



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 School Emergency Phone No: 07775 203 435
 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, 8th Mar, All pupils returning to school

Mon, 8th Mar, Poetry Competition deadline

Tues, 9th Mar, Vision Screening and National Child Measurement Programme - YR and Y6 only

Forthcoming Events

Wed, 31st Mar, Last day of term

Thu, 1st Apr, Inset Day (staff only)

Mon 19th Apr, Return to school for all

I woke up with that song from Les Miserables running round my head 'One more day...'

I can't tell you how much we are all looking forward to having all the children back in school – it just isn't the same without them. This lockdown has been very different from the first, much more of a grind, and I think anyone would be lying if they said they hadn't found it tough. I know I have.

I rather feel we should all get a badge or something for coming out the other side but I suppose that the experience instead will be indelibly inked on our psyche. However, there is light again at the end of the proverbial tunnel and the prospect of spring in the air too boot and there are many things to be thankful for.

I'd like to say thank you now to all of you – you all stepped up to the plate when the need arose particularly with respect to the home learning.

I have to say that I take my hat off to you all, your response to the challenge has been overwhelming and you all should be rightly proud of your achievements. Between the classes we had over 15,000 pieces of work submitted during the lockdown – a huge amount!

I hope that you will find a way to reward yourselves with at least some sort of rest and perhaps something nice!

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

Road Closure - A46 Coopers Hill – from 4th January

Please remember that the A46 on Coopers Hill is currently closed (from 4th January 2021 for 12 weeks) for landslip repair.

School Uniform

All pupils should return to school on Monday 8th in school uniform. We are aware that during the lockdown children will have grown and as such some may not have shoes etc. that fit – if this is the case then please make sensible alternative arrangements and let the school office know.

In addition to this many children will have had a birthday during Lockdown and if this is the case they may choose a day (other than the first Monday back) to come in their own clothes.

On the subject of shoes one of our lovely Year 1 mums shared this link with me <https://www.clarks.co.uk/measureandfit-at-home> It allows you to print out a template to measure your child's foot size which is very useful when ordering online. Thank you for the tip!

Vision Screening and National Child Measurement Programme - Year R and Year 6 Pupils Only

The School Nursing Service will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 9th March 2021** to carry out the vision screening for children in reception, and height and weight checks for reception and Y6. If you do not want your child to take part, you will need to opt out. For further details, please refer to the email sent to you by the school office on 23 February 2021.

Loaned Laptops

If you have been allocated a school laptop for use at home please return it to the school office on the morning of **Monday 8th March** (if you are dropping off at Breakfast Club there will be a member of staff in the office from 7.45am). The laptops will be quarantined before the ICT Technician removes any stored data and they are reconfigured for use in school again.

Prescribed Medication

If your child has any newly prescribed medication that needs to be given during the school day, please ensure that it is delivered in person to the school office on Monday 8th March along with a completed Parental Agreement to Administer Medicine form which can be downloaded from the school website.

Lunch Provision

Please can all Parents of KS2 pupils (Y3-6) who will require a Caterlink lunch for their child/ren ensure that they have sufficient credit on their Parentpay accounts to cover the cost of meals before they are taken. The current Spring 2021 menu can be found on the school website.

UK Sepsis Trust

Sepsis is the immune system's overreaction to an infection or injury. Normally our immune system fights infection – but sometimes, for reasons we don't yet understand, it attacks our body's own organs and tissues. If not treated immediately, sepsis can result in organ failure, limb amputation and death. Yet with early diagnosis, it can be treated with antibiotics. It's not rare, and affects 245,000 people, killing 48,000 in the UK every year, which is more than breast, bowel and prostate cancers combined.

The symptoms in adults are:

Slurred speech or confusion

Extreme shivering or muscle pain

Passing little to no urine throughout the day

Severe breathlessness

It feels like you're going to die

Skin is mottled or discoloured

Sepsis can kill in under 24 hours, and can affect anyone, of any age, including those without existing health conditions. The Sepsis Trust is on a mission to end preventable death from sepsis. We do this by educating our communities on what to look out for, and encouraging everyone to 'Just Ask, Could It Be Sepsis?'

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open to all pupils (separated into the same bubbles as school) **from Monday 8th March 2021 and runs from 7.45am**. Prices are based on arrival time:

- arrival between 7.45am-8am = £5.00 per session;
- arrival after 8am = £4.00 per session

To register and book spaces, please contact the playgroup leaders on: bbplaygroup@btinternet.com or 07914 091 427.

Atlas Camps After School Clubs and Holiday Camps are Back!

Atlas Camps aftercare will be back and open to all families at Birdlip from Monday 8th March 2021. In addition to this, holiday camps will be back this Easter and open to all families.

Atlas Camps After School Club

<https://atlasclamps.co.uk/asc/birdlip/index.php>

Atlas Camps Easter Camp

<https://atlasclamps.co.uk/birdlip/index.php>

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 or 07914 091427.

EYFS & KS1 Fruit & Veg Scheme

The scheme to provide a free piece of fruit or vegetable to every child in EYFS and KS1 each day will resume on Monday 8th March therefore it is not no longer necessary to provide a snack.

Milk

Free milk will resume for pupils under 5 years of age from Monday 8th March. If you currently pay for milk for a child who is over 5 years old, this will also resume and Cool Milk will be in touch shortly after they adjust account balances to account for the period of closure.

Links for Mental Health Support and Online Safety

Online Safety:

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

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/>