



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 1** selection.

Events in the Week Ahead

Forthcoming Events

Mon 17th May, House Competition Day (newly added)

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 an incredibly productive week at school. As a staff we have continued to look at our reading provision and I hope you found the pamphlet and bookmarks we sent home last week a really helpful guide to early reading. We received some amazing photographs of the children reading in unique places which were fabulous - please continue to send them into the office. I really like how the spiral of the whole curriculum at Birdlip stems from reading and regular short snippets each morning emerge the children into a plethora of worlds from famous people, space exploration and poets to crazy mad professors and futuristic time travel. Thank you (again) to Mrs Ward for helping to organise the library and for many parents helping with the library painting project.

We were able to present prizes today for the poetry competition. I was really impressed with the quality of work. Mr Metcalf chose the winning entries from each class and an overall winner. We have put the winning poems on the school website under Gallery. The winners were:

Robins: Lewis
 Kingfishers: Will
 Golden Eagles: Aria
 Ospreys: Tilly
 Overall Winner: Fyrne

As I conclude my third week, I have a much better understanding of our management model. I will continue to be in school for 2 / 3 days each week to oversee the operation and continue to steer the school in its pursuit of excellence. Mr Pugh and Mrs Harding are the key people in school on a day to day basis. Mrs Harding is the first point of contact for any safeguarding concerns and Mr Pugh will assist in any day to day concerns. Both are immensely professional and have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to develop our curriculum and behaviour models for the benefit of the children. Class teachers continue to be an essential port of call in the first instance.

House Competition Day – 17th May 2021

To celebrate our renewed focus on Houses, we will be having our first House Competition Day on Monday 17th May 2021. It will involve various team competitions which will take the form of Maths, English, Art and DT challenges as well as a few sporting challenges. The children will have opportunities to win points for their House throughout the day with the winning House earning themselves a fun activity at the end of the day. **Please ensure that all children come to school in their PE kit for the day.**

Parents Evening – 18th and 20th May 2021

Parents Evening will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 18th May and Thursday 20th May 2021. You can book your appointment slot/s, via the Arbor Parent Portal until midnight on Sunday 16th May 2021.

Reading Competition entries

Here are some of the reading competition entries received so far. Please continue to send them in to the office at: admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk



All Stars Cricket and Dynamos Cricket

Birdlip & Brimpsfield Cricket Club will be running the exciting All Stars Cricket sessions (for children aged 5-8 years) and Dynamos Cricket (for children aged 8-11 years) on Friday evenings 4.15pm to 5pm, from 21st May to 9 July 2021. Please see attached leaflets for more information and how to book or contact Ian Green directly at: iangreenswfc@hotmail.com.

Covid-19 Local Support Grant – Deadline Extended

The Department for Work & Pensions has extended the COVID grant support for vulnerable families until 20 June 2021. The Grant, now called the COVID-19 Local Support Grant, is available to individuals and families with children who have been financially impacted by Covid-19 and it offers support with food, utilities and other essentials. An application form and further information on eligibility criteria can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/covid-19-local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply/>.

The new behaviour ladders have now been embedded into school and we have seen a really positive behaviour ethos in school. It is lovely to present weekly certificates based on the school's key values - Respect, Kindness and Resilience, each week.

Thank you for continuing to support our COVID risk assessments. We hope to review the procedures in the next few weeks and return to a single bubble. This will allow cohesion between the year groups and allow the true Birdlip community to thrive and ensure the Year 6 can gain a greater sense of responsibility as they prepare for secondary school.

Andy Milner

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup Awarded to Red Foxes

Atlas Camps After School Club

Atlas Camps provide after school care between 3.15pm to 5.45pm. Please book your place online at:
<https://atlas camps.co.uk/asc/birdlip/index.php>

Atlas Camps – June Half Term Camp

Atlas Camps will be running their holiday camp in Birdlip from 1st June to 4th June 2021. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.



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.

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to all pupils (separated into the same bubbles as school) from 7.45am. Prices are based on arrival time and include breakfast:

- 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.

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_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/>