



Welcome to Blakeney Primary School





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Congratulations on your place at Blakeney Primary School. Starting school can be an exciting and anxious time for both the child and the parents. The following information has been put together to help ease any anxieties you may be feeling and help you prepare your child for the next stage in their education. If you have any questions please feel free to contact a member of staff from Blakeney Primary School.

Head Teacher	Mr. Stevenson head@blakeney.gloucs.sch.uk
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Gryffindor Class Teacher (Year 5/6) Assistant Head Teacher	Mrs. Bees
Slytherin Class (Reception) Teaching Assistant	Ms. Halstead

Introduction to Blakeney Primary School

Blakeney School is a small primary school, on a beautiful site. Currently there are 110 children on roll. We operate four teaching groups, each named after the classes in the Harry Potter series. Each class is supported by a Teaching Assistant. We are in a federation with two other schools: Pillowell Primary School and Walmore Hill Primary School. Mr Stevenson is the Head Teacher of all three schools and the three schools work closely with each other.

We are very proud of our School's reputation within the local area for both ensuring that academic potential is fulfilled and for making a valuable contribution to the community. We have been rated "Good" by Ofsted. We believe that our school is a happy environment with very hard working and committed staff and children who are pleased to be part of our on-going work together and a community well supported by governors and parents/carers alike.

We are working hard to develop what we do and we are undertaking some exciting new changes and projects. We are fully committed to doing the best for our children (from 4 to 11 years) and they are held as paramount in all our decisions. We have a team here and it is through that team pulling in the same direction that we will continue to create a place where exceptional education can be witnessed first-hand.

The staff teach in a variety of ways, focussing on a Personalised Learning approach to our pupils' development. We have a variety of ways to identify either individual or groups of pupil who need specific support. It is with this information that we can offer strategies to enhance learning.

However, it is the ethos of the school of which we are most proud. Our pupils are caring and thoughtful. They have a competitive edge, like all children, and want to succeed. The staff prides themselves on being part of a team. The school really is a pleasure to be part of.

Virtual School Tour

If you click on the link below it will give you and your child an opportunity to look around the school and 'Slytherin' Early Years Classroom and also meet the Reception Class Teacher and TA. <https://youtu.be/4PfILDcofW0>

Rising Fives Session

At this moment in time due to Covid 19 and the school being closed we are unable to offer our usual June/July Rising Fives Transition sessions. As soon as the school is open and the Government Guidelines have been updated we will inform you of our plans. We are hoping to have our transition days in September with some children attending morning sessions and some children attending afternoon sessions. This will give us the opportunity to get to know the children.

Starting School in September

For many children starting school can be a very tiring experience. This in turn can often cause them not to deal with situations as confidently as they normally would. To help give your child a positive start to their new school routine they will not start full days immediately but will build up gradually.

Procedure

The children will line up at the gate at 8.50am ready for the start of the session and be taken in by Ms Davis and Ms Halstead. At the end of the session they are to be collected from the school gate. As before please be prompt to prevent any unnecessary anxiety. If anyone different is collecting your child please tell us.

Snack

The children are encouraged to bring fruit, vegetables, cheese or breadsticks for their break. The children are provided with free fruit for their morning snack. Children are provided with milk before their fifth birthday. The children have access to clean drinking water throughout the day, please provide them with their own clearly labelled water bottle, as they are encouraged to refill it independently as required.

Lunch

When your child begins to stay for lunch they can either bring a pack lunch or have school meals. School meals are currently **free** for Reception and Key Stage One children. A sample menu for September will be given out to you in due course.

Packed Lunches

As the school recognises the connection between a healthy diet and a child's ability to learn effectively they promote a Healthy Food Policy. To help them encourage a positive attitude towards healthy food please will you provide a nutritious and balanced meal for their lunch?

Breakfast and After School Club

We have a breakfast and afterschool club. This is called Marmalade and Monkeys. These sessions are chargeable. The morning Marmalade session starts at 7.45am. This includes breakfast. The

afterschool Monkeys session finishes at 5.30pm. This includes a snack. Information will be sent to you about Marmalade and Monkeys when your child starts the sessions.

Website

Please check the Blakeney Primary School Website for information and updates

www.blakeney.school.co.uk

If you have any questions feel free to email below:

Head Teacher: **head@blakeney.gloucs.sch.uk**

Reception Class Teacher: **mrsdavis@blakeney.gloucs.sch.uk**

Once again, I would like to welcome you and your child to our school.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms Davis', written in a cursive style.

Ms Davis (Reception Class Teacher)