garden.

We held after-school workshops at the school to help with the construction of the garden and to make the wooden structures in our garden. We have had support from various businesses and organisations: Charlotte Bishop, Sandra and Phil Harris for transporting our garden and making our bird box kits. Peter Dowle, Howle Hill Nurseries, lent us our specimen trees to make our garden look like the Forest. Jo Davis for making our fantastic vlog. This has been a wonderful project which has provided the children with lots of new and exciting experiences, including lots of outdoor learning, D&T, Art, Maths, Public speaking, teamwork and so much more. We are so grateful to all of the mums, dads, grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins and siblings who offered their help!! Without you this project would never have happened!

The garden has now come back to St Briavels school to be enjoyed by everyone in our new outdoor learning environment.

None of this would have been able to happen without the wonderful support of Lexi and Rich Naylor - you are amazing!



Mrs Kear

Sports Day

This is scheduled for Friday July 5th weather permitting starting at 9.30am, finish by 2.30pm.



PGL

Just a reminder that all payments need to be in for PGL by end of May. We still have some amounts outstanding.

Lunch

Can we please ask you to be vigilant in ordering lunch via parentpay, it makes it a lot easier for Annabel to place orders and ensure children are getting the correct lunch. Thank you. Children in receipt of free school meals still need to have a lunch ordered but you will not be charged.

Trip cost donations

We are introducing a Pay-it-forward scheme in school. This has been suggested by some parents over the last six months and we would like to trial it. It means in essence that if you would like to make a donation to cover another child's activity or trip cost we will make sure that the cost is covered and the child/ren can attend. If you would like to donate, please can you call into the school office with either cash or cheque and we will ensure the money goes to the correct place. Thank you so much.

Wellies and waterproofs needed!

Please help us in all this wet weather. We need donations of wellies sizes 3,4,5 and water proofs KS2 size please!
Please bring them into the office!

Thank you!





TERM DATES 2019/2020

Term dates for 2019/20 can be found at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

Our INSET days are below.

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday 24th February 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Kids Walk - Wednesday 26 June 2019

On Wednesday 26 June, thousands of children aged 4-11 will put their best feet forward to promote road safety and the benefits of walking. This year the charity Brake's Kids Walk is being supported by Aardman and Shaun the Sheep. Shaun is supporting Brake to call on grown ups to make their streets safer and healthier for everyone. Register now to receive a free action pack full of posters, lesson plans and activities. Visit

brakezebras.org/kidswalk

Screen time

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has published new guidelines on screen time for young children. The guidelines recommend children under three have no sedentary screen time and children aged 3 to 4 should have no more than an hour. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPH) responded to these guidelines, stating that they are "useful benchmarks" but the screen time limits are disproportionate to the harm caused. The RCPH also states that barriers to physical activity for children are often related to housing, family stress, and lack of access to play spaces.



Summer Term 2019—St Briavels Primary School



Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	10/6/19		
Tuesday	11/6/19		
Wednesday	12/6/19	Year 6	Leavers photographs
Thursday	13/6/19	Year 1 Selected children	Swimming Country dance festival
Friday	14/6/19		
Monday	17/6/19		
Tuesday	18/6/19	Year 5	Dean Academy taster day
Wednesday	19/6/19		
Thursday	20/6/19	Year 1	Swimming
Friday	21/6/19		
Monday	24/6/19	Yr 6 (moving to Wyedean)	Parents evening at Wyedean School — contact Wyedean ffi
Tuesday	25/6/19	Year 6	Wyedean Induction day
Wednesday	26/6/19	Year 5 & 6	PGL trip
Thursday	27/6/19	Year 1 Year 5 & 6	Swimming PGL trip
Friday	28/6/19	Year 5 & 6	PGL trip
Monday	1/7/19	Year 6	Monmouth Induction Day
Tuesday	2/7/19	Year 6 Year 5	Monmouth Induction Day Wyedean taster day
Wednesday	3/7/19	Year 6	Monmouth Induction Day
Thursday	4/7/19	Year 1 Year 6	Swimming Monmouth Induction Day
Friday	5/7/19	Year 6	Dean Academy Induction Day Whole School Sports Day
Monday	8/7/19	Year 6	Bikeability
Tuesday	9/7/19	Year 6 Year 6	Dean Academy Induction Day Bikeability
Wednesday	10/7/19	Year 6 Year 6	Dean Academy Induction Day Bikeability
Thursday	11/7/19	Year 1	Swimming
Friday	12/7/19		

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Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	15/7/19		
Tuesday	16/7/19		
Wednesday	17/7/19		
Thursday	18/7/19	Year 1 KS2	Swimming Evening performance
Friday	19/7/19	KS2	Evening performance
Monday	22/7/19		
Tuesday	23/7/19	LAST DAY OF TERM	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday	2/9/19	INSET DAY	
Tuesday	3/9/19	INSET DAY	
Wednesday	4/9/19	FIRST DAY OF TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM



Bathurst Pool

For those of you who are wondering what to do with those long summer holidays (and before!), try Bathurst Pool, a little bit of Paradise in Lydney!

Given as a present to the 'inhabitants of Lydney and Aylburton' by the Bathurst family in 1920, Bathurst Swimming Pool in Lydney is considered to be one of Gloucestershire's best kept secrets. This 38 metre (solar heated) outdoor pool in the Forest of Dean is run by volunteers.

We sell Snacks, Ice Creams, Hot & Cold Drinks. Free Parking.

Entrance fees:- **Adult £3** **Child £2**

The pool is open from **May 25th 2019** daily 12 noon until 6pm. See our website for details of our serious swim club.



<https://www.bathurstpool.co.uk/>