



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/birdlipprimarypta/>
 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:

Tue 3rd March, Robins Class Parents' Evening

Thu 5th March, World Book Day

Thu 5th March, PTA film Night

Forthcoming Events

Mon 9th March, Robins & Kingfishers trip

Mon 9th – 11th March, Cycling Proficiency for Yr 6

Wed 11th March, PTA Spring Fair mtg @ The George, 8pm

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

Wed 1st April, Golden Eagles Class Trip

Thu 2nd April, Last day of term for pupils

Thu 2nd April, PTA pop up Café

Fri 3rd April, Staff inset day

Mon 27th April, Yr 5/6 Great Big Dance Off in Bath (Regional Finals) – see Newsletter for details

"The person who does not read good books has no advantage over the person who can't read them."
Mark Twain

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

Mr M.

World Book Day

It's World Book Day next week and as always we hope that lots of you will come in dressed as your favourite character from a book.

We will be holding lots of different reading events throughout the day in school and we'd love to involve parents. So if you have 15 minutes on the afternoon of Thursday 5th March why not come in and read your favourite story or an extract from it to one of the classes. You can read to any of the classes – it doesn't have to be the one that your child is in although that's also fine. To sign up just drop the office and email with the time and Class that you'd like to read to.

The Great Big Dance Off

Year 5/6 are through to the regional finals of the Great Big Dance Off and tickets for parents are on sale now (you don't have to buy a ticket for your child if they are taking part). It's the first time we have reached the regional finals so we hope that lots of you will come along to show your support on the night.

https://www.bathforum.co.uk/Articles/564429/SHOW_INFO/The_Great_Big.aspx?redirected=1

Sports News

There's been lots of success for our sporting teams this week – our football team are through to the Semi-finals of the Intermediate sized school cup having won a hard fought quarter final 2-1.

The Year 5/6 Netball team were in action on Monday and again after a couple of close games won their heats to take them through to the all Gloucestershire finals – a huge well done to them.

On Tuesday it was the turn of years 4,5 and 6 in the Cross Country event – Birdlip more than held their own with 3 pupils coming in the top ten (3rd, 5th and 6th) for their groups meaning that they go on to County trials. It's worth pointing out that there were upwards of 150 pupils running in each year group and so to have 3 pupils placed so highly is a fantastic achievement.

Lastly we have no less than 3 pupils representing Gloucestershire at County level in Tennis this weekend – we wish them all good luck.

Exemplar Education

We are sending flyers from this company home with pupils on Monday 2.3.2020. Returned reply slips will generate money for the school regardless of whether or not the parent is interested in receiving further information so please do send them in.

School Trips

We would welcome any further voluntary payments via Parentpay for the EYFS & KS1 'We the Curious' trip, the Golden Eagles 'Waterways Museum, Gloucester' trip and the Osprey Class swimming lessons please. If you have not previously activated your child's account please request another activation code letter if needed from the school office.

Packed lunches for the 'We The Curious' Trip for EYFS & KS1. The deadline for requests has now passed and the order placed with Caterlink. If you have not already received a confirmation email from the school office for your request, you will need to provide a packed lunch from home for your child on the morning of the trip.

School Lunches

A quick reminder that if your child will be coming into school late (for example after attending a medical appointment) and will require a school lunch that day, it must be ordered in advance with the school office by telephone or email as requests after 9.30am may not be able to be accommodated by Caterlink. The menu for the current term is available to view on the school website.

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.

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/>

PTA Meeting (to discuss the Spring Fair) – 11th March 2020

The next PTA meeting will be taking place at 8pm on Wednesday 11 March 2020, at The Royal George. This will be to discuss the upcoming Spring Fair and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please also save the date for the Spring Fair – Saturday 16th May 2020.

PTA – Pop-up Valentines Café – Thank you!

Thank you for supporting the valentines pop-up café at the end of last term. We made a fantastic £150!!!!

PTA film night – Thursday 5th March 2020



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

Atlas Sports Easter Camp

Bookings are now live for the Easter Atlas Sports Camp.