



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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**Respect**

**Kindness**

**Resilience**

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 PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipprimarypta/>  
 Parent Matters [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089](http://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](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](mailto:chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk)  
 Health Protection Agency Guidance [http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb\\_C/1194947358374](http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374)  
 Safeguarding [http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our\\_school/policies/policies.html](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

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June, KS2 Google Classroom presentation @ 6pm**

### Forthcoming Events

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> July, PE Kit order deadline (newly added)**

What a difference a half term break makes and a week with glorious weather. It was lovely to see so many eager footballers last week taking part in the football camp; my thanks to Mr Pugh for making the time and bringing the enthusiasm!

I am still hopeful school can return to complete normality next week and finally reach the one bubble marker, however recent news feeds have been concerning and we might have to wait a while longer. Please continue to be vigilant and abide by our current safety measures. Not long now.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you virtually next Wednesday evening for the Key Stage 2 information session on our new virtual learning platform, Google Classroom. All the children in Ospreys and Golden Eagles have now used it in class - Ospreys extensively - so it may be asking them for a sneak preview!

Thank you for the lovely feedback about our new website. It's still a work in progress, but we are pleased how the new look can share important information about the curriculum and life at school.

Andy Milner

### Introducing Google Classrooms – KS2 parents/carers

We have launched Google Classroom across KS2 and will be hosting a virtual presentation evening **at 6pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021** for all KS2 parents and carers. A zoom link will be emailed out next week.

### Amazon Wish List – Library Books

If you would like to donate any books to the school library, a full list of what we need is available here: <https://amzn.eu/cVgR1hs>

### The Birdlip School library is finally ready to open next week!

Thank you so much to all the wonderful parents who have contributed to setting it up in so many ways by: painting the bookcases, buying new books or donating books, making a sign and helping to scan in hundreds of books so the children can now borrow them.

Children will be allowed to borrow one book a week from the fiction or non-fiction areas of the library. They can keep them for up to a month if they wish but we do request that they are returned no later than a month to enable children to have access to all the books. However, they can change them once a week if they wish. There are plenty of books for children who are not yet independent readers and we have said that they can choose longer stories for parents to read to them if they wish.

They will be able to borrow/return books during their lunch hour one designated day a week.

Monday - Kingfishers

Tuesday - Ospreys

Wednesday - Robins

Thursday - Golden Eagles

We have four Y6 librarians who, after a bit of training, will be in charge of running the library and keeping it in order. They are: Jack, Harry, Ollie and Charlie.

We have had books donated by parents whose children did football over half term with Mr Pugh. These good-quality books are used in the KS2 classes to stimulate writing or are used in guided reading. We will shortly be adding to the Amazon wish list focusing on books used in class in KS1 in a similar way. Thank you to Mr Pugh for setting this up over half term.

The children (and staff) are very excited about the library and we know that this will further enhance your child's reading repertoire and continue to help them develop a love of reading.

Sue Harding

### PE Kit Orders

For all future PE Kit orders, we request that you complete an order form and make payment in full via your ParentPay account at time of ordering. Order forms are available on the school website (please [click here](#)) and should be returned to the school office by email or hard copy. **The deadline for orders this term is Friday 2nd July 2021** and kit orders will be delivered to school for distribution at the start of the September term.

### 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](mailto: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>

### 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](mailto:bbplaygroup@btinternet.com) or 07914 091427.

### Child Safety Week

Child Safety Week is the flagship annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT). CAPTs theme for the week **Share Because You Care** is to raise awareness of things in and around the house that could cause serious injury to children and young people. More information can be found on the CAPT website and there are lots of documents and information available [www.capt.org.uk](http://www.capt.org.uk)

### PTA News

#### 100 Club Winners

The 100 Club winners for June are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Mrs Groves

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Liz Barnes

Congratulations to you both. Your winnings are ready for collection from the school office. Good luck to everyone for next month!

#### Appeal for Unwanted Uniform

The PTA are hoping to hold a secondhand uniform sale at the end of school one day to raise funds for the school. If you have any unwanted school branded uniform that you wish to donate, please bring to the office next week.

#### Marling School Virtual Open Event for Year 4 & 5

Marling School will be holding a virtual open event at 4pm or 5pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. This is aimed at **YEAR 5** and **YEAR 4** students and their parents. If you would like to take part, please register via the Marling School website <https://www.marling.gloucs.sch.uk/joining-us#open-events>.

#### 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](mailto:admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk)



### **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](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](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/>