



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 3** selection.

Events in the Week Ahead

Mon 14th Dec, Last day for Christmas cards (newly added)
Tue 15th Dec, Robins and Kingfishers Nativity
Wed 16th Dec, Caterlink Christmas Lunch
Wed 16th Dec, Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 17th Dec, Last day of school for pupils
Fri 18th Dec, Inset day for staff

Forthcoming Events

4th Jan, Inset day for staff
5th Jan, First day of term for pupils
15th Jan, Foundation Stage Sept 2021 application deadline

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. Anon.

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

A message from the Governors

Dear parents and carers,

We just wanted to write you a quick note to share some thoughts on Mr M's letter that he provided yesterday.

Whilst it is never pleasant to see someone so valued leave a school and community such as ours, we must recognise that he, Kelly and Sophia deserve the family time they want and need, especially with the arrival of their latest little one, Robert. Never one to shy away from hard work, we think that a new baby, a new house and new horizons will certainly keep him busy for most of next year.

We know that you will all join me in thanking David for his gigantic and unrelenting efforts at the helm, guiding the school through thick and thin and preparing our children for the big world out there. Fortunately, we still have a few months of his company to enjoy before the end of the Easter term, by which time we will be in a position to announce the leadership succession. We think that it is testament to his thoughtfulness that he has signalled this decision so early, allowing the governors more time to fill his enormous shoes.

Being the nautical type that he is, we'd like to simply wish David and his family Godspeed.

From all of the Governors at Birdlip Primary School.

School Admissions for September 2021

For anyone wanting a school place for their child in foundation stage in September 2021, you must submit your application by midnight on **15th January 2021**.

Robins and Kingfishers Nativity Play – 15th December

As mentioned last week, as we can't have a live audience we are intending to film the event for distribution to parents in those Robins and Kingfishers – if you would rather your child was not filmed please let the school office know so that we can make arrangements.

The pupils in Robins and Kingfishers will be staying on at school until about **4:45pm when parents would need to collect**. We will give the pupils a small snack and get them changed into their costumes for the performance. As it's likely to be cold outside please ensure that you have warm clothes for your child to wear under their costume. If you've any questions about the above then just ask Mrs Groves or Mrs Harding.

Road Closure - A46 Coopers Hill – from 4th January

The A46 on Coopers Hill will be closed from 4th January 2021 for 12 weeks for landslip repair.

Christmas Cards - reminder

Please ensure all Christmas cards have been sent in by the end of Monday so that they can be in 'quarantine' until Thursday when they will be handed out to pupils to take home. Remember to include the child's name and year group on the front of the envelope.

PTA News

100 Club

December's lucky winners are:

- 1st - Gareth Bell
- 2nd - Martina Bernhuber

Your winnings are safely in the office so feel free to collect on your way past. Congratulations and good luck to everyone for next month.

Goody Bags

With the absence of the traditional school Christmas disco, the PTA have kindly donated some goody bags for the children to take home on Wednesday 16th December 2020. The goody bags will have had a week of 'quarantine' before being distributed to the pupils.

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 Camps 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.

Amazon Smile

If you're doing your Christmas shopping online, we can now receive donations from every purchase made with AmazonSmile. To sign-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>

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_welbeing/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/>