



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/birdlip-schoolpta/>
 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

****Planned Road Closure – 1st to 4th December 2020****

Forthcoming Events

Wed 16th Dec, Caterlink Christmas Lunch
Thurs 17th Dec, Last day of school for pupils
Fri 18th Dec, Inset day for staff

The beautiful crisp and frosty mornings of the last couple of days are a sure sign that winter is finally on its way and with it the possibility that we might just even see a little of the white stuff in the next fortnight (keep an eye on the period between 4th – 10th Dec).

From a school's point of view, providing it is safe to do so, we will always be open but it is worth keeping a close eye on the forecasts and school website as conditions can change rapidly up here compared to the bottom of the hill as those of you who've been at the school a while will attest too.

With all of that in mind please allow extra time for your journey into school if needed (especially next week with the planned road closures) and make sure that you send your child/ren in with a nice warm coat and sensible footwear.

That's all from me, have a lovely week, work hard and enjoy yourselves. Mr M.

Saying Goodbye

We will sadly be saying goodbye at Christmas to the fantastic Miss Dean who works for us as a TA in Golden Eagles class. As a qualified teacher we've been lucky to hold on to Victoria for so long especially as she commutes from near Oxford to Birdlip and back each day. I'm sure that you'll join me in wishing her the very best for the next steps in her career – our loss is very much her new school's gain.

That leaves of course a Teaching Assistant vacancy for a full time position in Golden Eagles class and as such there is an advert out to that effect at present. So if you know of anyone who is interested or you wish to apply yourself please get in touch with the school office (admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk). The closing date is Tuesday 15th December.

****Planned Road Closure – 1st to 4th December 2020****

All main routes into Birdlip will be closed from 1st to 4th December 2020 between the hours of 9:30am to 3:30pm, to allow for the resurfacing of the B4070 Stroud Road, Birdlip. The **only** route into the village and the school will be via Brimpsfield (take the exit to Brimpsfield from the roundabout on the A417). Please allow extra time for your journey especially as the road from the A417 through Brimpsfield and on to Birdlip is single track all the way with limited passing places. Parking will still be available on the road in front of the school. For the most up-to-date information about the scheme, please visit: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resurfacing

OxWell School Survey

In July, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the OxWell School Survey 2020. The results are being used to help understand how young people experienced the first lockdown and the impact on their mental wellbeing. The school will be provided with access to anonymous online summaries of pupil responses from our own school, and can compare findings to the overall survey results. It can be used as a tool to help guide how best to provide any support that might be needed.

ACT Early Campaign (Action Counters Terrorism)

It can be hard to know what to do if you are worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent. For more information, please visit the ACT Early website: <http://www.actearly.uk/>

PTA News

Amazon Smile

If you're doing your Christmas shopping online, we can now receive donations from every purchase made with AmazonSmile. If you haven't already signed up just click the link to set up and then go to Settings on your Amazon app, select AmazonSmile and follow instructions to turn on 'generating donations.' Many thanks for your continued support! <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173968-0>

Atlas After School Club

We are continuing to provide after school care at Birdlip this term. Our coaches have been working hard to ensure children have a safe, fun and engaging time with us at afterschool club. We will be here when and if you need us. Please book your place for this term online at: <https://atlasclamps.co.uk/after-school-clubs/>
Thank you, From the Atlas Clamps Team

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 Christmas Holiday Camp

Atlas **will not** be hosting a camp at Birdlip this Christmas term but if you would like a day full of festive themed fun, book online at a nearby venue such as the Atlas Bussage Camp.

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 - https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_wellbeing/mental_health.html

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/>