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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 2** selection.

Events in the Week Ahead

Thurs 8th July, Non Uniform Day (newly added)

Forthcoming Events

Tues 13th July, Second hand uniform sale (KS1 only)

Tues 13th July, Sport Day (sorry no spectators) **(revised date)**

Thurs 15th July, Second hand uniform sale (KS2 only)

Friday 16th July, Yr6 activity day

It was lovely to welcome the new reception children this week; it was a very successful time and they looked at home really quickly. It is such an exciting time when children start school and as Mrs Groves so eloquently said in her zoom presentation to the new parents, reception is arguably one of the most important and exciting school years - they learn so much!

We are also very excited to have arranged a fun day out for the Year 6 children. Their final months at primary school have not been ideal but they have been magnificent and their resilience, good humour and adaptability will serve them well in the future.

Next year, I have been asked to continue my role as Executive Head Teacher of Birdlip and Coberley for a further 12 months. The benefits of this role enables cohesion using the very best practices, shared resources and professional development, innovation, financial benefits, effective moderation and so much more. I have also really enjoyed my time at Birdlip and I am really excited about staying.

Mr Pugh and Mrs Harding have been fantastic this term and we have become a very efficient, proactive and productive team. Mr Pugh has handled the day to day running of the school superbly and Mrs Harding has an excellent handle on the children and safeguarding. Since Mrs Harding has such a fabulous knowledge of all the Birdlip families, she has now become the Safeguarding Lead (DSL), whilst I have reverted to the deputy role (DDSL).

We welcomed Ms Smith today for her first visit after a long absence. The children were delighted to see her for the first time in almost a year. We look forward to welcoming her back on a more regular basis in September.

Andrew Milner

Non Uniform Day – Thursday 8th July 2021

We will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 8th July 2021. We are asking for a small donation (suggested £1) to help raise funds for the PTA.

Sports Day – revised date

We will be holding Sports Day on Tuesday 13th July (with a reserve date of Thursday 15th July). Unfortunately, due to COVID, we will not be allowing spectators on this occasion.

SEN Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a full time Teaching Assistant to work term time only including inset days, to start on 2nd September 2021. Please [click here](#) for further information. Application packs may be obtained from the school, via email: admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk. **Closing date for applications is at 9am on Wednesday 7th July 2021.**

Covid-19 Local Support Grant

The Covid-19 Local Support Grant has now been extended and will close at 5pm on 30 September 2021. The Grant was created to support people who have been financially impacted by Covid-19 and is intended to help with, for example, the cost of food, household bills and other household essentials. Click [here](#) for more information.

PTA News

PTA Second hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding second hand uniform sales after school in the shelter:

Tuesday 13th July – KS1 only

Thursday 15th July – KS2 only

There will be a donation pot available.

Atlas Camps Summer 2021

Atlas Summer Camp will be running from 22nd July to 2nd September 2021 and are now accepting bookings. Please see the attached leaflet for further details or visit: <https://atlascamps.co.uk/birdlip/> to book your space.

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup awarded to Blue Rabbits

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>

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.

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 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.

Experienced Cleaner Required

Mitie (our cleaning contractors) are looking for an experienced cleaner at Birdlip Primary School. Hours are Monday to Friday 16:00 to 18:12 (11 hrs per week), with pay up to £9.50 per hour depending on experience. Please contact Mark on 07850 922 258 for more details.

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_wel-being/family_support.html](https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent-information/health-wel-being/family-support.html)

Mental Health support available in Gloucestershire:

[https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent-information/health_wel-being/mental_health.html](https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent-information/health-wel-being/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/>