

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear All,

Happy New Year and welcome back to term three. I hope you are all refreshed following the Christmas break. We are raring to go with our next fabulous term of learning. We are working on exciting plans for trips, visits and possible visitors to help us answer our learning enquiry questions (you can see these in your class information overleaf). If you feel you are able to be involved with any of the learning on offer through your own expertise or interests we would love you to let us know and come and share our journey. Please speak to the office or your child's class teacher.

This term, in order to get the most from our learning we are beginning to use the idea of 'states of being' to support our work. This means putting ourselves into the position of being an author when writing, being an athlete when practicing physical skills. The aim of this is for our children to use and develop the implicit skills, dispositions and curiosity required to think, for example, as Historians, Scientists, Mathematicians or Philosophers and to actively experience the curriculum in different ways with the ultimate purpose of being able to answer our initial enquiry. This is the first step in the continuous development of our curriculum across the Wye Forest Federation and there will be further information over the year as we work towards embedding and refining our approach.

We are continuing to ensure our children understand the importance of our Christian Values in helping us live and work well as both a school community and in the wider world. This term we shall be focusing on 'Respect' which is also expanded as one of the DfE Fundamental British Values, 'Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs'. In Collective Worship we will be thinking about how our actions have an effect on our own rights and those of others. We will be looking at why respect is shown to everyone (whatever differences we may have) and to everything, big or small.

May I take this opportunity to apologise profusely for the continued delay to launching our new website. I appreciate this may have caused difficulties in accessing up to date, relevant information. I should have news for you, with a hotly anticipated launch date, in the next couple of weeks. Thanks for your patience as we endeavor to get it absolutely right.

Just to say 'Thank you' to the many people who bought Christmas gifts for our staff. It is very kind and much appreciated but never expected. Christmas is an expensive enough time when thinking of gifts for your own families and we are humbled by your generosity. The joy we get from seeing your children learn, progress and succeed is reward in itself.

Kind regards

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

Daisy Class



Learning Enquiry Question:

'What would happen if...houses were made of straw?'

It is with sadness that I am informing you of Mrs Anna Marshall's resignation with effect from the end of December. Mrs Marshall has been unwell this year and has made the difficult decision to finish her classroom teaching commitment. Mrs Marshall has taught at St Briavels for six years and some of you will know her well. Once she is back to full health she has agreed to come and do supply cover for us, so it is 'au revoir' for now rather than 'Good bye'. Thank you Mrs Marshall for your time here, you will be missed.

We are currently advertising and will keep you updated. In the meantime, the lovely Mrs Impey will continue to teach in Daisy Class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Griffin will be putting out dates shortly for parents meetings prior to her maternity leave.

Mrs Sarah Helm

Poppy Class



Learning Enquiry Question:

'Who made Stonehenge and how did they make it?'

Poppy class have been going outside to learn their times tables. We have been using loop cards and have to hunt for the answers. we are looking to master our 2, 5 and 10 times tables for year 2's and year 3's are looking to master their 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Mrs Kear



Foxglove Class



Learning Enquiry Question:

'Why is space black?'

Bluebell Class



Learning Enquiry Question:

'How do we travel?'

Speedwell class



Learning Enquiry Question:

'What can change the world?'

Welcome back to a brand new year and term in Speedwell. We are all ready to enjoy tag rugby and we are enormously excited about Forest School – wellies and hats at the ready! We have already enjoyed the Great Outdoors with a maths trail and learned about tsunamis in our new topic enquiry: 'What can change our world'. Happy 2019 from Speedwell!

Mrs Keeling-Paglia

Just to let you know, Mrs Kilty is now taking up her teaching commitment in Speedwell. This will be on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Mrs KP and Mrs Kilty are liaising closely to ensure the transition between them is seamless and the children are aware of the change.

Mrs Sarah Helm



Will's Homeless Mission—Donations needed!

This all started when Will saw a homeless man in Lydney. He was extremely upset and from that moment on wanted to do something to help just a few of over 300,000 registered homeless people on our streets.

We are collecting donations and then distributing them directly to homeless people around Bristol. The first walk about was very successful. We reached about 45 people and fed them just after Christmas. If you would like to donate, please think: lightweight items that will bring warmth, for example:

Warmth: hats, scarves, gloves and socks, pocket warmers, sleeping bags

Toiletries: lip balms, sanitary towels, hand creams, travel sized items are great, tooth brushes

Also Small bottles of water (everyone took these)

Any donations of the above would be amazing, small things make a big difference when you have nothing. Together we can make some of the unfortunately homeless feel a little less invisible to society and more comfortable,

Please leave donations in the school foyer. Thank you so much!

