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**PTA fundraising via internet purchases:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlip-schoolpta/>  
**Parent Matters** [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089](http://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](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](mailto:chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk)  
**Health Protection Agency Guidance** [http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb\\_C/1194947358374](http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374)  
**Safeguarding** [http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our\\_school/policies/policies.html](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 the week after half term should be taken from the **Week 3** selection

### **Events in the week ahead:**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov,** Back to school for all

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov,** Golden Eagles class trip – leaving at 8:30am

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov,** PTA Bonfire night

### **Forthcoming Events**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov,** Height, weight and vision checks for EYFS and Yr. 6

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov,** PTA film night – end of school until 5pm

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec,** 2pm – 3pm, Parents' Open afternoon – all welcome

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec,** PTA school disco

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec,** EYFS & KS1 afternoon Nativity performance

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec,** EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance, 6:30pm (6pm for pupils)

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec,** Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm followed by PTA pop up Café, all welcome

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec,** Last day of term for pupils

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec,** Staff inset day

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan,** Staff inset day

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Jan,** Back to school for all

Well it's the end of a very busy term and the weather outside is suitably autumnal with rain and leaves lashing against my office window as I type.

We've had lots of interesting and exciting events through the last 8 weeks – the residential trip for year 5/6, the trip to Cotswold Farm park for Robins and Kingfishers and multiple school based outdoor activities such as the hugely popular Pine cone skittles to name a few.

Birdlip has also continued with its successful sporting run with a number of football wins and, more recently, a win in the Roman Road rugby tournament to retain the trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. Let's hope that we continue in the same vein after the half term break.

As the term draws to an end I'd like to say thank you and pay tribute to all of the staff and governors for their hard work and dedication in making Birdlip the happy place it is. Thank you as well to all of you as parents for your support and time – it is very much appreciated. Lastly a big thank you must of course go to the pupils – they have been epic.

I hope that you all have the most wonderful half term whether you are still working, relaxing or something in between.

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

### **Golden Eagles Trip to St Fagan's National Museum of History**

Pupils in Golden Eagles will be visiting St Fagan's Weds 6<sup>th</sup> November. Pupils should be in school for registration at 8:15am to ensure that the coach can depart at 8:30am. Please would those who have not returned their reply slips and any contributions send them in to the school office on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Pumpkin Recycling**

If you are taking part in any Halloween parties or celebrations this half term please remember to bring unwanted pumpkins into school to put in the special pumpkin recycling bin which will be left near to the parent/pupil entrance gate for morning drop off and end of school pick up.

### **Remembrance**

Poppies and other items will be on sale from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you.



### **School Book Fair – Thank you**

A huge thank you to all those who kindly purchased books from the book fair held during parents evening. Thanks to your support the sales entitled the school to receive £150.00 worth of free books which is amazing and very much appreciated.

### **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](http://www.birdlip&brimpsfieldplaygroup.btck.co.uk)

or email [bbplaygroup@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Santa in Birdlip**

If you wish to see Santa in Birdlip (see poster below) please make sure you book a ticket using the email address on the poster as it is a ticket only event.



### **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/>

### **Remember, Remember, the 8th November!**

The **PTA Bonfire Night** on Friday 8th November is 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. Book yours now to avoid disappointment (tickets are fast running out!)

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

### **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**.