



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/birdlipschoolpta/>
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:

Wed 20th Nov, PTA film night – end of school until 5pm

Forthcoming Events

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

Wed 11th Dec, Books for Bugs Book Fair

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)

Wed 18th Dec, School Christmas Lunch

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

Internet Safety – it's a phrase that perhaps as adults we don't often think about when we google something or are sat idly browsing through our favourite sites or playing the latest internet games. When it comes to our children I'd wager that we think about it more but even then not as often as we perhaps should.

The internet is of course a mind bogglingly awesome place, it is the repository of almost all of human knowledge – in many ways it is a representation of all that humans are, both good and bad.

It contains the sum total of humanity and can therefore be a place of warmth, knowledge, compassion and integrity but likewise it contains greed, anger, hate and all that is wrong with the world. But unlike the world there are few if any warning signs and few if any rules – it is a veritable mine field that at the click of a button can lead to the darkest of places.

So integral to our lives is it that we lose sight sometimes of the dangers, especially for our children who are not always aware of the limited warning signs. In an age where truth is not always the truth it seems to be, the need to prepare our children is greater than ever before.

How do you do that? Well part of that role is ours here at school but a larger part is yours as parents and here there are tools aplenty to help you.

The following sites are well worth bookmarking, taking the time to read through and then sharing with your child/ren.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Additionally please see the attached poster from Stroud Neighbourhood Policing Team with details of a presentation

on keeping young people safe on line – an adults guide.

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

PTA Bonfire

The PTA are very pleased to announce that the bonfire night was a roaring success with a whopping £3,003 raised for the school!! This is fantastic as the target was £2,500 (the total raised last year was £2,172) which means that we absolutely smashed it.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make the evening run so smoothly – we really couldn't do it without all of your hard work. A special thank you must also go to Clavel & Hind for the beer, Tesco for their donation and The Royal George for kindly letting us use their field and parking space.

Lastly a massive thank you to everyone who came along, we hope that you had a lovely evening.

PTA Film Night



PTA
Birdlip School
PRESENTS

FILM NIGHT

Lego Movie 2 pg
Toy Story 4 pg

Wednesday 20th November
3.15pm-5.15pm

Pupils to stay in class after school
All classes welcome
Free Entry
£2.50 for refreshments

Please sign-up in office

School Christmas Lunch – Bookings Deadline Reminder

This year's Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 18th December. To book your child a Christmas dinner please confirm via email to clerical@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk giving the pupil name and menu choice by **MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER**. Thank you.

Children in Need

Thank you from the School Council to everyone who managed to contribute donations to this worthwhile cause. The total raised from the non-uniform donations, cake sales and purchases of Pudsey bracelets pencils and other items was £208.75 – fabulous!

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.

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/>

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/>

Birdlip Church - Can you please help us?

We need donations for our Church Christmas Fair in both Birdlip Village Hall and Birdlip Church on 30th November

Can you please give us any of the following:

- Bottles/cans of drinks, sauces, shampoos etc - for our bottle tombola
- Cakes/biscuits, bought or home made – for our cake and refreshments stalls
- Unwanted new/used items, books, DVDs - suitable for our Christmas bric-a-brac stall
- Any items made by you such as jams, chutneys, soft toys, decorations etc – for the 'Made in Birdlip' stall

Items can be left at Birdlip School office or at Birdlip Farmhouse.

Please contact Charles or Jean Tippet on 01452 862251 or jean@tippet.me.uk

And please come along and enjoy the fun on the day (1.00 – 4.00pm)

If your child wishes to visit Santa, you will need to book at visitsantainbirdlip@hotmail.com

Carol Service at Birdlip Church

Family Carol Service at St Marys Church, Birdlip
Sunday 15th December 2019
6pm Mince Pies and Mulled wine
6.30pm Carols

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**.

Schoolbeat Officers

Please find attached an introductory poster giving information on Schoolbeat Officers and their work in schools.