Will and Becky

Garden donations please!

We are looking for donations of **PLANTS AND PALLETS** for our garden please:



Pallets:

We will be needing 16 for the RHS garden. Please arrange with office where to put them!

Plants:

If anyone is dividing any perennial plants soon, please would they be kind enough to pot some spare plants up and donate them to the garden. We don't mind what they are at the moment but closer to the build we will put together a plant wish list.

Thank you!

Mr Gazzard



Chess Club

We would love to set up a chess club, but we need someone to run it !

Would you be interested or do you know anyone locally who might be? If so please phone or email the office at 01594 530428 or admin@st-briavels.gloucs.sch.uk

Chess is a great game, and much better for the brain than computer screens!

VACANCY

We have a vacancy at St. Briavels for a Midday Supervisor everyday for 1 hour, please contact the school office for an application form.

Thank you!

The Admin Team

After School Club

Wednesday
COOKERY Club

3.10 –4.30 £5

3.10-5.30 £10

Per child

TUESDAY
PLAY AND STAY

Thursday
Craft and Board games

Last Thursday of the month
Film Club

Snack Available
Tea available after
4.30PM

Breakfast Club

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST CEREAL
AND TOAST
CRAFT AND PLAY

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST CEREAL AND TOAST
AIR HOCKEY AND
TABLE TENNIS

MONDAY
FRENCH BREAKFAST
STAY AND PLAY

WEDNESDAY
CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST
BOARD GAMES

FRIDAY
COOKED BREAKFAST
CRAFT ACTIVITIES

St Briavels Toddler Group

This is held on a Tuesday in the school hall. From January it will move to the new time of 9am-11am

From January the new time will be:

Tuesdays 9am—11am

New Toddler Group at Redbrook!

Sian Van Loo is running a toddler group in Redbrook on Thursdays during term time, running from 10-11.30 am in Redbrook Church for anyone with toddlers. Please tell your friends! There will be a charge of £3 per family.

Thursdays 10-11.30am
Redbrook Church

Office News

Louise and Sally are now permanent members of the Admin Team. The admin team in St Briavels are more than happy to help you, we are trying to make it easier by having certain jobs within the office allocated to certain people.

Louise will be dealing with **trips and admin**, and will be in on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday .

Sally will be dealing with **Parentpay questions and Sunflowers administration** and will be in on Monday and Friday.

We are here to help you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to pop in or call us on 01594 530428.

The Admin Team

Sunflowers



Sian will be taking up Sally's 2 days i.e. Mondays and Wednesdays in Sunflowers, and Sally will just be in on a Tuesday morning , she will continue to do all the administrative work as part of her office role.

Apply for a primary or infant school place **DEADLINE 15th JANUARY 2019**

If you have a young child due to start school in September 2019, you must remember to apply for a school place! You can do it online here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/>

Timetable: From November 2018..	Letters sent out explaining how to apply for a school place. If you are a Gloucestershire resident and you still have not received a letter by December 2018 please contact coordinated admissions
From 5 November 2018 to 15 January 2019	Online application facility open
Tuesday 15 January 2019	Closing date for all applications



Term 3 - January 2019

St Briavels Primary School

Day	Date	Class	Event
Friday	11/1/19		
Monday	14/1/19	Bluebell/Speedwell	Tag Rugby pm
Tuesday	15/1/19	Speedwell	Forest School pm
Wednesday	16/1/19	All parents	2pm Parents Forum Meeting
Thursday	17/1/19	Year 5	Swimming
Friday	18/1/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	21/1/19	Bluebell/Speedwell	Tag Rugby pm
Tuesday	22/1/19	Speedwell	Forest School pm
Wednesday	23/1/19		
Thursday	24/1/19	Year 5	Swimming
Friday	25/1/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	28/1/19	Bluebell/Speedwell	Tag Rugby pm
Tuesday	29/1/19	Speedwell	Forest School pm
Wednesday	30/1/19		
Thursday	31/1/19	Year 5	Swimming
Friday	1/2/19		
Monday	4/2/19	Bluebell/Speedwell	Tag Rugby pm
Tuesday	5/2/19	Speedwell	Forest School pm
Wednesday	6/2/19		
Thursday	7/2/19	Year 5	Swimming
Friday	8/2/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	11/2/19	Bluebell/Speedwell	Tag Rugby pm
Tuesday	12/2/19	Poppy Class Speedwell	Stonehenge Forest School pm
Wednesday	13/2/19		
Thursday	14/2/19	Year 5	Swimming
Friday	15/2/19		Open the book 2.30pm
Monday	25/2/19	INSET DAY	INSET DAY
Tuesday	26/2/19	Term Starts	Term starts