



Welcome to Bledington Primary Early Years (Starting School Presentation)



Starting School

**School is such a great place,
your child is going to love it!**

But it is important to talk to
your child about starting
school.

Reassure them that it is the
next step and everyone is
there to help and support
them.

Owl Class Team:

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Mr Brown

Mrs Lay

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Mrs Sam Bell Class
Teacher Owls



Mr Charley Brown
Class Teacher Owls



Mrs Helen Lay TA
Owls



In the morning - See You later!

Gates open at 8.45 and closes at 8.55

Mrs Bell or Mr Brown will be there to collect your child.

Mrs Lay will be in the classroom to help them get organised.

Children come into school happily but sometimes children get a bit sad when they say goodbye to their grown-up in the morning. Please don't worry. Your child will have a great day at school and will have lots to tell you when they see you at home time.



Your Child's Things!

When your child comes into school, they will have
~ **a drawer for their things**

~ **peg to hang their coat**

They will be expected to **empty their bag with support** initially and then independently.

- Please **label** all your child's belongings E.g. jumper, coat and book bag.
- Please **use a school style book bag & not a back pack**, as we do not have enough room in our classroom for bigger bags.
- **PE bags** are kept in boxes below –so please use a small draw string bag.
- Please do not let your child bring toys into school. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee they will not get damaged.



Daily Morning Routine: We are here!



As soon as your child comes into school, we start learning and practicing skills with a morning task.

We take the register and lunches every morning. On Fridays we do this in French!

We will ask children to say good morning or good afternoon to indicate they are present.



Making Friends

Your child will get to know lots of new people in their class and in school. We introduce the children and do lots of circle time activities so they get to know each other very quickly.

We give each **new child a buddy from Parrot Class** who will help them settle in, play with them, show them what to do and tell them all about school rules.



Learning

Our classroom has lots of different areas where you child can learn and develop skills. Initially, children chose to stay in familiar areas but as they become settled and confident we will encourage your child to explore new resources and talk about their experiences.

We do a mix of **direct teaching** “**Our Time**” and **learning through play** “**Over to You Time**”. We encourage children to play in all areas of the classroom.



The Playground

At playtime and lunchtime, we use either the playground or the field with the rest of the school. Your child will get opportunities to play with other children or their buddy. They will be included in our school community.



Lunch Time

~ lots of children have our delicious lunches made on site

- We have 3 options and your child will choose their lunch in the morning.
- We have lunch supervisors who help them.
- We encourage all pupils to show their good manners by saying...



“Please can you help me?”

“Thank you!”

“Yes, of course!”



Assembly

We get together in the hall to develop our sense of school community, which is very important to us. We have values or celebration assemblies and whole school singing.



Home Time: *The gate will be open at 3.10 and children will be let out at 3.15*

Before your child knows, it will be time to go home! And you will be there to collect them.

We will let the children out one at a time to maintain a safe handover **from the Pod door**.

***Remember** to tell school about who your child is allowed to go home with and let us know if someone different is collecting them.*



Important Dates/Information

Reading Meeting:

We will have a meeting to tell you all about how we teach phonics and reading including homework linked to these.

Date: Wednesday 10th September at 12.20 to 1.00

Homework Meeting:

We will have a meeting to tell you about mathematics, TEAMS and homework expectations.

Date: Wednesday 17th September at 2.50 to 3.10

It is important to complete homework as it supports your child's learning. We reward children for completing their homework and it shows we appreciate what they do at home. It

Our Class Page on the school website:

We update our class page on the school website termly. We will add:

- ~ a list of important information for our class
- ~ an overview of the work we are doing in class
- ~ presentations & letters
- ~ photographs in the gallery

What your child will need:

- Labelled waterproof clothing: we go outside in all weather & we do forest school on a Wednesday
- Labelled Wellie boots
- Book Bag – many put keyrings on so they can find their bag easily
- Named Drawstring Gym Bag with black joggers, shorts and plimsolls/trainers in.

On our PE days we ask you to send your child into school wearing their **school jumper, a white t-shirt and black PE shorts underneath their school skirt or trousers.** This will maximize our PE lessons.

- **We will keep their gym bags in school** as we sometimes do additional lessons at short notice. We will send these home at the end of each big term for washing.

In Summary

- **Don't worry:** Your child is going to have a great time at school
- **Talk** to your child about coming to school
- **Label, label, label** – please write your child's name on everything!
- **Please use** a school book bag, a draw string bag for PE kit and name all out door clothes including wellies and put in a named plastic/reusable bag.
- **Keep in touch** – we are here for you!

Most importantly, we are so thrilled to be your child's class teachers and look forward teaching lots of new and exciting things.

