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"Helping each other prepare for a bigger world"

Respect

Kindness

Resilience

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 7th June, Return to school for all

Half term has arrived so quickly; I can't believe the number of events we have managed to pack into only 30 days of school. It's been lovely to observe well-being days and house competitions and to see the positive behaviour approach having a positive impact in school life.

I am very happy to launch a new revised school website. It is still a work in progress, but we would like to share more information about school life and in particular our curriculum and pastoral care. We will be adding a plethora of photographs and further information in the next few weeks but please have a look (on any device) to see the changes – www.birdlipprimary.co.uk

Mr Pugh and I were able to launch Google Classroom with Golden Eagles today. We showed them how to log in, provided usernames and passwords and showed the class how to access documents and answer questions. Google Classroom sits within a Birdlip domain which is locked for only users at Birdlip; please be assured it has been locked by an IT expert and can be monitored very easily by Mr Pugh and myself - Google Classroom is an upgrade from Seesaw. Ospreys have been using Google Classroom at school successfully since the beginning of term. For more information about how Google Classroom we will be hosting a presentation evening early next term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their support and hard work this term. A huge well done to all the Birdlip Champions and Birdlip Shield winners and I look forward to another fun packed and busy term after the half term break.

Andy Milner

Amazon Wish List – Library Books

As you know, we are trying to improve our stock of books in the school library and for use throughout the school for guided reading and the wider reading curriculum. If you would like to donate any books to school, a full list of what we need is available here: <https://amzn.eu/cVgR1hs>

Contract Tracing Requirement – May Half Term

Parents and Carers must inform the school of a **positive case where a pupil developed COVID-19 symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**. The school will then assist in identifying close contacts and advising of self-isolation requirements, as the individual may have been infectious whilst attending school. If you find this applies to your child/ren **before midnight on Sunday 30th May 2021**, please email the school office on admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk with the full details **and** then send a text to the school emergency mobile number 07775 203 435 to inform us of the positive result and that the details have been emailed.

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme

The school will be participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe*. online programme on 10th June 2021. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities aimed at helping children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way.

Campfire fun!

Yellow Hedgehogs enjoyed toasting marshmallow around the fire this afternoon! Well done again for winning the House Competition.



Cirencester Kingshill School – Yr5 Open Mornings

Cirencester Kingshill School will be holding Yr5 opening mornings on:

Monday 5th July between 9:15 and 11:55

Tuesday 6th July between 9:15 and 11:55

Wednesday 7th July between 9:15 and 11:55

For further information, please see poster attached. Please note that you will need to book a place by calling 01285 651 511, selecting option 4.

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup Awarded to Green Deers

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

Pate's Grammar School Open Mornings – Yr 5/6

Pate's Grammar School will be holding further Yr 5/6 open mornings, to include a student-guided tour, presentation from Russel Ellicott, Head Master, opportunity to meet staff, ask questions and find out more about the entrance test. Booking is essential at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/patesgs>

Year 5 Open Morning - Monday 12th July 2021

Year 6 Open Morning - Thursday 9th September 2021

Wellbeing Courses for Parents

Adult Education in Gloucestershire are offering various courses next term via Zoom for parents/carers and grandparents living in Gloucestershire. Courses include:

- **Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home** - Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00. This 6 week course looks at the science behind feeling good and gives parents the opportunity to try out different wellness techniques to see what works best for them.
- **Writing for Wellness** - Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00. This 5 week course focuses on using writing for wellbeing, using free writing to develop wellbeing and building learners skills and confidence to write for themselves to share life stories with their family.
- **Calming the Mind** - Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 or 7:30-8:30. This course is a 6 week introduction to mindfulness.

Please see attached posters for further information.

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



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/>