

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all of our families and welcome to our new families who are joining us for the first time this year. We have Jensen and Jack joining us for their next step in the learning adventure as well as all our new Bluebell Class children in reception, just starting out in their school journey. Such an exciting beginning to the year as we are also thrilled to be welcoming our new staff team members, Mrs Keeling-Paglia teaching in Speedwell and Miss Barnet supporting learning in Bluebell. We are also delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Lisa Watkins who will be working both supporting learning in Bluebell and across the school and Mr Chris Powell who is on board as our PE leader for the federation. We are officially #teamawesome and already loving our learning!

It has been great catching up with you at drop off this week and I'm pleased that the weather managed to hold for some of the holidays giving many of you a chance to relax a little. Classes this week have been busy planning their learning and getting to know each other as a class team. I talked to children about the general expectations and how all the school staff team will be noticing those who go over and above these as well as the importance of putting in our best efforts to be the best we can be. We are all really looking forward to a fantastic year of learning together.

I'm sure many of you will have noticed our fabulous new gates which are making the front of our school look increasingly super smart. Thank you to the PTA and the children who had input into designing them. They are amazing, now just to paint the outside of the school to match.....

We will be sharing our new website (again, thank you to the generosity of all of you who have supported PTA events) with you shortly and this should continue to improve communications. If there is anything that we can help you with in the meantime please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Sarah Helm
Executive Head teacher
The Wye Forest Federation

Hello from new staff!

Returning to school after two years sabbatical living in Florida. I've seen lots of alligators, bears, coyotes and various animals. Spent time exploring the area and body boarding on the beaches. Looking forward to catching up with everyone.

L Watkins

Justine Keeling-Paglia (Mrs K-P) is thrilled to join St Briavels in Speedwell Class. When she's not at school, she enjoys running, gardening and being mum to three wonderful children. She likes to help children learn how to try, fail, win, lose and have another go!

Mrs K-P

As part of the Wye Forest Federation, I aim to consistently work in the best interest of all pupils, families and staff. I am bubbly in nature and always take an enthusiastic approach to encourage a child's learning, development and well-being, whilst promoting a safe and a supportive environment for all children to enjoy.

F Barnett

Parents Forum

The first Parent's Forum of the year is planned for

Thursday 20th September at 9.00am

All parents are welcome to this meeting with Sarah Helm, Head Teacher, to feedback on events, discuss school plans or to be consulted on ways to be even better. The aim of the forum is for the school community to be able to contribute to the continued improvement of the school and its functioning. If you have specific agenda items you'd like to add, please email them to Kelly Leech at the following address:

kelly_hoare2005@yahoo.co.uk.

First thoughts for the agenda are: asking for feedback on the new annual report format, sports day and the summer term class photos- Did we get it right for you, what could we do even better?

Parent Teacher Association

A big hello and welcome back to all the pupils, parents and staff from everyone in the PTA after what proved to be the most glorious of British summers. Last Sunday's Back to School BBQ capped it off to a tee! A big thank you again to everyone who helped on the day and who joined in to make it such a fun event. The sun shone, burgers and ice cream were eaten, games were played, books were bought, drinks were slurped, 2nd hand uniform was purchased, and catch ups were caught. Photos are on the school facebook page (St Briavels Information).

The tally for the day included:

Books for Bugs donating 8 books which will be added to the classrooms and playgroup.

The food, uniform sale and games raising almost £200 so we're up and running with our first event!

I'm sure I can hear you asking where funds raised will be going this year –I'll be updating you all on this within the next couple of weeks. As a small starter.. Mr Gazzard has been clearing around the garden ready for the term ahead and needed some new bark chippings for the area by the gate, which we gladly provided. Thanks Mr G for your hard work– it's looking really neat!

Look out for the upcoming dates for events planned for this term – we'll be sticking with the strong traditions of the School Dinner (with a twist!) evening; Kids' Movie Night; Mums' PJ party and the big one.....

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE !!!!

I'm still finding my feet in this new role and it would be very helpful to hear your views on the PTA in general, communication, any events or fundraising ideas you have for the future and how you'd like to get involved. I'll be holding an open PTA evening in The George pub in St Briavels in the next couple of weeks (there may be half a shandy and a bowl of chips involved..) and would love to see you there – details to follow on the facebook page and the noticeboard by the brand spanking new shiny gates.

