



## Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome back to all of our pupils and families and a special welcome to everyone who is new to Bledington. We hope you will be made to feel welcome and that you will feel very much a part of our wonderful school very quickly.

The term has got off to a really positive start. Responsibilities have been allocated to our oldest pupils and the School Council and Eco Council members have been voted in. All our new Reception pupils are now doing full days and have been matched up with a Buddy to help them at playtimes and lunchtimes. Extra-curricular Clubs are in full swing with a wide variety over the week.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our cake sale in aid of Macmillan next Friday.

All best wishes

## Dates for your Diary

26;27 Sept; 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct Cotswold School Open Mornings/evening for years 5 and 6- please register on the Cotswold School website if you would like to attend.
28/09/23. Chipping Campden School Open evening- 5.30pm-8.30.
28/09 Parrot Class tag Rugby at Bourton on the Water Primary – details are on Parentpay
29/09: 2.30pm Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan- see below for details.
3/10 NO clubs after school today
5/10: School Census
4/10 Penguin Class Orienteering at Sherborne Primary School- all details are on Parentpay
06/10: Harvest Festival- gate opens 1.50 for 2pm start- all welcome
WC 9/10 PARENTS EVENING – PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS
9/11 NO Board Games or Recorder clubs. Cricket club is ON
10/10 NO Gardening, Curling or Italian club
10/10: OPEN day for prospective parents. 9.30am to 11.30am
11/10 Parrot class Orienteering at Sherborne School- details are on Parentpay
11/10 Sports club is ON
12/10 NO Dance or Languages club
16/10 Black History workshop for years 1-6
18/10-20/10 PGL Residential Trip for years 5 and 6
<b>27/10 INSET DAY NO PUPILS AT SCHOOL</b>
<b>HALF TERM 30/10-3/11. Back to school on 6/11</b>
<b>8/11 Christmas Cookery club starts</b>
13/11: Photographer at school for individual portraits
17/11: Children in Need- more details to follow
24/11 BAG2SCHOOL collection
30/11 BSA Wreath making evening- more details to follow
11/12: <b>NO CLUBS FOR LAST 2 WEEKS OF TERM</b>
5/12: Infant Nativity- school hall Gates open 1.30 for 1.45pm start
7/12 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat Officer to visit Parrot Class
12/12 PANTO: Cinderella at Chipping Norton Theatre- whole school
14/12 Carol Singing at Daylesford after school – all welcome. Date TBC
15/12 Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day
19/12: Carol Singing at St Leonard's Church Bledington- all welcome 10.00am start
<b>21/12: School breaks up at 1.05pm</b>

## 22/12 Inset Day- No pupils at school

### 25/12 to 5/1/24- Christmas Holidays. Return to school 8/1/24

11/1/24: Young Voices for Penguins and Parrots – sign up forms have already gone out.

29/1: Chinese New Year Workshop for Owls and Puffins

9/2 Gujarati Workshop – all year groups

6,7,9/2/23 Parents Evening

### 12/2 -16/2 Half Term Holidays

20/2 Poetry in Motion Dance Workshop for all year groups

29/2: OWLS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall

1/3 PUFFINS Book Fair. 8.45am School Hall

4/3 PENGUINS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall

5/3 PARROTS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall

7/3 World Book Day 2024- Come to school dressed up as a character from your favourite nursery rhyme or poem.

7/3 NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup> March, Parents evening- NO after school clubs

15/3 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat Officer to visit Parrot Class

21/3 Easter Eggstravaganza afternoon- time tbc – all welcome

### 22/3 Break up at 1.05pm for Easter Holidays

18/4 Languages Day at the Cotswold School for Penguin Class

### 6/5/24 May Day bank Holiday

13/5 SAT's week

22/5 Walk to School Day

23/5 NO after school clubs today

24/5: Maypole Afternoon: gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start

### 27/5 – 31/5 half Term Holidays

#### 3/6 Inset Day – no pupils at school

7/6 Non school uniform day in return for a tombola prize

8/6 Bledington Village Fete

11/6 No after school club today

13/6 1<sup>st</sup> Induction afternoon for Sept reception children and parents

17/6 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Induction day for Sept reception intake (children only)

17/6: Parents Open Evening

25/6 Sports Day

26/6 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat officer to see Parrot Class

27/6 Reserve Sports Day if wet on the 25<sup>th</sup>

27/6 Year 6 Induction Day at the Cotswold School

9/7 End of Year Performance- gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start

11/7/23 End of Year Performance – 6pm START TIME

16/7 Leaver's assembly. 2.00pm start time

17/7 Brass concert in the school hall 2.30 start time

### 19/7 Break up at 1.05 for Summer Hols

## Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Timms who is joining our team at the start of October as Midday Supervisor and Teaching Assistant in Penguin Class.

