



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://pmschoolwear.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>

Today is the 75th anniversary of VE day, a day which ordinarily would have been marked across the nation by street parties, celebrations and acts of remembrance. The virus has of course put pay to all of that and we are once again as a nation in a collective struggle against a common enemy.

Unlike the second world war though our struggle is one that should unite all of humanity rather than pit it against each other as in this case we all face the risk together.

Over the past weeks I have seen the virus bring out the very best in people and also, but thankfully in much fewer cases, the worst.

"War is a terrible thing", my Grandfather once said to me – he lost two brothers to the conflict and though he was a tower of a man in many different respects you could see, if you looked closely, the deeply ingrained marks that it had left on him.

I wonder why as a human race we can come together to overcome a virus that threatens the lives of millions and yet we cannot come together to set aside our differences in the prevention of conflict. I suppose ultimately war is waged by the many for the few; for power, wealth and difference are at the heart of all conflict.

So today, in memory of my grandad and all of those who have lost their lives in conflict, I will try to be that little bit better, that bit kinder and that bit more accepting of difference.

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

Mr M.

100 Club

The lucky winners are as follows:

April

1st prize - Gemma Downham

2nd prize - Evie Nourse

May

1st prize - Eliot Houghton

2nd prize - Jodie Croft

Thank you so much for your support and good luck to all for next month!

Advice for Parents and Carers

[Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online](#)

[Helping children with SEND during Coronavirus](#)

[Advice for parents and carers looking after primary school children](#)

[Children's guide to Coronavirus](#)

Keeping active

If you are looking for ways to keep your children active during lockdown, take a look at the leaflet attached to the email. The leaflet provides some fun ideas and challenges you can do at home.

Online Safety - Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. Click here to access their [Home activity packs](#) which they are updating on a fortnightly basis. These provide simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety.

Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning

Please find below some useful links to health and wellbeing website support:

- [On Your Mind Glos](#)
Informing children and young people what help and support is available to them locally and nationally.
- [TIC +](#)
Teens in Crisis - providing counselling for children and young people aged 9 - 21 and their families. A Parent Support Advice Line is also available for parents and carers worried about their child's mental health, emotional well-being or behaviour.
- [Young Minds](#)
- [E-bug](#)
Fun games and teaching resources about microbes and antibiotics.
- [Winston's Wish](#)
Information, advice and guidance on supporting bereaved children and young people.
- [Gloucestershire Suicide Prevention Partnership](#)
- [Action for Happiness](#)
Taking action to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis.

Birdlip Breakfast Club and Birdlip Playgroup

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

