



**Parental support:** [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk) or [glosfamiliesdirectory.org](http://glosfamiliesdirectory.org) **Head Teacher's email address:** [head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk)  
**PTA fundraising via internet purchases:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipschoolpta/>  
**Parent Matters** [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089](http://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](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](mailto:chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk)  
**Health Protection Agency Guidance** [http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb\\_C/1194947358374](http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374)  
**Safeguarding** [http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our\\_school/policies/policies.html](http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our_school/policies/policies.html) **Birdlip Wish list** <http://amzn.eu/9pZsmG2>

Well it's the end of the term and a chance to draw breath and perhaps reflect on the most difficult of times. I think it would be an understatement to say that the last few months have been challenging. All things pass though and there is light at the end of the proverbial tunnel not least because Spring is on the way and with it the chance to enjoy more of the outdoors even if we are still locked down in some form.

We are of course no clearer yet as to the return date for all pupils although I think it likely that the much talked of date, 8<sup>th</sup> March, will see a return for most, if not all pupils in primary schools – I have my fingers and toes crossed for the conditions to be right for this to happen.

I'll leave you with the thought that we are gaining half an hour of daylight per week at the moment and by the time the half term ends sunset won't be until nearly 6pm. Happy days.

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

### **Student Teachers**

This week we bid farewell to Mr Campenau who has been working since before Christmas in Kingfishers class – we wish him well for the next steps in his career. We have also welcomed a new student teacher, the lovely Ms Seward who joins Robins class on placement until the end of March. I'm sure that you'll all extend a warm welcome to her.

### **Atlas After School Club**

We are currently providing after school care for Key Worker and vulnerable pupils only. 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 online at: <https://atlasclamps.co.uk/after-school-clubs/>

### **Birdlip Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is currently available for use by Key Worker and vulnerable pupils only. For more information, please contact the play leaders on: [bplaygroup@internet.com](mailto:bplaygroup@internet.com) or 07914 091 427.

### **Dyslexia - Free Courses for Parents**

The Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity are offering free places on their HELP Parents Course to lower income families. The courses help parents of children with dyslexia to support them at home with reading, spelling, maths and study skills. Please visit their website for more information and how to book -

<https://www.helenarkell.org.uk/news/new-dates-help-course-for-parents-online.php>

### **Money Management Workshop for Parents**

Adult Education are offering a free workshop for parents to learn how to budget more effectively. This is a free workshop for lower income families. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

### **Road Closure - A46 Coopers Hill – from 4<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **PTA News**

### **The 100 Club Winners**

The 100 Club winners for February are:

1st Prize - Mrs Davis  
2nd Prize - Lyndsey Willats

Congratulations to you both and your prize money will be waiting for you in the office when we reopen fully. Good luck to everyone for next month! Thank you again for supporting this fundraiser!!

### **Links for Mental Health Support and Online Safety**

Online Safety:

[https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent\\_information/health\\_wellbeing/family\\_support.html](https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_wellbeing/family_support.html)

Mental Health support available in Gloucestershire:

[https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent\\_information/health\\_wellbeing/mental\\_health.html](https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_wellbeing/mental_health.html)

### **Birdlip Playgroup**

Birdlip Playgroup remains open and runs on a Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 08:45am - 12:45pm (Term time only). You can register your child by contacting the play leaders at [bbplaygroup@btinternet.com](mailto:bbplaygroup@btinternet.com) or 07914 091427.

### **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/>