## Thank you

Huge thanks to Paddy and Steph Bourns for replacing the fence around the infant play area and to Keith Thomson for repairing the benches on the playground and field. Both fence and benches have been transformed! Thank you.

## Early Bird (Breakfast Club) Club Bookings

From now on, bookings for Early Bird Club can ONLY be made via e mailing [earlybird@bledington.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:earlybird@bledington.gloucs.sch.uk) Numbers attending this club have increased considerably and therefore it is essential to book in advance. Please do not email the school office for bookings. Payment is still via Parentpay, but you can also use the government's Tax-Free Childcare if you're registered. Please contact the school office for more information.

## Cake Sale and Teas in aid of Macmillan 2.30pm School Hall 29/09/23- all welcome

Parrot class children are arranging a Cake & Teas sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care with all proceeds going to the charity. Please come along to the hall at 2.30pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept to support this worthwhile cause. Thank you to Parrot Class children and their parents for providing the cakes! Cash only please!

## Harvest Festival supporting the North Cotswold Foodbank 6<sup>th</sup> Oct -Gate opens 1.50pm for 2.00pm start

Please come along to watch the children sing in this lovely Harvest assembly. We will be supporting the local Foodbank which relies heavily on food donations to feed local people in crisis. We would be most grateful if you could bring in non-perishable, in-date dried food that we will donate to the organisation. Items such as tins, jars, UHT milk, cereals, dried pasta etc. are all ideal. No fresh produce please. Food can be brought in from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and left in the link area at drop off or collection. Thank you

## School Census- 5<sup>th</sup> October

The number of children receiving Universal Free School Meals (all children from Reception up to year 2) is one of the criteria on our School Census. The more children that take up a free school meal on Census day, the more funding we receive for school meals for the coming year. If at all possible, could your child please have a school meal on the 5<sup>th</sup> October? We will let you know if there are any changes from the set menu

## Parents Evenings week commencing 9/10/23

Parents afternoon/evenings will take place week commencing 9/10/23. We will put sign up sheets up in the playground week commencing 2/10. Please put your name on the sheet to book your slot with your child's teacher. A text will go out to all parents to let you know that the sign up sheets are out.

## Open Day 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

Please spread the word that we have an Open Day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October for prospective families. To make a booking, please contact the school office on 01608 658388

## Bag2School Collection 24/11/2023

We are passionate about recycling and the prevention of items going into landfill. Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and pays us for each Kg they collect

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the

benefits of recycling and reuse.

You can use any bag to donate your items – bin liners etc. and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the double doors in the staff car park at morning drop off and help us have a really good collection. Please do not drive your car in to the school car park.

## 2024 Admissions



**If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, they can start primary school in September 2024**

- **November 2022** 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 please contact the Coordinated Admissions team.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> January** online application facility open.
- **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - Closing date for all applications
- **16<sup>th</sup> April** - Allocation Day.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> April**– Closing date to return reply form accepting the school place

## 2024 Secondary Admissions



**If you live in Gloucestershire and require an out of county school, you will still need to apply to Gloucestershire School Admissions**

- **September 2023** Letters sent out explaining how to apply for a school place
- From **4<sup>th</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October** Online Secondary/High School transfer application facility open
- **31<sup>st</sup> October** Closing date for all applications
- **1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**- Allocation Day.

## BeeZee Academy

**BeeZee Academy:** A totally FREE online service to learn as a family about making simple, healthy changes and you choose the topics, you choose the pace! This service is for every family in Gloucestershire. Here is the link to sign up - <https://beezeebodies.com/programs/families-academy/>

## Safeguarding

As part of a consultation to explore the domestic abuse services for Children and Young People in Gloucestershire two surveys have been created, one for professionals and one for parents. Please click on the link below for the parent survey <https://gloucestershire-opcc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/CYPDAparents>