



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 1 selection

Events in the week ahead:

Mon 24th Feb, Back to school for all

Thu 27th Feb, Robins Class Parents' Evening ****New addition****

Fri 28th Feb, Ospreys Class swimming lessons start

Forthcoming Events

Tue 3rd March, Robins Class Parents' Evening ****New addition****

Thu 5th March, World Book Day

Thu 5th March, PTA film Night

Mon 9th March, Robins & Kingfishers trip

Thu 19th March, Parents' Open afternoon 2:15pm – 3pm
Sat 21st March, South West Region Football finals, in Bristol – spectators welcome. There will be a supporter's coach arranged to go and watch the team play– details to follow

Thu 2nd April, Last day of term for pupils

Thu 2nd April, PTA pop up Café

Fri 3rd April, Staff inset day

Goodness me that term has flown past quickly – and what a wonderfully busy one it was to. The forthcoming term will be no exception with lots of exciting activities such as class trips, sporting competitions and in-house fun like World Book day.

First though there's a chance (for those who aren't still working) to enjoy a well earned break at Half term. You may well have plans to get away but if not then why not try some of the free activities below:

<https://museum.wales/stfagans/>

<https://jetagemuseum.org/>

<https://visitbristol.co.uk/things-to-do/banksy-walking-tour-p1354013>

<https://visitbristol.co.uk/things-to-do/treasure-island-trail-p1948043>

For those with some cash to splash and/or time to travel then check out the site below for a wide range of countryside activities and events:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/february-half-term-family-learning-activities>

That's all from me; whatever you get up to, have a good week, work hard and enjoy yourselves

Mr M.

Sports News

This week our football team were in action once again playing in the Ridderford shield – a cross Gloucestershire school's competition. I'm delighted to say that once more Birdlip were successful and have brought home the Shield for what is I believe the first time in the school's history – congratulations to all of the players and of course their coach, Mr Pugh.

In the week after half term we have the Gloucestershire finals of the Netball for years 5&6 following their recent success in the Stroud Schools competition. We also have the years 3,4,5 and 6 Cross Country event – good luck to all taking part.

Parents' Evening – Robins Only – 27 February & 3 March 2020

Parents evening appointments are available now to be booked online via <https://birdlipprimaryschool.setmore.com> which is the free to use online appointment booking website which we have used previously. Please book one 10 minute appointment per child by selecting Robins class, then your preferred date (27 February or 3 March) and all the available time-slots will be shown. Once you have completed your booking you will receive a confirmation email and will be able to amend or delete your own appointments as necessary. If you have any queries with the booking process please contact the office.

PTA film night

PTA
Birdlip School
PRESENTS
FILM NIGHT
Secret Life of Pets2 U
Capture The Flag PG
Thursday 5th March 2020
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

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 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

Each group meets on a Thursday night in Birdlip Village Hall. For more information, please follow the link below:
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open to all pupils for a small charge and runs daily from 8am to 8.45am.

To register and book spaces, please speak or contact the play group leaders on: bbplaygroup@btinternet.com or 07914 091427.

Sponsored Litter Pick

This is a reminder about the little challenge from the school PTA for pupils to undertake a sponsored litter pick during half term.

BIRDLIP PRIMARY SCHOOL
HALF-TERM SPONSORED LITTER PICK

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH

HELP US COLLECT OVER 100 BAGS OF RUBBISH!

THE MISSION:

EACH PUPIL TO COLLECT 1 BAG OF RUBBISH
DURING HALF-TERM BREAK - HELPING YOUR
ENVIRONMENT AND YOUR SCHOOL

SPONSORSHIP MONEY COLLECTED FEB 24TH
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BIRDLIP SCHOOL

SAFETY FIRST BE SAFE AND BE SEEN

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/>

Message from Marling School re. Open mornings

'The parents of boys, currently in Year 5, who are looking at Marling School Y7 entry in September 2021 may like to know our Open Mornings are scheduled for **Thursday 2 April and Thursday 25 June 2020**, arrive for either 9.00 or 9.30am, no need to pre-book. We look forward to welcoming you and your son(s). The Entrance Test takes place on Saturday 12 September 2020 - if you would like an emailed reminder to register when the registration window opens in June 2020, please email admissions@marling.school with 'reminder to register' in the subject line.'

Hartpury Netball Youth Camp



The poster for the Hartpury Netball Youth Camp features a yellow and red color scheme. On the left, there is a logo for 'NYC' (Netball Youth Camp) with a netball icon. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Hartpury Netball Youth Camp' and 'Ages: 9-11'. Below this, there is a circular badge that says 'BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY'. Further down, the details are listed: 'When: Tuesday 18th February (9am-5pm)' and 'Venue: Hartpury College, GL19 3BE'. At the bottom, it says 'Book now at englandnetball.co.uk/NYC'. The background of the poster shows a group of young women in netball uniforms playing the sport.