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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 3** selection.

Events in the Week Ahead

Mon 12th July, Ugly Bug Ball (Robins and Kingfishers only)

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

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

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

Friday 16th July, Yr6 activity day

Forthcoming Events

Tues 20th July, Year 6 Leaver's Service (sorry no parents)

Tues 20th July, Last day of school for pupils

It's been another lovely week and the sun is certainly threatening to produce another lovely summer. Thank you for your continued support in adhering to our current risk assessment - only 7 school days to go until normality in September can resume. It will be lovely to have whole school events and we are really looking forward to welcoming families to key events.

We have learnt a great deal in the last 18 months and we will seek to produce best practice in all we do, whether it be having the option of virtual meetings, rigorous hygiene protocols or blended learning provision. As an educator, it has been wonderful to allow education to move away from traditional Victorian teaching methods to a new approach enabling children to be better prepared for modern workplaces.

We have been conducting various questionnaires recently to gauge children's opinions on school life which enables them to have a voice - it is after all their school. Your opinion matters too, and whilst we will never appease everyone, I always welcome feedback. Our u-turn this week regarding tablets reflected opinion but our plan to introduce Google Classroom into Key Stage 2 will greatly enhance our provision. Our target is to source another class set of tablets (we purchased one set in April) and at the time of writing we have kindly been donated 7 (we are using the Lenovo M8 tablets). The next stage is to approach companies and benefactors as sadly our finances do not reach to another class set this year.

In addition to technology (and sport!), I also have a passion for creativity and I would love to see more music, drama and art next year at school as we re-open fully. It would be lovely to have some feedback regarding this vital part of children's development.

The leavers service will take place on Tuesday afternoon (20th July) where we will say goodbye to the fantastic Year 6 cohort. The assembly should last around about an hour where the Year 6's will say goodbye in their own words and we'll have a screening of the leavers film for them. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we will not be allowing parents to attend this year but all children will get a copy of the film to take home with them.

Next week, we are looking forward to Key Stage 1's Ugly Bug Ball, school sports day (the day will be weather dependent), and the Year 6 adventure - just need the sun. As we begin to look forward to the summer holidays, I have been sent this link to a summer reading challenge which certainly looks like our thing. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Andrew Milner

Ugly Bug Ball – Robins and Kingfishers

The children in Robins and Kingfishers Class have been busy learning about mini beasts and will be having an 'Ugly Bug Ball' day **on Monday 12th July** during the school day. This will include lots of mini beast themed activities, including a mini beast picnic. **Please let the office know if there are any specific dietary requirements that staff should be aware of.** Children are also invited to dress up as their favourite mini beast, or they can wear non uniform.

EYFS Play Area

This is a polite reminder that the EYFS outdoor play area is for use by Robins children only and should not be used outside of school hours.

School Chickens

As you may already know, the school have some lovely chickens up the top of the field and they are proving very popular with the children. **Could you please let the office know if your child has any known allergies which would prevent them from carrying out any 'chicken tasks'** such as handling the chickens, adding bedding to the hen house or handling feed.

Lost Earrings

A pair of earrings have been handed into the office. Feel free to come and collect if they are yours.

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup awarded to Red Foxes

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://atascamps.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.

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

PTA News

Second Hand Uniform sales

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

Tuesday 13th July – KS1 only

Thursday 15th July – KS2 only

Donations can be made in a donations pot or via PayPal - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ATNerMvbm>

Non Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards non-uniform day. You can still donate via PayPal - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ATN9L7fZd>

Caterlink Dinner Menu – September 2021

The new [Caterlink dinner menu for September 2021](#) is now available on the school website. Please also find attached for your convenience.

Roadworks – B4070 The Camp – Studs reinstatement

Roadworks on the B4070 at The Campy will be completed overnight between 1900 and 1700 on Monday 12th July 2021. Please see the map attached.

Cirencester Kingshill School – Open Events

Cirencester Kingshill School will be holding various open events during September 2021. Please see the attached leaflet for dates and further details.

Atlas Camps Summer 2021

Atlas Summer Camp will be running from 22nd July to 2nd September 2021 and are now accepting bookings. Please visit their website to book your space: <https://atascamps.co.uk/birdlip/>

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.

Links for Mental Health Support and Online Safety

Online Safety:

https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_welbeing/family_support.html

Mental Health support available in Gloucestershire:

https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_welbeing/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/>