

St Briavels Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Dear All,

I hope you all managed to enjoy the half term break. I know for some of you, like me, you had children off at different times which can make it tricky, although I know I was spotted by some of you making the most of my child free break!! Looking forward to Easter, I think the weeks off have managed to co-ordinate across the border which will hopefully mean less juggling of child care and annual leave for some.

The year seems to be flying by and we are already heading into March but with it we will hopefully see the last of the frost. I have already been enjoying lighter mornings and not going home in the dark, I hope you have too.

It has been fabulous to welcome our children back to school ready to learn and to see some interesting homework projects. There has been a varied array of children's work coming into school this week demonstrating our children's engagement and enjoyment of learning. Well done to everyone who spent time learning in the break.

I must apologise for this newsletter being on a Wednesday rather than the usual Friday, it has been a case of ensuring we meet deadlines as we head towards the end of the financial year. Thanks for your patience.

It has been most welcome to have some offers from parents to come and share their talents. We are currently looking to capitalise on these and will keep you informed. In the meantime just to let you know that although we didn't get the required uptake for our sports provider to run a netball club, on the promise of chocolate I have managed to secure commitment from Miss Taylor to run a netball club. This will be starting after the Easter break so although there is a little longer to wait, it will be happening.

We are always looking for people who are willing to join our midday supervisor team and are able to offer flexible contracts, including zero hours where we need people who can just work occasional days to cover regular staff absence as well as regular days. We have some training planned in for those who would like to be part of our team so come and join us. Application forms are available at the office.

We are pleased to have been able to launch our afterschool care on Weds and Thursday of this week. It has been a promising start and the children's feedback has been really positive so we are looking forward to receiving further bookings as we currently have spaces. A big thank you to Sian Van Loo for setting up and running this provision and to Dara Beresford for kindly agreeing to support.

I try to be at St Briavels on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and can usually be found at Redbrook on a Tuesday and Friday. If you need to be in touch with the school about anything that may be affecting your child, in the first instance it is always best to speak to your child's class teacher. If you feel that it is something that you then need to see me about, please ring the office to make an appointment. I can often alter my pattern to meet at the best venue for you! Have a great week, is it time to go daffodil spotting??!

Sarah Helm

Executive Head teacher

The Wye Forest Federation

Dates for your diary:

PTA Book Fair

Thurs 1st March to Wed 7th March

Year 3/4 Easter Performances

Thurs 22nd March 1.30pm

Fri 23rd March 6.00pm

Easter Holiday Dates

Term Ends Thursday 29th March

Return Tuesday 17th April

Toddler Group



We hold a toddler group in school every Tuesday; 10-11:30am. £3 per family, including refreshments.

Job Opportunity

We have an opportunity for an Afterschool club play assistant to join our team. The club runs on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:10pm-5:30pm. Should you be interested in applying, please contact the school office.



Our Value this Term

Please continue to help the children to understand the importance of showing forgiveness.



PTA News

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1st March, and we shall be opening the book shop on that afternoon. We will be selling a huge variety of fantastic books for children from playgroup up to Year 6. Last year, we sold an amazing £871.50 of books and stationery, which meant in return the school were able to choose £522.90 worth of books for the children! The fair will run through to Wednesday March 7th. Just look out for the board outside school telling you where the book fair will be each day. We will need lots of helping hands at the book shop, so please let Paula Cawte know if you are free to help.

And here are those dates for the future for you again!

Friday 23rd February	Kids Pyjama Party
Thursday 1st March - Wednesday 7th March	Book Fair
Friday 30th March CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO SCHOOL PLAY)	Mum's PJ Party (PLEASE NOTE
Saturday 21st April	Bollywood Night
Friday 4th May	Zumbathon
Sunday 20th May	Whittington Purse
Friday 25th May	Pyjama Party
Saturday 9th June Carnival)	Back to School Disco (after
Friday 6th July	Summer Fete (after Sports Day)



Early Years—Sunflowers

Early Years are now booking sessions for September, if you have a child who will be 2 and a half years old by 1st September 2018 and you would like them to attend our Early Years group please call into the school office for a form. We can also reserve places for those who will be able to start in January 2019 (for those born before 31\8\2016).

Snow



With the suggestion of snow in our forecast for the next few days, this is to remind parents and carers to keep a close eye on Facebook, local radio and the Gloucestershire School closures website for details regarding any potential disruption to school.

Parent Survey

As a result of discussion at the parent forum regarding the way we split classes we will be sending out a survey to gain the opinion of parents of children in year two to six. We will be asking about changing the way we split the year groups to being by age, friendship and any special or individual needs which we would be happy to discuss with parents. There will be further detail included with the survey and this will be electronic, however we will make it available in other ways in order to include all of our parents in these year groups. We are planning to send this out after the Easter break and will make you aware of this.