



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 1** selection

Events in the week ahead:

Mon 23rd Sept, 3:30 – 4:30pm New to Year 1 parents' information evening. All Year 1 parents welcome.

Forthcoming Events

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

Wed 9th Oct, School photographs – all pupils **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

Tue 22nd Oct, Highways England workshop for Years 3-6. Parents and pupils welcome. 3:30 – 5:30pm in classroom block

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

Mon 2nd Dec, 2pm – 3pm, Parents' Open afternoon – all welcome

Established parents in the school and regular readers of the Newsletter will know that I have a few topics that I like to re-visit from time to time throughout the year to keep them at the forefront of everyone's mind. So to start the term off I thought I'd share some thoughts about attendance at school.

Many of you will know that the rules around absence from school have been subject to challenge in recent years, particularly in respect of the fines involved. From my point of view, I think that wherever sensibly possible, (barring illness etc.) a pupil should be in school. The evidence gathered over many years clearly shows a correlation between pupil achievement and the amount of school time missed.

The same goes for lateness – there will always be occasions where there is a genuine hold up on the way to school but if you find yourself regularly arriving breathlessly at the school gate when it's closing then it's time to invest in a better alarm clock. Joking aside arriving late for school really does have an impact, not just for the individual pupil but for others as well. It's time consuming and disruptive for office staff to walk pupils up to the top, amend registers and ask about lunches. Similarly for teachers messages need repeating to pupils

effect is a big one. So please do aim to be on the playground by 8:40am so that you have plenty of time to spare.

It's a beautiful sunny day and the weekend looks cracking as well so I won't grumble on any more. Have a lovely week, work hard and enjoy yourselves. Mr M.

Calling all gardeners!

Can you spare some time after school next week to help out in the school garden and grounds? We have lots of weeding, fruit picking, mowing, strimming and general tidying up to do. If you can help then drop by the school office at 3:15pm to sign in and we'll go from there.

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.

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.

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

who are late, lesson introductions re-done and work explained. It may not add much time but the cumulative

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.



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.

Hockey Opportunity for Year 5 Pupils

King's School is providing an opportunity for primary school pupils to attend a King's Hockey Masterclass for Year 5 boys and girls Friday 4th October 2019. Birdlip School will authorise The absence of any pupils that wish to attend however as it is not an event organised through the school parents will need to register their child direct and be able to transport them to and from the sports ground. Please see further details below:

“We would like to invite your Year 5 boys and girls to attend a Hockey Masterclass on Friday 4th October 2019. All abilities are welcome.

The afternoon will run from 2pm-4pm and will be held on the all-weather pitch at King's School Sports Ground, Archdeacon Meadow, starting with skills coaching sessions and followed by a short tournament, where the pupils will be able to showcase the skills they have been working on throughout the afternoon. We are thrilled to have our own international U18 and U21 players assisting with the masterclass.

Parents are very welcome to come along and watch the tournament, which will be running from 3.30pm, and to enjoy afternoon tea, which will be served in our pavilion.

We do hope your boys and girls will be able to make the most of this excellent coaching opportunity, which promises to be a highly enjoyable afternoon of hockey. I would be grateful if you could confirm if you are able to attend by email to c.card@thekingsschool.co.uk, ideally by 30th September, and indicate the number of pupils you will be bringing.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Andy Phillips, Director of Sport"