Lastly, the PTA AGM will be held on Friday 28th September straight after school when the accounts from last year will be presented. I'll let you know where in the next newsletter.

Here's to the Autumn term!

Claire Gilmour

St Briavels After School Clubs

Tuesday
Cookery Cup-

Wednesday
Science Balloon

Thursday
**Craft peg people
& super heroes**

3.10 –4.30 £5
3.10-5.30 £10

Snack Available
Tea available after
4.30PM

Gentle Reminders!



Just to remind you that as we work towards our 'Healthy Schools' accreditation and as we have some children with food intolerances and allergies, we are no longer able to accept birthday cakes to share with classes. If you feel that you wish to mark your child's birthday in class then you are welcome to donate a class book to be shared.

Please make sure that your child is sent in with a water bottle. We can not provide water bottles / cups for children who forget as we need to minimise the spread of germs. With Autumn and winter fast approaching this is becoming even more important! Thank you!



Please do not send your child in with anything precious from home—we cannot be responsible for any toys, clothes or things of sentimental value.

It is important to be punctual and in school every day! If your child is not in due to sickness please ring us and let us know so we know why you're not here and that you are all safe.

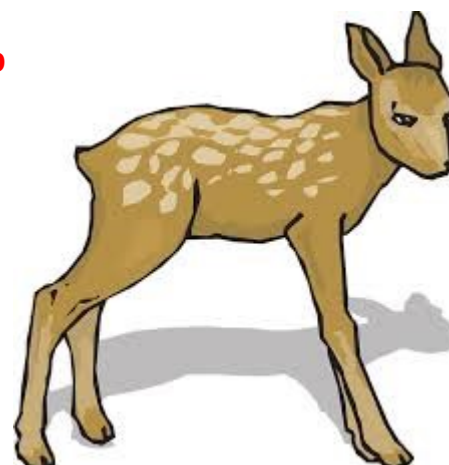




Branching Out Forest Tots Group

Redbrook School will soon be running a Branching Out Tots group—this is an outdoors Forest focussed group for pre-school children and parents. It will be held in the woods from Weds 19th from 10am-12pm.

It will give parents of young children a chance to meet each other and the children to have fun in the woods. It is run by Donna Squirrell, a fully qualified independent provider.



Payment needs to be made in advance: £30 for a 5 week term.



For further information and direction to the forest site please call Redbrook School on 01600 713501.

Please tell all your friends!

Term 1 - Autumn 2018
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Day	Date	Class	Event
Wednesday	05/09/18		Start of Term
Thursday	06/09/18		Swimming pm
Friday	07/09/18		Open the Book PM
Monday	10/09/18		
Tuesday	11/09/18	Foxglove	Toddlers am 10-11.30 Forest School pm
Wednesday	12/09/18	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	13/09/18		Swimming pm
Friday	14/09/18		Open the Book PM
Monday	17/09/18		
Tuesday	18/09/18	Foxglove	Toddlers am 10-11.30 Forest School pm
Wednesday	19/09/18	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	20/09/18		Swimming pm
Friday	21/09/18		Open the Book PM
Monday	24/09/18		
Tuesday	25/09/18	Foxglove	Toddlers am 10-11.30 Forest School pm
Wednesday	26/09/18	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	27/09/18		Swimming pm Wyedean Open Evening
Friday	28/09/18		Open the Book PM
Monday	1/10/18		
Tuesday	2/10/18	Foxglove	Toddlers am 10-11.30 Forest School pm
Wednesday	3/10/18	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	4/10/18		Swimming pm
Friday	5/10/18		9am Harvest Festival Wyedean School Tour
Monday	8/10/18		
Tuesday	9/10/18	Foxglove	Toddlers am 10-11.30 Forest School pm
Wednesday	10/10/18	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	11/10/18		Swimming pm
Friday	12/10/18		Open the Book PM

See over for more.....

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Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	15/10/18		
Tuesday	16/10/18	Foxglove	Toddlers am 10-11.30 Forest School pm
Wednesday	17/10/18	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	18/10/18		Swimming pm
Friday	19/10/18		Open the Book PM Break for half term
Monday	29/10/18		START OF TERM!