

St Briavels Primary School Newsletter

Striving to be the Best we can Be



No. 65 April 26th 2019

www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk

Dear All,

Welcome back to term 5! I hope you all managed to enjoy the sunshine over the Easter weekend and didn't let it melt your chocolate.

This term is short and already looks to be busy. We have our national tests for years 1, 2 and 6 at different points over the term, we have an INSET day on Friday 3rd May giving you a long weekend as it is the May Day bank holiday on the Monday. Luckily, to help in this busy time, we have been fortunate enough to recruit two new staff members through the national apprenticeship scheme. Lucy Southgate and Sam Noller have started with us this week. Miss Southgate is currently based in Daisy Class at St Briavels and Miss Noller is with Kingfisher Class at Redbrook. Both of our apprentices will work in both schools during their year long training. I know you will make them feel welcome as they slot into being part of our awesome staff team.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers who came in over the break and continued the fabulous work on developing our grounds. The football goals have gone and we will now be using our moveable goalposts so the field can be shared for football and other sports during playtimes. Claire Gilmour, our PTA chair has been giving thought to which other sports we could provide. Thanks to Claire for organising our dedicated team of volunteers. This work is making such a difference to more positive playtimes.

The RHS Malvern team accompanied our 'Groundforce' work and this project is moving forwards nicely. There are photos on the facebook page and its getting exciting as the plans develop and work to build the garden begins. Thanks to all involved in this and to Lex Naylor for being the driving force behind this amazing project. Our children and families are so lucky to be involved in such a fantastic project.

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

Foxglove Class Dojo Winners



Well done to:

1st - Ava

2nd - May

3rd - Ophelia

Ready award – Will B

Courage Compassion Respect Resilience

www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk

Office News



We have had a new phone system installed so please bear with us while we get used to them. Also we need to let parents know that calls to the number will be recorded for training purposes.

Calendar / Dates

Please note that although the dates in this newsletter are accurate at time of production, they are subject to change. Please check the website for the most up to date information at

www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk

St Briavels Playtimes

I have received a petition from a group of children which is suggesting that we have shortened their playtime. There have been questions from parents which suggests this is what parents are being told by their children.

Let me assure you, this is not the case! We definitely haven't changed the timings of our breaks. Playtimes remain the same at 15 minutes break in the morning.

Lunchtimes are organised so that Reception and KS1 children start the break at 12.00, eat first and then go out to play when they have eaten. KS2 children start their break at 12.10, play first then go in to eat when space becomes available. When they have finished lunch they go back out to play.

There have been incidences of some children in KS2 not eating their lunch in order to leave the hall and quickly go back out to play again. In order to reduce this, KS2 children must remain in the dining hall for a minimum of 15 minutes. This usually means that KS2 come in to eat at 12.30 and must remain until 12.45.

The majority of our children sit and eat at an appropriate pace and eat a sufficient quantity of lunch! We cannot extend our playtimes or lunchtimes without extending the school day to meet the legal requirements for learning time, which differ slightly for Reception/KS1 children and KS2 children. We value our children's playtimes and do our utmost to ensure that they have a positive experience, allowing enough time to eat appropriately. We try to take our learning outdoors as much as possible so that our children are physically active and are in the fresh air!

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

Visit to Leaf Creative

12 pupils from St Briavels visited Leaf Creative at Howle Hill and met with garden designer Peter Dowle, who has won RHS medals at Chelsea and Best in Show at Malvern. The children discussed their garden design and even suggested ideas to improve Mr Dowle's design! It was wonderful to listen to them discuss how to build a show garden. We had a tour of the nursery and selected some small trees to add to our design. Hopefully our bluebells will be blooming! Redbrook children will be getting involved after the Easter Holidays, building our replica Tintern Abbey Bug Hotel.



Malvern Spring Festival Discount tickets

We're all inspired ready for our Wye Forest Federation Garden, which will be on display from the 9th-12th May at RHS Malvern Spring Festival.

If you would like to come and see our garden, please use the following discount code to get tickets:

MSF19AHSB

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/malvern-spring-festival>

If you've got any plants that we could use in our garden, we would be very grateful. We're looking for as many blue flowers as we can find to make our Wye River and ornamental grass to make tussocks. Look out for the plant list...

PTA News

Hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are now back fighting fit, ready for the summer term!

Our 'Ground Force' playground project marches on and there are a few bits to finish up before it's ready and safe for the children. If you've got woodwork skills we'd love to put them to use to get the remaining benches stabilised asap. There's also planting and painting still to do so shout if you'd like to get involved. A huge thanks to everyone who's contributed so far – time and resources – both invaluable. Join us on Friday 17th May straight after school when we'll be having a garden party to celebrate all the hard work – there will be games for the children, refreshments available and general bonhomie!

But it's not just about 'Ground Force'! There are some great events planned for this term which you can read about below and pop the dates in your diary. Details on the **sponsored bike/walk** will be out next week so you can begin your training schedule and the **treasure hunt** clues are being created as I type! It's all happening at PTA Towers...

This term the PTA will sadly say goodbye to our fabulous Treasurer, Christine Wakerley, as her daughter comes to the end of her time at St Briavels. We're extremely grateful to Christine for being such a level headed and dependable purse strings holder. This does mean that there's a finance shaped vacancy to fill. I'll post the details of the role on the FB page and in the next newsletter so you can decide if you fancy joining the (very friendly and welcoming) team.

