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PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipschoolpta/>
Parent Matters www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089
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School closure website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>
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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>

Welcome back to the new term, I hope that you've all had a super week. It was lovely to see so many of the pupils in the whole school Zoom assembly on Friday (my apologies for those of you who didn't receive the link in time / couldn't get on) – it was great, albeit briefly, to catch up a little. Having chatted over the holiday as staff we are aware that although we get the chance to see and chat with the pupils through the Zoom assemblies there is little opportunity to catch up with you as parents and to find out how things are going / what extra we can help with.

With this in mind don't be surprised to receive a phone call from your class teacher at some point over the next couple of weeks. As they are calling from their mobiles it will come through as a withheld number and they will aim to call roughly between 3 and 6pm.

I should say at this point that we really don't want you to feel that we are checking up on you! Instead we hope that you will all find it useful to be able to chat through any questions, ideas or concerns that you might have or indeed just to have a general catch up.

On a different note the teachers have had some fantastic contributions from every class on Seesaw this past week so what have the classes been doing online?

Robins have been looking at 3D shapes, making shields after reading George and the Dragon. In science they have been finding out about growing and last but not least they have been making peanut butter and jam flapjacks! Yum! In Kingfishers pupils have been looking at traditional stories with a focus on Jack and the Beanstalk in particular where some children made stick puppets to retell the story. They've also been testing their roto-copter in science to see which design falls to the ground the quickest.

Golden Eagles have become personal trainers for themselves or a member of their family giving advice on how to keep fit and well. They are also keeping their own diet diary. In history and English they are learning and writing about the Tudors. In geography they've been finding out about the USA.

Osperys have been working hard on English grammar this week. They have also been doing virtual guided reading with a book called Holes by Louis Sachlon. They have used the BBC Blue Planet live site to do some work on eco systems and adaptability.

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

Mr M.

Online Safety - Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. [Click here](#) to explore one of the six Thinkuknow websites for advice about staying safe when you're on a phone, tablet or computer.

They have also produced:

- [Home activity packs](#) and
- Video chatting: a guide for parents and carers of primary school-age children ([click here](#) to view)

Birdlip Breakfast Club and Birdlip Playgroup

Please note that Birdlip Breakfast Club and Birdlip Playgroup are available for use by Key Workers (including during the Easter Holidays). For more information, please contact the play leaders on: bbplaygroup@internet.com or 07914 091427.