



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-school-pta/>
 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 3rd May, Bank Holiday Monday - school closed

Forthcoming Events

Tues 18th May, Virtual Parents Evening

Thur 20th May, Virtual Parents Evening

Fri 28th May, Last day of term for pupils

Mon 7th June, Return to school for all

It has been another busy week filled with rigour, fun and enthusiasm. It's been lovely getting to know the community and I have certainly been made to feel most welcome.

As a staff, we have been looking at our reading provision. Reading is certainly one of Birdlip's strengths and as the hardest academic skill that is ever taught in school - it is certainly one we want to get right. It is also an area in which collaboration between home and school reaps huge rewards. Once children can "read" or "blend" words the journey has only just begun and each child now has a bookmark to provide examples of the next stages of reading such as inference, prediction and retrieval. We have also sent home today a pamphlet we have produced to explain our reading provision at Birdlip. I certainly didn't know a great deal about it when I taught my children to read!

Also to prompt reading and to spruce up the library display we would like to run a reading competition. We have asked the children to send in a picture of themselves reading in an unusual place. For example, up a tree, riding a tractor or in a strange place. Please send in your pictures to admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk. House points will be given to every picture received. I would also like to thank Mrs Ward who has generously given up her time this week to help organise the library.

We are also lucky to have a PGCE student helping with Golden Eagles until the end of June. Extra help is also a bonus and it's lovely to learn from students as it is to impart experience. I'm sure we will make Miss Barbara Hindle most welcome.

Andy Milner

Parents Evening – 18th and 20th May 2021

Parents Evening will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 18th May and Thursday 20th May 2021. To book your appointment slot/s, you will need to log on to the Arbor Parent Portal at any time from 9am on Saturday 1st May until midnight on Sunday 16th May 2021.

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



Piano Lessons

Jenny Roberts is our new peripatetic piano teacher. She will be providing piano lessons on Wednesday afternoons. For further information or to book, please email jenny.louise.roberts@gmail.com

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

Mr David Meade has space for two new guitar or ukulele pupils this term. He teaches at Birdlip on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to know more, please email Mr Meade - guitar@davidmeade.plus.com

PTA News

A big thank you for all the generous donations to the sponsored litter pick, we have managed to raise a fantastic £715!

Well done to everyone that took part, great work! The prize draw to win the Easter goodies hamper and the Big Easter Egg for picking up the most litter, took place yesterday and the winners are...

William and Gus - Easter Goodie Bag
Emmi - Big Easter Egg

Well done for your amazing efforts! You can collect your prizes from the office from Tuesday.

Nexus Fostering

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Gloucestershire, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them. To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Gloucester and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk

Three Counties Showground Competition

The Three Counties Showground will be running The Fun Life Festival this year for children aged between 3 - 13 years old and their families. Activities on offer will include sports, outdoor games, animals and nature activities. They are running a competition in which you can win a family ticket to the event and a £100 Amazon voucher. Further details are at: <https://www.threecounties.co.uk/news/fun-life-festival-childrens-poster-competition-launches/>

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 Club

Atlas Camps provide after school care between 3.15pm to 5.45pm. Please book your place online at: <https://atascamps.co.uk/asc/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.

Government Guidance for parents and carers: COVID-19

The Government have published a collection of guidance providing [information for parents and carers of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. The collection brings together information and guidance for parents on:

- essential information for the spring term
- COVID-19 testing
- clubs and out-of-school settings
- home schooling and remote education
- support of children and young people

Links for Mental Health Support and Online Safety

Online Safety:

https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_welbeing/family_support.html

Mental Health support available in Gloucestershire:

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/>