



Birdlip Primary School Newsletter



Friday 24th September 2021

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"Helping each other prepare for a bigger world"

Respect

Kindness

Resilience

Useful Links

Head Teacher's email address: head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

School Emergency Phone No: 07775 203 435

Confidential contact for Governing Body: chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

School closure website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>

Safeguarding: https://www.birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/safeguarding/new_menu.html

Ofsted Parent View: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Health Protection Agency Guidance http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374

Parental support: www.familylives.org.uk or glosfamiliesdirectory.org

Parent Matters: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089

Birdlip online Virtual School Uniform Shop: http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/advanced_search.php?skl_id=38923&pager=view_all

Birdlip Wish list <http://amzn.eu/9pZsmG2>

Amazon Wish List – Library Books: <https://amzn.eu/cVgR1hs>

PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipschoolpta/>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu choices for next week should be taken from the **week 2** selection.

Diary Dates

Events in the Week Ahead

Mon 27th Sept, Deadline to return Flu Immunisation Consent forms

Forthcoming Events

Tues 19th Oct, Parents Evening (booking details will be sent out shortly)

Thurs 21st Oct, Parents Evening (booking details will be sent out shortly)

Fri 22nd Oct, Last day of term

Sun 31st Oct, Deadline for Secondary School applications

Sun 31st Oct, PTA Halloween Pumpkin Trail (newly added)

Mon 1st Nov, Pupils return to school

Fri 5th Nov, School Photographs (newly added)

Thur 11th Nov, Nasal Flu Immunisations for pupils (newly added)

Wed 24th Nov, PTA film night (newly added)

Message from Mr Milner

Dear parents,

It has been a glorious September week and we have thoroughly enjoyed the warm weather enabling us to be outside as much as possible. Thank you for your continued support with keeping the children well and virus free - our focus on hygiene and ventilation are paramount although an old fashioned cold virus has seeped into the school. Please keep us informed regarding any PCR tests taken by the children.

It's been lovely welcoming back Ms Smith from long term absence. She will be working predominantly in Ospreys and Kingfishers, enabling Mr Pugh and Mrs Harding some essential leadership time out of the classroom. We are also looking forward to recruiting one more member of the support team in the next few weeks to cover Mrs Champion in her absence. Application for this appointment can be obtained by emailing the school office.

It was great to see all of Golden Eagles at school in time for the swimming coach on Monday. We are so pleased to resume swimming and I have heard really kind comments from the leisure centre staff concerning behaviour and good manners. Same time next Monday, don't be late!

We have had a good look at the timetable this week to ensure that in addition to reading, writing and maths the children were experiencing the creativity and skills the whole curriculum offers. We have tried to make our curriculum exciting and engaging with opportunities to work independently and creatively.

It has been lovely to hear music lessons now in the schoolhouse and hear the Ospreys' music workshop in the village hall every week. We are planning an Autumnal art morning too, on the 1st October, which is really exciting.

We are looking forward to hosting the Roman Road touch rugby tournament at the beginning of October for children in Key Stage 2. We are hoping to get a number of teams out for this and I have been promised lots of free tickets to one of the upcoming Gloucester-Hartpury women's rugby matches in a couple of weeks time. More details to follow.

Andrew Milner

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup awarded to Yellow Hedgehogs



Harvest Festival and Foodbank

The children will be heading over to Birdlip Church for their Harvest festival on Monday 4th October. Please note that this is a service for the pupils only, where they will have the opportunity to share their knowledge and understanding of the harvest with each other. Unfortunately the Foodbank are not currently visiting schools due to the pandemic, but an interesting [YouTube video](#) is available if you wish to watch with your children. With more people than ever visiting the Gloucester Foodbank for help and support, they are restructuring their facilities and are asking for monetary donations to help towards these plans. If you would like to donate, please visit the [Gloucester Foodbank fundraising page](#).

Request for windfall apples

Robins will be making some bird feeders next week and are looking for donations of any windfall apples. If you have any, please can you drop off at the school office by Thursday (30th September). Thank you in advance, Mrs Platt.

Little Princess Trust – Harvey's Hair

As you may already know, one of our pupils, Harvey, has been growing his hair for the last 2 years for the Little Princess Trust and he is almost ready to have it cut off. Harvey has raised over £700 already!

PTA News

100 Club

Welcome to the 100 Club! We have the numbers 1 to 100 and you can purchase as many numbers as you like for £10 each. Half of the total money raised (up to £500) goes straight to the school PTA and the remainder goes into a prize pot which is split into about 9 months of winnings!! Each month, we draw out two numbers and award 1st and 2nd prize! This is a fantastic money raiser for the school so if you fancy taking part, please either pop into the office or look out for Jenny at school drop-off and pick-up (and a bright green folder) and we can get your numbers sorted! Ways to pay will be circulated in the week. Thank you in advance, The PTA Team.

Quick Reminders

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme

Please contact the office if you have not received a letter outlining the Childhood Nasal Flu Programme. You will be asked to consent or decline the flu vaccination for your child. It is important that you complete the consent form and return to the school office by **Monday 27th September 2021**. Further information can be found at www.nhs.uk/child-flu

No Nut Policy

Please note that due to the severity of potential nut allergies, please do not send your child in with snacks/lunch box contents containing nuts.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child continues to bring in a named water bottle. Can we please also ask that bottles contain water and not squash.

Use of ParentPay for all payments to school

We are a cashless school and therefore ask that any payments are made via ParentPay. All parents have access to the system but if you need any assistance logging on for the first time please contact the office at admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk Any cash or cheques received at the office will be returned.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

If your child will be attending an after school Extra-Curricular club, please ensure you collect your child at 4.15pm from the Teaching Block.

Well-Being Wall

Please continue to send in more photos (& a short explanation) showcasing your child's achievements outside of school, so that we can add them to our new Well-Being Wall. This could be anything from embracing the great outdoors, sporting achievements, or any new hobbies – any activity that helps improve mental well-being and promotes a healthy life-style. Please email them to: admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

Wrap Around Care

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to all pupils 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. For more information and to book your place online visit: <https://atlascamps.co.uk/asc/birdlip/index.php>

COVID-19 – What symptoms to look out for and what to do next

If your child 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 PCR test. **You should also inform the school office as soon as possible. Siblings can continue to attend school as long as they do not develop any symptoms.**

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 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> and
- 2) Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your result – only leave home to have a test.

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

Playgroup and Holiday Clubs

Birdlip Playgroup

Birdlip Playgroup 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 October 2021 – 4 weeks to go

Atlas Camps October 2021 are open for bookings. Please visit their website for more information and to book your space: <https://atlas camps.co.uk/birdlip/>

