



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 2** selection.

Events in the Week Ahead

Mon 17th May, House Competition Day (PE kit all day)

Tues 18th May, Virtual Parents Evening

Thur 20th May, Virtual Parents Evening

Forthcoming Events

Fri 28th May, Last day of term for pupils

Mon 7th June, Return to school for all

I wish the weather would improve: this is the time of year when we can usually make use of our fabulous outdoor space and explore an outdoor curriculum. However, it has been a great week and we have turned our attention to devising house competitions and looking at creating opportunities for the Year 6 pupils to take a greater responsibility into running the school.

As we begin to ease lockdown measure, we have taken the following steps from Monday 17th May:

- **The school will now operate in two bubbles** - Golden Eagles will join Ospreys for outdoor play.
- **There is no obligation to wear masks inside school;** although staff and pupils may do so if they wish.
- **There is no obligation for parents to wear masks dropping off and picking up:** Please continue to drop off and pick up in the normal way and please do not loiter in the school grounds.

Please see the attached letter for further information. The updated risk assessment will be available on the school website shortly.

I am really looking forward to Monday and the house competition. It is a lovely way that children can come together to work as a team and the plethora of events planned looks really exciting. Each week the house vie for the trophy via house points and this week it was only 5 points which separated all four houses so I am really interested to see which team will win after Monday's events.

Andy Milner

National Book Tokens Competition

If you fancy nominating the school for a chance to win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library, please [click here](#). If your entry is picked, you will also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself. Closing date for entries is 31st July 2021.

House Competition Day – 17th May 2021

As you know, we will be having our first House Competition Day on Monday 17th May 2021 so please ensure that all children come to school in their PE kit for the day. The winning House will earn an afternoon (later in the term) around the campfire, toasting marshmallows. **Please let the office know if your child/ren are allergic to marshmallows.**

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.

B4070 The Camp – Roadworks – 19th, 27th, 28th May 2021

Please note that there are planned roadworks on the B4070 The Camp (Climperwell Cross Roads to just past Calfway Jct) on 19th May and also 27th and 28th May 2021. Please see attached for further information. The works are weather dependent so do keep checking the online schedule at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/surfacedressing

Reading Competition entries

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



Your Mental Health and Wellbeing - Top 10 Tips for Parents

Please [click here](#) to access practical advice on how parents can safeguard their mental health and promote their wellbeing.

PTA News

100 Club Winners

The 100 Club winners for May are:

1st Prize – Rob Rowswell

2nd Prize – Victoria Hurdman

Congratulations! Please collect your prize money from the office and good luck to everyone for next month!

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup Awarded to Yellow Hedgehogs

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.

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 – Holiday Club

Atlas Camps will be running their holiday camp in Birdlip from 1st June to 4th June 2021. For more information and to book, please visit:

<https://atlas camps.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.

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/>