



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/birdlipsschoolpta/>
 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 3 selection

Events in the week ahead:

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

Forthcoming Events

Mon 21st Oct, Birdlip V Highnam football at home, 3:30pm – come along and support our team
Tue 22nd Oct, Highways England workshop for Years 3-6. Parents and pupils welcome. 3:30 – 5:30pm in classroom block
Tue 22nd Oct, Robins and Kingfishers class trip to Cotswold Farm Park
Tue 22nd Oct, Roman Road Rugby Tournament @ Birdlip, 3:30 – 5pm – come along and support our pupils
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 11th Nov, Height, weight and vision checks for EYFS and Yr. 6
Wed 20th Nov, PTA film night – end of school until 5pm
Mon 2nd Dec, 2pm – 3pm, Parents' Open afternoon – all welcome
Fri 13th Dec, PTA school disco
Mon 16th Dec, EYFS & KS1 afternoon Nativity performance
Tue 17th Dec, EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance, 6:30pm (6pm for pupils)
Thu 19th Dec, Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm followed by PTA pop up Café, all welcome
Thu 19th Dec, Last day of term for pupils
Fri 20th Dec, Staff inset day
Mon 6th Jan, Staff inset day
Tue 7th Jan, Back to school for all

As some of you might know we say goodbye this week to the fantastic Abie Jeffries who has been with us as a Midday Supervisor for the last couple of years – we wish her well with her new venture. Abie, I am sure, would tell you that the role of an MDSA is whilst sometimes a cold, damp one (we have a lot of weather in Birdlip) it is at the same time a very rewarding one. No two days are the same in any shape or form and you get to play an integral part in the life of the school and our pupils.

If this sounds like a role for you then look no further as we are recruiting for a new MDSA. No previous experience is required as we provide all the training. If you are interested then get in touch with the school office for an application pack.

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

Flu Jabs

A reminder to please return the consent form for your child (even if you aren't giving consent) as without the forms we can't provide the flu jab. As both a parent and a member of staff I know the importance that the flu jabs play in tackling winter flu so please do get your forms in.

Book fair – Held During Parents Evenings 15th and 17th Oct

There will be a book fair in the corridor after school on both of the parents' evenings next week. The school receive a proportion of everything spent so if you are in the market for a new book then please do pop along. An information leaflet is attached and please note that secure phone payments can now be made.

Village Hall Parking

We've had an increasing number of parents start to use the Village Hall carpark to either pick up or drop off their children at different times during the school day. Please do not use the carpark or school road between the hours of 8:30am and 4:15pm it is strictly for staff and disabled access use only between these times. We recently had a near miss whilst pupils were crossing the area and although no one was harmed I think it serves as a timely reminder for why the area is closed. My thanks for your co-operation with this.

Birdlip School Harvest Festival—Weds 16th October 09:00am

Harvest Festival Assembly will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16th October at 09:00am to which you are all very welcome to come along.

As part of the assembly the Gloucester Foodbank has been invited to give a small presentation and would be very appreciative if our families could spare a few items of tinned and packet foods to donate to the Foodbank to help local people in crisis who are struggling to provide food for themselves and their own families.

If you are able to help please leave any donated items in the Yellow Crate which will be left against the fence (on the playground side), running along the path as you come into school to drop off/pick up your child. To help you decide on suitable items to donate please view the attached list of most wanted items.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the Harvest Festival event and thank you in advance for any donations you are able to give.

Robins and Kingfishers Go Down To The Farm

Pupils from Robins and Kingfishers classes will bring home a letter today giving details of their trip to the Cotswold Farm Park on 22nd October. Please return the order form on **Monday 14th October** if you would like your child to be provided with a school packed lunch for the trip.

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.

<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.

From the PTA

Just to remind that we are holding the **PTA Bonfire Night** on Friday 8th November. This will now be a **ticket only** event (for safety reasons we have to cap the numbers at 750). This year the tickets are only available to purchase through the website Eventbrite.

<https://birdlipfireworks.eventbrite.co.uk>

Calling all Parents of Pre-School Siblings

Please see attached poster for information on applying for a primary school place for **September 2020**.