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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/birdlipschoolpta/>
 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

Tues 20th July, Year 6 Leaver's Service at 2pm

Tues 20th July, Last day of school for pupils

Forthcoming Events

Tue 17th Aug, Football Coaching (booking essential)

Thur 19th Aug, Football Coaching (booking essential)

Mon 6th Sept, First day of term for all pupils

It certainly feels like a relief to have got thus far without another COVID related incident. From Monday 19th, the rules are changing and we would no longer have to send a bubble home which is welcome news; however, please continue to stay safe and adhere to our safety measures.

As we conclude the term, we have to say some sad farewells. In addition to Year 6, who begin the next stage of their journey at a range of secondary schools, we also say goodbye to Mrs Taylor, TA in Golden Eagles, as she begins a new job closer to home. In September, we look forward to welcoming Miss Tyson to the TA team.

As we begin to plan for September, we will certainly keep some changes in place, such as hygiene measures and blended learning provision but hope to revert to a more sociable existence. We will await news from the County Council concerning regulations before we can put definite plans in place.

The Ugly Bug Ball on Monday was magnificent for Key Stage 1. The costumes were lovely and I enjoyed the myriad of wings, tentacles, additional legs and antennae. Thank you for your support with costumes - it was a fun filled day.

Andrew Milner

Return all library books please

Could you please ensure that all Birdlip Primary School Library books are returned to school **by Tuesday 20th July**. We hope this will reduce the number of books being lost over the holidays.

A message from the chair of governors

As we near the end of a hectic yet brief summer term we can reflect on all of the remarkable events and initiatives that have gone on, both in the spotlight and behind the scenes. The children have shown exceptional resilience throughout these trying times and I would like to especially thank the teachers and staff of our beloved school, for stepping up to the mark and delivering a fantastic service and experience to the children.

The end of this term also marks the end of an era: Marcus Griffiths, after over a decade of providing wisdom and leadership to the governing body, has decided to step down. He has seen the school change throughout the years in many different ways and we are indebted to his help and support to the school.

Sports Day Results

Sports Day on Tuesday was a fantastic event organised by Mr Pugh and Mr Harber. There were 50 events on offer and every child competed in at least 10. We were thrilled by the attitude of the children, supporting their friends and never giving up - true resilience. A champion from each year group was selected and an overall house winner.

House Winners

Green Deer	1504
Blue Rabbits	1514
Yellow Hedgehogs	1548
Red Foxes	1597

An incredibly close event, well done everybody.



Football Coaching Sessions

Mr Pugh has very kindly offered to provide two football coaching sessions during the summer holidays and these will take place 9am to 12pm on Tuesday 17th August and Thursday 19th August 2021. Please [click here](#) to book in for one or both of the sessions **by the end of Tuesday 20th July 2021**. Please complete one form per child.

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup awarded to Yellow Hedgehogs!

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>

Adult Education In Gloucestershire

This summer, Adult Education in Gloucestershire are running some virtual workshops for people who have struggled to get their Maths and English qualifications. Please see leaflets attached for more details.

Museum in the Park

The Museum in the Park's indoor collections displays are ready to welcome back visitors and have a (mainly outdoor) summer holiday programme in store for families, including an outdoor theatre show – The Railway Children (24th July – booking advised) and a free drop in Art in the Park day (28th July). Please see leaflets attached for more details.

Big Cricket Celebration

Gloucestershire County Cricket Club have organised a free event for children aged 5 to 11 on Tuesday 10th August 2021. Please see the leaflet attached for more details.

The Royal International Air Tattoo

The Royal International Air Tattoo will be providing a free live stream **at 10am this Saturday**. It will include flying displays with a special 50th anniversary twist! Click [HERE](#) (to watch via YouTube) or click [HERE](#) (to watch via Facebook).

Year 6 outing

Year 6 had a lovely end to the term today at the Cotswold Water Park, canoeing, paddle boarding and rafting. On such a glorious day, they spent more time in the water than on top of it but they all got stuck in; a glorious way to spend a day. My thanks to Mrs Richardson, Mr Pugh and the many Year 6 parents who helped with transport.

Minor fall or injury process at school

Currently, if your child has a minor fall or injury during school hours, your child is given an accident slip to take home, detailing what happened and what first aid was applied. We have recently also introduced a bravery sticker to try to make it more obvious if you have not spoken to a member of staff at pick-up.

Lost Earrings

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

PTA News

100 Club Winners

The winners for July are:

1st Prize – Becky Rice

2nd Prize – Melanie Griffiths

Congratulations to you both and thank you to everyone who supported the 100 club this year.

Non-Uniform Day

We made a great £126 from the non-uniform day donations – thank you!

Second Hand Uniform sales

Thank you for purchasing the second hand uniform – we have made £55 so far. Donations can still be made via PayPal: <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ATNerMvbm>

Thank you

A huge thank you from the PTA for the donations to all of the fundraisers this year. Every bit helps! We will set a date in early September for the AGM so we can hopefully plan lots of exciting events for the year like we used to!

We hope everyone has a lovely summer and thank you for all your continued support.

The PTA Team

E-Scooter Awareness

With the growth in popularity of electric or e-scooters it can be confusing to understand what the law is in relation to their use. Please see the leaflet attached for more details.

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.

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://atlas camps.co.uk/birdlip/>



Experienced Cleaner Required

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_wellbeing/family_support.html

Mental Health support available in Gloucestershire:

https://birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/health_wellbeing/mental_health.html

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

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/>