



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

Sat 31st Oct, deadline for secondary school applications

Forthcoming Events

Mon 2nd Nov, Back to school for all
Mon 2nd Nov, PTA auction opens for bids!
Wed 4th Nov, Deadline for parent governor nominations
Tue 10th Nov, Parents' Evening (Newly added)
Thu 12th Nov, Parents' Evening (Newly added)
Mon 16th Nov, Pupil flu vaccination
Thurs 17th Dec, Last day of school for pupils
Fri 18th Dec, Inset day for staff

I want to start by saying a big heartfelt thank you for all the kind wishes and words that Kelly and I have received on the birth of our son Robert – they are very much appreciated.

I also want to say a huge thank you to the wonderful Mrs Groves who by all accounts did a stirring job in my absence – though I'm not sure the new additions to my office in the form of fairy lights, fluffy things and unicorns are going to stay...

It's been a long term and a very different one at that - my last thanks therefore is to you all for bearing with us as we've navigated the new normal. In the words of Vinnie Jones – "It's been emotional".

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

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be a little different this year in that, due to the current COVID restrictions, we will need to hold all meetings online using Zoom. Appointments will be the usual 10 minute slots and will be held after school on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November 2020 via Zoom with your child's class Teacher/s.

To book your slot/s you will need to log on to the Arbor Parent Portal at any time from 4pm on Monday 2nd November until midnight on Sunday 8th November. Please make sure you are able to log into the Portal before then and that if you require a password reset for the parent portal you email the school office so that can be reset on Monday 2nd November when we return to school. An email with log in details for the Zoom meeting will be sent nearer the time when the slots have been booked.

ParentPay Reminder

For those that use ParentPay for school lunches (year 3 and above), can you please ensure that accounts are in credit before returning to school on 2nd November 2020.

Temporary Road Closure – B4070 The Camp

We have been informed that there will be a temporary road closure on the B4070 The Camp (Climperwell Cross Roads to just past Calfway junction) for approximately 3 days between 7am and 5pm on Thursday 12th November to Saturday 14th November 2020.

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.

Parent Governor Election – deadline 4th November 2020

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please see the email sent out on 6 October 2020 for further information. **The deadline for nominations is 12:00 noon on Wednesday 4th November 2020.**

PTA News

Silent Auction – 2nd to 8th November 2020

Thank you for all your generous donations for the auction. We have over 80 prizes on offer! Please help spread the word to make this auction a huge success! www.galabid.com/bps
 Please share far and wide! **Bidding starts Monday 2nd November 2020.**

100 Club

We have allocated 90 numbers which is a massive £900! Once the money has been collected, **£450** will be going straight to the PTA and the remainder used for prizes drawn each month from November onwards! Good luck and thank you so much again! If you still need to make payment, you can do so 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

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. Please ensure you also inform the office on same day bookings.

To make your booking, simply follow the link below:

<https://atlascamps.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 – 26th to 30th October 2020

Book your place now at: www.atlascamps.co.uk

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/>