

I'm Mrs Ireland the Reception and Nursery teacher. I have been at Storth School for nearly 12 years. I love to see children going home from nursery covered in mud, paint and dirt. It shows that they have had a fun and engaging day! Outside school I enjoy spending time climbing the Lake District fells with my husband, we have completed the 214 Wainwrights and are now re-walking some of our favourites.



I'm Mrs Bellamy the Early Years Teaching Assistant in Class 1. I have worked in Early Years for 18 years and I've been at Storth for 10 years. I enjoy seeing the children developing and growing whilst having so much fun. Out of school I like spending time with my family and my dog Myla. I enjoy gardening too.



Two-Year-Old Provision
At
Storth CE Primary School



This is who you will meet at Little Herons

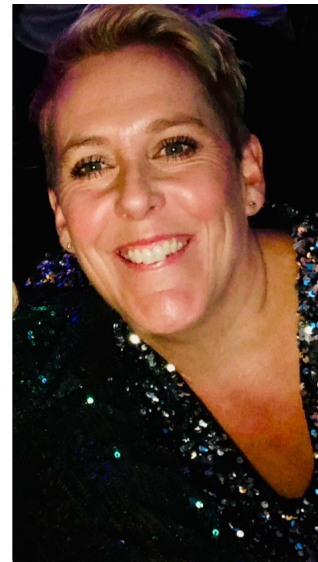
Welcome to our two-year-old provision, Little Herons at Storth CE Primary School. We are looking forward to your child starting with us. You will find lots of useful information in this leaflet. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact school on 015395 62517 or head@storth.cumbria.sch.uk



Little Herons has a brand new building which runs alongside the early years class within school. Children will generally remain in Little Herons until the term following their third birthday when they will move into our Nursery and Reception Class.



My name is Mrs Stephens, and I am your Early Years Lead at Little Herons. I have over 30 years of experience in making learning fun for early years children. I love to explore and get creative, my favourite place to learn is outside in the forest area. This uses all the children's senses, and they have the freedom to explore. I am a level 3 forest schools trained leader and qualified early years leader. In my spare time I like to spend it with my family and also love to go walking with husband and my dog Dougie. I can't wait to meet you and have fun together learning and growing.



My name is Miss Gibson and I am the Early Years Practitioner at Little Herons. I've been working at Storth School for 7 years. I started as a lunchtime supervisor and I loved working with the children so much that I decided to complete my apprenticeship in early years and I have been working in Nursery and Reception since. Outside school I enjoy walking my dogs Peggy and Mable and spending time with my family. I am also a big Strictly fan!

Tapestry

We use the online learning journal Tapestry. You will be provided with log in details and permissions when your child starts. We will use this to upload photographs and observations of their time in school. You are able to see these at home and upload your own photographs too. We will also be using Tapestry to inform you of nappy changes.



Reading

We promote the love of reading and encourage you to read with your child at home. Bookbags are available to purchase for £7.27 from the school office or via the link on the school website. Once your child has a bookbag they can bring home books from school to share with you at home. Bookbags are also very useful for carrying home any creations.

We are excited to offer nursery provision for two-year-olds Monday to Friday **9am-3pm**. Your child may be eligible for 30 hours of free two-year-old funding, depending on your personal circumstances. Further details can be found at www.beststartinlife.gov.uk.

Additional hours can be paid for at £7 per hour.



Every child is unique, so before your child starts Little Herons we will talk with you about your child's needs, interests, likes and dislikes. We want your child to be happy and thrive in our nursery and knowing your child is very important to us. We will arrange an informal chat beforehand and the opportunity to meet staff and visit our setting. There will be forms to complete before your child starts Little Herons, including Admissions, Permissions, All About Me, and Tapestry.

Clothing

Your child should wear sensible clothing that will encourage independence, eg leggings or tracksuit bottoms, jeans can be very restrictive. No lace up shoes please, Velcro fastening are preferred. Please name everything!

- Your child will require spare sets of clothing that can be left in school.
- Please supply a pair of wellies and set of water-proofs eg all-in-one or trousers and jacket as we will be outside everyday including the forest school area.
- Each day your child will require a coat suitable for the weather, plus woolly hat and gloves or sun hat.
- In Summer your child will require a named bottle of suncream to be left in school.
- Little Herons jumpers and tshirts are available to purchase through the school website.



- Long hair must be tied back.
- No earrings or jewellery.
- Please do not bring in any toys from home. We will discuss comforters with you before your child starts.

Food and Drink

- Free fruit and milk will be offered during each session.
- We run an optional, healthy tuck each morning of toast, breadsticks, rice cake at 20p per day. This can be paid via cash or BACs.
- A water bottle must be sent each day that only contains water.
- If your child is here for a full day they will need to bring a packed lunch. No school lunches are available for Little Herons.



Nappies

- Please supply nappies, wipes and nappy bags that can be stored in school. We will let you know when your child's supply is running low.

Toileting and Potty Training

- When your child starts at Storth we will discuss the stage that they are at with potty training and will support with this development during their time in Little Herons.