



Parental support: www.familylives.org.uk or glosfamiliesdirectory.org **Head Teacher's email address:** head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk
PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlip-schoolpta/>
Parent Matters www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089
Birdlip online Virtual School Uniform Shop: http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/advanced_search.php?skl_id=38923&pager=view_all
School closure website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>
Ofsted Parent View <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> **Confidential contact for Governing Body:** chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk
Health Protection Agency Guidance http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374
Safeguarding http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our_school/policies/policies.html **Birdlip Wish list** <http://amzn.eu/9pZsmG2>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu Choices for next week should be taken from the **Week 2** selection

Events in the week ahead:

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Wed 11th Sept, PTA AGM, 8pm in the Classroom block – all welcome

Forthcoming Events

Wed 18th– 20th Sept, Yr 5&6 Residential trip to Condover Hall

Tue 24th Sept, Highways England workshop for Years 3-6. Parents and pupils welcome. 3:30 – 5:30pm in classroom block

Fri 4th Oct, PTA event – Wayne Wonder and his magic show. 3:15 – 4:15pm under the shelter. All welcome

Tue 15th Oct, Parents' Evening

Wed 16th Oct, 9am Harvest Festival Assembly – all welcome

Thu 17th Oct, Parents' Evening

Thu 17th Oct, Flu jabs for all pupils

Thu 17th Oct, Book fair after school

Fri 25th Oct, Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm, all welcome

Fri 25th Oct, Last day of term

Thu 31st Oct, Deadline for secondary school place application (Yr 6 parents only)

Mon 4th Nov, Back to school for all

Fri 8th Nov, PTA Bonfire night

Welcome back or indeed welcome for the first time if you are new to the school, I hope that you all had a brilliant summer and found some time for rest and relaxation.

With the new term we have some new changes:

As many of you will know each class has a new name –

Class 1 (EYFS/Yr1) are called Robins

Class 2 (Yr 1/2) are called Kingfishers

Class 3 (Yr 3/4) are called Golden Eagles

Class 4 (Yr 5/6) are called Ospreys

We also have two new fantastic members of staff who have joined the team.

Mrs Becci Richardson has joined us as a Midday Supervisor and will be with us Monday – Friday.

Ms Romani Crockford has joined the team as an additional Teaching Assistant in Robins class and will be in Wednesday to Friday.

We also currently have a supply TA working across both Robins and Kingfishers whilst we recruit a full time TA.

Lastly we have the lovely Ms Pasquet who is a studying to be a TA and will be doing a Friday placement in Kingfishers with us as part of her course.

For an overview of who's who in each class do have a look at the school website. www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

the extension to the EYFS shelter. The build should take around a week to complete with works being undertaken whilst the pupils are inside the classrooms. The area will be safely fenced off but please do ensure that your child does not enter the works area before and after the end of the school day.

In addition to the play spaces we have an exciting new sculpture arriving shortly for the sculpture trail which has been designed and built by a famous local artist. There will be the installation of 'Gigaclear' (superfast broadband) which will help us out immensely and lastly the continued development of the wildlife area. So lots to look out for!

All of the above have / will obviously take time and money both of which despite the more promising outlook are sadly currently in short supply so if you are able to help out in any way then please do get in contact with the school office or one of the lovely PTA members. If you want to volunteer it can be as little or much as you want – we've everything from hearing pupils read through to running an after school club, there are also many little DIY jobs that need doing and gardening bits to help keep the school looking smart.

At the start of the new year and with so many changes I know that many of you might have questions about one aspect of the school or another. Please do feel free to come and ask them – all of the staff will be more than happy to help out. This is especially true if your child has moved from one class to another. The school website and newsletters (published on a Friday) are also vital sources of information so do make sure you keep up to date with these.

That's all from me, have a lovely week, work hard and enjoy yourselves. Mr M.

Yr 6 Parents – Important!

A letter will be sent home from Gloucestershire County Council detailing the application process for Secondary school applications shortly but the main points in the meantime are as follows:

- deadline to submit secondary school applications is 31st October 2019.
- applications should be made on-line if at all possible (if needed paper forms can be provided)
- if a pupil has moved address recently parents are required to write to Co-ordinated Admissions, Commissioning for Learning, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP enclosing proof of new address

PTA News

Wayne Wonder and his Action game show and magic show is a free to attend PTA event on Friday 4th October @ 3.15-4.15pm, school shelter. Refreshments are available.

The PTA AGM is at 8pm on the 11th Sept at school – please come along and find out what we're all about!

Along with the staff changes to the school we also have some physical changes coming up in the weeks ahead. Next Monday sees the start of the construction of the outdoor EYFS / KS1 climbing frame and play space and

Birdlip & Brimpsfield Playgroup

Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays
0845am - 1245pm Term time only

Parent & Babies/Toddlers

Thursdays, 0845am 10.00am Term time only.

For more details please see

www.birdlip&brimpsfieldplaygroup.btck.co.uk

or email bbplaygroup@btinternet.com

Birdlip Brownies

For girls aged 7 - 10

Birdlip Village Hall

Thursdays 6.15pm - 7.30pm

for more details email birdlipbrownie@btinternet.com

Birdlip Guides

For girls aged 10-14

Birdlip Village Hall

Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm

for more details email birdlipguides@btinternet.com

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open to all pupils for a small charge and runs daily from 8am – contact the school for further details.



Once a week take a peek...

Head lice are sadly a perennial problem for any school so we advise that once every week you check your child's hair. Early intervention stops the problem spreading. If you do find head lice please let the school office know.

For plenty of advice on dealing with head lice try the following link: <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

Whilst I'm on the subject of not so pleasant things another common problem in schools, particularly for the younger pupils are Thread worms. These are mostly harmless but are both itchy and unpleasant, sadly they are also very easily spread as their eggs can live outside the human body for up to two weeks. The best prevention is regular handwashing as the eggs need to be ingested in order to hatch.

If your child does get a case of Thread worms please do notify the school and follow the steps on the NHS link below at home.

In school we ensure that the pupils wash their hands regularly and thoroughly, especially before eating and after using the toilet. We also clean all school surfaces on a daily basis with additional 'deep cleans' termly or sooner if we have a case in school. However unless everyone plays their part they are difficult to eradicate

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

P.E. Kits – a reminder

Please ensure that P.E. kits come into school on a Monday morning, they will be sent home again on a Friday.