



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

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

Forthcoming Events

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

Mon 16th Nov, pupil flu vaccination

Thurs 17th Dec, last day of school for pupils

Fri 18th Dec, inset day for staff

80 years ago this month, despite the bright September sunshine and late summer warmth, it must've seemed an increasingly dark and difficult time. The Battle of Britain <https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/battle-of-britain-1> was being fought in the skies overhead and we stood as a nation looking into an uncertain, unknown future. Crucially though we stood together. Fast forward 80 years to today and I think that there are both parallels and lessons from that time. Once again as a country we stand at the edge of an uncertain and unknown future and now, more than ever, we must stand together - if only metaphorically.

It has been heartening to see the school community do this over the past months and I hope that this will long continue for there are challenging times ahead. Cases of the virus are increasing quickly locally once again and with it the need to be vigilant.

With that in mind I would ask you all to continue to follow those rules that keep us all safe:

- Practice social distancing at all times
- Wash your hands regularly
- Stick to the rule of 6
- Get a test if you develop COVID symptoms

As a school we will play our part to ensure that the environment for the pupils and therefore for their parents and grandparents is as safe as possible but we can't do it alone so we thank you for your help in achieving this.

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

Mr M.

Flu vaccination – 16th November – please respond

Remember to **consent or decline** your free flu vaccination (being offered to all primary school pupils). 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. Ideally, please complete the form online by [clicking here](#), or contact the office if you need a hardcopy.

100 Club

Welcome to the 100 Club! We have the numbers 1 to 100 and you can purchase as many numbers as you like for £10 each. Half of the total money raised (up to £500) goes straight to the school PTA and the remainder goes into a prize pot which is split into about 9 months of winnings!! Each month, we draw out two numbers and award 1st and 2nd prize! This is a fantastic money raiser for the school so if you fancy taking part, please look out for Jenny, Bianca or Ellie (and a bright green folder) and we can get your numbers sorted! You can make payment in cash or via paypal:

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8srZmFIGQo>

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.**

Birdlip PTA AGM

The PTA is an integral part of school life here at Birdlip and now, more than ever, we need your help and support so if you'd like to help out or just find out what we've got planned for the year ahead then join us via the link below.

Topic: Birdlip PTA AGM Zoom meeting

Time: **Tues Sep 22, 2020 8 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9497192131?pwd=RWVOVW9CMU1ub25xWTFYWGdJalFodz09>

Meeting ID: 949 719 2131

Passcode: PTAAGM

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://atlasclamps.co.uk/asc/birdlip/index.php>

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/>