



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 3** selection.

Forthcoming Events

Tues 22nd Sept, PTA AGM at 8pm (via zoom)

Fri 23rd Oct, last day of school for pupils and staff

Sat 31st Oct, deadline for secondary school applications

Mon 2nd Nov, back to school for all

Thurs 17th Dec, last day of school for pupils

Fri 18th Dec, inset day for staff

This week has flown past which is always a sign that it's been a happy one – the children have settled back in to school life well and are adapting quickly to the new routines. On which note I must say a big thank you to you all for your help with both social distancing and the new one-way system for pick up and drop off.

The news of course is still full of all things COVID19 particularly with the new restrictions and the continuing rise in cases and I am sure that, despite our best efforts, it will not be long before we get a positive case in the school community. We would obviously like to help prevent that for as long as possible and so please help us stay vigilant for those symptoms of the virus in your children, and if they do occur make sure that you and your family isolate and get tested.

At this time of year we always have a large number of bugs circulating and although there seem to be less this year than normal we do still have some. As such we have already had a number of pupils who have developed a cough or a high temperature and they have had to self-isolate with their families. So far all of the COVID tests undertaken by our pupils and staff have come back negative – long may this continue.

One way that you can all help to mitigate this issue is by taking advantage of the free flu immunisation that is being offered to all primary school pupils by the NHS this year. I don't need to tell you how vitally important it is for your child to have this vaccine particularly with the COVID19 virus circulating widely. Not only is the vaccination completely safe it is also offered through a very simple spray up the nose and so, apart from a slight tickling sensation it's not at all unpleasant for the recipient. The vaccine will protect your child from the flu and will also help prevent it from spreading to others, particularly those who are more vulnerable.

The full details of how to sign your child up and what the vaccine entails are attached to this newsletter – let's see if we can get the magic 100% coverage across the school this year.

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

Mr M.

Seesaw

We are continuing to use Seesaw to share the work we have completed in the classroom but also to give you updates on homework, spelling lists and times-tables. Please ensure you check this on a regular basis. For those of you new to the school, Seesaw is an online learning platform where pupils can securely post work that they've completed at home. We can also use it to share learning resources with you and to comment on pupil's work. Please contact the office if you have not yet received a login for Seesaw (for new parents your child's login details will be sent out to you in the week starting 14th Sept).

Notes, letter and home reading books...

We are endeavouring to keep the flow of items to and from home as small as possible at present and so wherever practicable forms and letters will be via email – if you do need a paper copy please contact the school office.

Reading books

Robins: Home reading books and reading records will be sent out in the week starting 14th Sept, these should come in and out of school daily in book bags

Kingfishers: Home reading books and reading records should come in and out of school daily in book bags

Golden Eagles: pupils will still have a home reading record but it will come home just once a week on a Friday – please send it back in on a Monday. Pupils can bring a reading book from home or take one from the school library home but we would ask that where possible books remain in school or at home.

Ospreys: Pupils can bring a reading book from home or take one from the school library home but we would ask that where possible books remain in school or at home.

For those of you wondering why the pupils in the younger classes have school reading books home on a daily basis it is because this material is used specifically to teach the mechanics of reading. Obviously not everyone has a wide ranging set of phonetically graded books at home (I know I don't) for this to happen whereas lots of you have general children's story books.

Transfer to Secondary School

A reminder to Year 6 parents that you will need to make an application to inform Gloucestershire County Council of your secondary school preferences (see email dated 8 Sept 2020). **Deadline for application is 31st October 2020.**

STREET – Advice for children experiencing abuse

With schools returning, STREET have created some safety advice for young people on how to help a friend who may be experiencing domestic abuse or teenage relationship abuse. Please see the poster attached.

Water bottles and Pencil cases

Thank you all for providing a water bottle and pencil case for your child – it's made our lives a lot easier.

Atlas After Schools Club

With places limited, and demand evidently high, bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. This after school provision is open exclusively to children of Birdlip Primary School.

To make your booking, simply follow the link below
<https://atlasamps.co.uk/birdlipasc/>

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 contact the play group leaders on: bbplaygroup@btinternet.com or 07914 091427.

Birdlip Playgroup

Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays
0845am - 1245pm Term time only

You can register your child by contacting the play leaders at bbplaygroup@btinternet.com or 07914 091427.

Mental Health Support Available in Gloucestershire

We have collated a list of mental health and wellbeing support organisations. This is now available on the school website - www.birdlipprimary.co.uk/covid_19/covid_19

Covid-19 – What symptoms to look out for and what to do next

If anyone in your household displays COVID19 symptoms your child should not attend school and you should follow the self-isolation guidance provided by the government along with arranging a COVID-19 test. **You should also inform the school office as soon as possible.**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- 1) Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible; and
- 2) Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your result – only leave home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

You can choose to take the test:

- At a test site near you today and get your result tomorrow; or
- With a home test kit – you can order a home test kit via the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>