



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:

*****Mon 13th Jan, Clubs Start this week*****

Forthcoming Events

Tues 4th Feb, Parents' Evening
Thu 6th Feb, Parents' Evening
Fri 14th Feb, Celebration Assembly, 2:30pm, all welcome
Fri 14th Feb, PTA Pop up Café
Fri 14th Feb, Last day of term for pupils and staff
Tue 25th Feb, Internet Safety talk for Yr 5/6
Mon 24th Feb, Back to school for all
Thu 5th March, World Book Day
Thu 5th March, PTA film Night
Thu 19th March, Parents' Open afternoon 2:15pm – 3pm
Sat 21st March, South West Region Football finals, in Bristol – spectators welcome. Details to follow (newly added)
Thu 2nd April, Last day of term for pupils
Thu 2nd April, PTA pop up Café
Fri 3rd April, Staff inset day

Welcome back to a new term and a new decade – I hope that you all had something of a break with plenty of time to catch up with family and friends.

With the new term comes some new changes – we said good bye to the lovely Mrs Dingle at the end of last term (she's currently enjoying the sights of Rome!) and so we say hello to the lovely Mrs Cooper this term. Along with Mrs Cooper we have had the lovely Mrs Wilson-Copp join us as well.

This means some small changes to the way the school office operates which should hopefully make things easier for you all.

The school office will now be staffed every day from **8:30am until 4:15pm** – this should make the mornings and end of day a little smoother. As Mrs Griffiths will be down in the office from 8:30am each day Mrs Platt will be opening and closing the school gates - they will be closed at **8:50am** so don't be late! If you do have messages / things to drop off in the morning I'd be grateful if you could stop by the office on the way up to deliver them rather than pass them on via Mrs Platt.

For all school office enquiries by email please use admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk, or if it is for me then head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk. You can of course still ring the school office on **01452 862331**.

We are no longer using the clerical@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk email address.

That's all from me; have a fantastic week, work hard and enjoy yourselves.

Mr M.

School admissions for Sept 2020 – URGENT!

A reminder for anyone wanting a school place for their child in foundation stage in September 2020 that the closing date is midnight on **Wednesday 15th January**. All applications must be made on line via the following link <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/startingprimary> by this date to be considered for a place.

It's worth remembering that if you have pupils already at the school or have expressed an interest via the school that this does not count as an application and therefore your child will not be considered for a place unless you have applied using the link above. If you have any questions about the above then please contact the school office on 01452 862331 or via email at admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

New mobile phone for Christmas?

The App on the link below from the BBC comes recommended by Gloucestershire Police – it's a way for children to monitor their phone use and to help in ensure that they use the digital world safely and responsibly. For more info follow the links.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app>
<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/about-us/own-it-app-faqs>

Cooking Club

If you were lucky enough to grab a much sought after spot in Cooking club this term please can you make sure that you bring the payment for it in with you by **Tuesday 14th January**. The cost is **£11** which covers the ingredients etc. for all of the sessions

Yr. 5/6 Dance Festival – tickets now on sale

On Monday 27th January the whole of Ospreys class will once again be performing at the fantastic Gloucestershire Schools dance festival.

Tickets for the performance are on sale now from <https://www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk/event/gloucestershire-schools-dance-festival-2020-316758/>

Please book early to avoid disappointment. We will be performing during the **6 – 7:30pm** slot so please ensure that you book for those times!

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.

Message from Gloucester Rugby Club

We are delighted to be able to provide your school access to a special ticket offer.

Tickets are JUST **£10** for Adults and **£5** for Juniors (Juniors 6-17 years old) **IN ANY STAND**. Under 6's FREE entry.

This Saturday (11 January 2020) Gloucester Rugby are playing in the Heineken Champions Cup match against Montpellier. This game is a critical match in the Heineken Champions Cup for Gloucester Rugby.

Please click the following link and at the checkout apply the discount code **OFFER10**. Please do forward this email to those within your organisation.

<http://bit.ly/2usC3dP>

The match kicks off at 5.30pm and Gates open for the pre-match build up at 3.30pm.

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/>

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**.

Atlas Afterschool Club

Bookings for term 3 are now live:

<https://www.atlascamps.co.uk/birdlipasc/>

Keep your eyes peeled this term for a new Atlas Camps Activity Calendar with some exciting new after school events coming to Birdlip After School Club!