



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.

Events in the Week Ahead

Forthcoming Events

Mon 19th Oct, PTA 5p Challenge

Fri 23rd Oct, Non uniform day (suggested £1 donation to PTA)

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

Struggling with reading at home?

Think of ways to make reading fun - you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be. If you're both enjoying talking about the content of a particular page, linger over it for as long as you like.

Books aren't just about reading the words on the page, they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss

Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- Encourage your child to pretend to 'read' a book before he or she can read words.
- Visit the library as often as possible - take out CDs and DVDs as well as books.
- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Buy dual-language books if English isn't your family's first language - you can talk about books and stories, and develop a love for them, in any language.
- Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, insects, cookery or a certain sport.
- Make sure that children's books are easily accessible in different rooms around your house.
- 'Model' a love of reading yourself by reading in front of your child as much as possible.

Helping your child with maths...

As with reading, try to make maths as much fun as possible - games, puzzles and jigsaws are a great way to start. It's also important to show how we use maths skills in our everyday lives and to involve your child in this.

Identifying problems and solving them can also help your child develop maths skills. If you see him or her puzzling over something, talk about the problem and try to work out the solution together.

Don't shy away from maths if you didn't like it at school. Try to find new ways to enjoy the subject with your child.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy maths:

- Point out the different shapes to be found around your home.
- Take your child shopping and talk about the quantities of anything you buy.
- Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost - pocket money is great for this whatever the amount.
- Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates.
- Make games out of times tables or number facts
- Play Sudoku or similar

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

Mr M.

A417 Missing Link - 'Have Your Say'

Highways England will be holding a consultation from **13th October to 12th November 2020** on proposals to improve the A417 Missing Link between the Brockworth bypass and Cowley roundabout in Gloucestershire.

Once delivered, the 3.4 mile scheme aims to provide a safe and free-flowing road for long-distance vehicles, while repurposing the existing route for local traffic. For people living near the scheme this should mean less congestion and safer journeys. For the region, it could mean better opportunities for businesses, and wider economic growth. You can find out the latest information about the A417 Missing Link by visiting the project [website](http://www.a417missinglink.co.uk). You can also register for updates [here](http://www.a417missinglink.co.uk), and email any questions you have to a417missinglink@highwaysengland.co.uk

Pumpkin Power Halloween colouring competition (KS1) and poster challenge (KS2)

Andigestion, our Food Waste Recycling company, are launching a Halloween colouring competition for KS1 and poster challenge for KS2, aimed at raising awareness of recycling food waste (including pumpkins!). Book tokens will be given to the winning entries. Please see the leaflets attached to the email for further information. Entries should be emailed to competitions@leapfrogpr.com by **5pm on Monday 2nd November 2020** with either 'Pumpkin Power Colouring Competition' or 'Pumpkin Power Poster Competition' in the subject line. **Please note** that this is independent to the school and by entering your child's work, you are giving consent for your child's name and school and their winning entry being included in a press release to local media.

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.

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

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to all pupils for a small charge and runs daily from 7.45am 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.

Atlas Camps Holiday Club



The poster features the 'atlas camps' logo at the top left. In the center, there are three stylized stars in blue, pink, and dark blue, each containing a white silhouette of a child jumping. Below the stars, the text '3 WEEKS TO GO' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Underneath that, it says 'Until Atlas Camps Birdlip open their doors!' in a smaller blue font. Further down, in a very small font, it reads: 'Outstanding' Ofsted registered holiday childcare. Activities running all day including: • A wide range of Sports • Nerf Wars • Arts and Crafts • Face Painting • Talent Shows • Plus lots more! At the bottom, it says 'Book your place now at www.atascamps.co.uk'. In the bottom right corner, there is a pink rectangular button with the text '#COUNTDOWN' in white.

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.

PTA News

Silent Auction – We need your help!

As you know we can't hold our Fireworks night this year, so we are doing an on-line Silent Auction instead and are in need of PRIZES! Please see the poster attached.

5p Challenge – deadline 19th October 2020

Pupils are being asked to collect as many 5ps, 1ps and 2ps as they can and we will see which class has collected the most!

Non-Uniform Day – 23rd October 2020

Children can attend school in non-uniform on this day. We ask for a small donation to the PTA of £1 which will help to raise funds for the school.

100 Club

Thank you for all of the support so far! You can make payment in cash or via PayPal:

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

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/>