See you all at the school gate!



The poster features a vibrant background with a rainbow at the top, sunflowers, and a blue sky. On the right side, the text 'SUMMER TERM 2019 PTA EVENTS' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below this, there are four event listings, each preceded by a sun icon. The first event is 'Friday 17th May: Garden Party 310pm in the Playground' with refreshments from Chase Farm. The second is 'Friday 24th May: PJ Party 530pm - 715pm in the Hall' featuring the film 'Ralph Breaks the Internet' for £3 per child. The third is 'Saturday 22nd June: Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk' including 'The Everest Challenge' and 'The Forest Challenge'. The fourth is 'Saturday 13th July: Treasure Hunt' with riddles and prizes. A circular graphic on the right contains the text 'Beetle Drive' and an image of a beetle, with a starburst saying 'In the new outside area!'.

SUMMER TERM 2019 PTA EVENTS

- Friday 17th May: Garden Party 310pm in the Playground**
Refreshments available inc milkshakes from Chase Farm!
- Friday 24th May: PJ Party 530pm - 715pm in the Hall**
Film 'Ralph Breaks the Internet'
£3 per child inc drinks and a snack
- Saturday 22nd June: Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk**
The Everest Challenge (bike ride) plus the Forest Challenge (walk)
More details to follow
- Saturday 13th July: Treasure Hunt**
Solve the riddles around the village
For the chance to win a prize
Get your team together
You'll need to be clever
(Recruit someone terribly wise!)
More details to follow

Beetle Drive
In the new outside area!

Contact me on: clairevgilmour@btinternet.com or catch me at school.

After School Club

**TUESDAY
COOKERY & STAY
AND PLAY**

**MONDAY
SELF DEFENCE,
CHESS, PLAY AND
STAY**

**WEDNESDAY
PLAY, GARDENING
CHOIR**

**THURSDAY
Craft and board games
Last Thursday of the month =
Film Night**

**Snack Available
Tea available after 4.30PM**

Online Safety

National Online Safety have got a useful youtube guide for parents at:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/youtube-online-safety-guide/>



Live on the Wye is happening at Redbrook on 1st June (**on the second Saturday during half term**) and our schools have been asked to open the event. Is there anyone who would like to come and sing with our St Briavels children, teach them some songs and practice in order to enable this to happen? This could be during a lunchtime or immediately after school. We would be really grateful for your help and enthusiasm. Please contact the office if you can help.

Summer Terms 2019—St Briavels Primary School

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATE UPDATES



Day	Date	Class	Event
Friday	26/4/19	Whole School Bluebell	Open the book 2.30pm PE at Monmouth Leisure Centre
Monday	29/4/19	Yr 5 and 6	Meeting re: PGL / SATS in Foxglove 3.10pm
Tuesday	30/4/19		
Wednesday	1/5/19	Bluebell	Forest School pm
Thursday	2/5/19	Year 2 Year 3	Swimming Trip to Malvern Showground — pls return permission slips
Friday	3/5/19	INSET DAY	INSET DAY
Monday	6/5/19	BANK HOLIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	7/5/19	Foxglove Year 5 NO TODDLER GROUP	Trip to Malvern NO TODDLER GROUP
Wednesday	8/5/19		
Thursday	9/5/19	Year 2 Poppy Whole school	Swimming Trip to Malvern Class photos
Friday	10/5/19	Whole School Bluebell	Open the book 2.30pm PE at Monmouth Leisure Centre
Monday	13/5/19		
Tuesday	14/5/19	NO TODDLER GROUP	NO TODDLER GROUP
Wednesday	15/5/19		
Thursday	16/5/19	Parents Year 2	Parent Forum meeting 9am Swimming
Friday	17/5/19	Whole School Bluebell Whole School / PTA	Open the book 2.30pm PE at Monmouth Leisure Centre Garden Party in Playground 3.10pm
Monday	20/5/19		
Tuesday	21/5/19		
Wednesday	22/5/19		
Thursday	23/5/19	Year 2	Swimming
Friday	24/5/19	Bluebell Whole School Poppy / Daisy Class PTA / Pyjama Party END OF TERM	PE at Monmouth Leisure Centre Open the book 2.30pm Cake sale END OF TERM
Monday	3/6/19	INSET DAY	INSET DAY

Summer Terms 2019—St Briavels Primary School

Day	Date	Class	Event
Monday	3/6/19	INSET DAY	INSET DAY
Tuesday	4/6/19	BACK TO SCHOOL	BACK TO SCHOOL
Wednesday	5/6/19		
Thursday	6/6/19	Year 1	Swimming
Friday	7/6/19	KS1 Whole School Bluebell	Sports morning 9.15-11.30am Open the book 2.30pm PE at Monmouth Leisure Centre
Monday	10/6/19		
Tuesday	11/6/19		
Wednesday	12/6/19		
Thursday	13/6/19	Year 1 Selected children	Swimming Country dance festival
Friday	14/6/19	KS2	Competitive Sports morning 9.15-11.30
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

Dates for your diary

Half term Mon 27th—Friday 31st May

INSET Day Monday June 3rd

Saturday 22nd June Sponsored Bike Ride

St Briavels Carnival 8th July

Saturday 13th July Treasure Hunt

Last day of term Tuesday July 23rd

Courage Compassion Respect Resilience

www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk