

Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 18th March 2022

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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 1** selection.

Diary Dates

Events in the Week Ahead

Forthcoming Events

Mon 28th Mar, Final Kingfishers Swimming Lesson (newly added)

Fri 1st Apr, Extra-Curricular Club Fair (newly added)

Mon 4th Apr, Ospreys Trip to Thinktank Science Museum

Wed 6th Apr, PTA Film Night – details to follow (newly added)

Thur 7th Apr, PTA Crazy Hair and/or Hat Day

Thur 7th Apr, Last day of term for pupils (newly added)

Mon 25th Apr, First day of term (newly added)

Mon 25th Apr, Robins Swimming Lessons begin – details to follow (newly added)

Message from Mr Milner

Dear parents,

Another really busy week at school but thoroughly worthwhile. Just today we had the Year 6's on their bikeability course, Kingfishers creating their percussion song with Eddie Parker, Y4-6 creating nests as part of Forest School and a hive of discussion regarding our daily science dilemma posted on Google Classroom. It certainly feels that education is fun...not to mention Super Hero Robins last Monday!

Parents' Evening was a great success; thank you for the high attendance and feedback. It certainly appears that the combination of face to face and online meetings works very well.

We continue to be hit by staff and pupil absences. Although we are taking all the necessary precautions it often seems to be bad luck. Thank you for continuing to abide by our requests and thank you for your support of the staff who are all working above and beyond to cover for colleague absences. On a staff note, we bade farewell to Miss Sullivan this week as she concluded the end of her contract - we wish her all the best for the future.

We hope everyone had a lot of fun for Red Nose Day. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith for organising the day and the talent show. Definitely a worthwhile cause.

Andrew Milner

Fantastic feedback about our Year 6 Pupils

The Year 6 completed the Bikeability cycle training this week and the Bikeability team have provided some lovely feedback:

"Just wanted to say how much we enjoyed working with your school and the outstanding group of Yr6 this year. They were bright, enthusiastic, engaging, thoughtful and resilient; everyone achieved all we could expect and more. You have all been a pleasure to work with and we look forward to seeing you all again."

"I work in many schools around Gloucestershire and feel fortunate to be able to instruct children in how to cycle safely on the roads. We though are really only as good at delivering the course where the outcome depends completely on the attitude and behaviour of the children. I have to say that all children on the course were wonderfully behaved, courteous, respectful, interested and understanding and were a credit not only to the school, teachers and parents, but also to each other which made our job an absolute joy. Thanks to each and every one of them, it has been an excellent week regardless of the weather on Wednesday. I very much look forward to returning next year."

School Council Cake Sale - £83 raised – Thank you!

As a few of you know, we had a cake sale on Tuesday with the cakes left over from the Pop-Up Café. This time the money will be used to buy school mascots for each classroom. They will be given to the class champions each week to display on their desk. For Robins there is a Robin, for Kingfishers there is a Kingfisher and so on.

Harvey, School Council

Red Nose Day – £98.50 collected so far – Thank you!

The children and staff have had a fantastic day taking part and watching the School Talent Show - what a lot of talent we have throughout the school. Well done everyone! We will share some videos and photos next week.

Please note that all donations for the Red Nose Day events (talent show and non-uniform) can still be made via the [Comic relief Charity Page on ParentPay](#)

Free School Meal support during the Easter holidays

This Easter half term, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to the Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. Parents will receive a voucher for £30 per child who is eligible for FSM.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the Easter holiday period must be submitted **by midday on Monday 4th April 2022** (note that if you have signed up previously you do not need to re-register). Voucher emails will be sent out between 6th and 7th April 2022. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Quick Reminders

Extra-Curricular Club Fair – Friday 1st April 2022

An opportunity for children to promote any clubs they attend outside of school - **please try and acquire some leaflets from your club in advance for them to hand out at the fair**. This event is open to all so please come along and help inspire our children to try different things. Please [sign-up here](#) if you would be able to help set up and/or serve refreshments during the event.

The Wellbeing Wall

Children are often discussing the pictures and events they can see their friends doing on the Wellbeing Wall. If you have any further photos for the wellbeing wall, whether it is a sporting achievement or something they do to relax or just enjoy, please send these into admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk.

Ospreys Trip to Thinktank Science Museum – Monday 4th April 2022

Ospreys class will be visiting the Thinktank Science Museum on Monday 4th April 2022. The PTA are funding the coach cost but we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £9.50 via ParentPay to cover the entry cost.

PTA News

Pop-Up Cafe - 11th March 2022 – Thank you!

The PTA would like to thank everyone who generously supported the pop-up cafe, despite the weather, raising a superb £276!! This money will cover the cost of one return coach trip enabling a year group to benefit from a fun and educational visit.

Sponsored Litter Pick – Deadline is 31st March 2022

We are encouraging the children to litter pick in their own local area and ask for sponsorship through the [GoFundMe page](#). When you have completed your litter pick, upload a photo to the GoFundMe page and tell us how many bags you collected. There will be a prize awarded to the child who collects the most rubbish bags. **Deadline is 31st March 2022.** Good luck!

PTA Film Night – Wednesday 6th April 2022 - CONFIRMED

The PTA film night will be held after school on Wednesday 6th April 2022. Thank you to those that have offered to help – we couldn't run it without you. The cost will be £5 per child (to include squash, popcorn and healthy snacks). The sign-up form will be circulated once the films have been agreed. Payment to be made via ParentPay.

PTA Crazy Hair and Hat Day – Thursday 7th April 2022

Come to school **with crazy hair or hat** to raise money for the PTA on Thursday 7th April 2022. Suggested £1 donation via ParentPay.

Future Events and Donations

With the wonderful donations and fund raising over the past few years, the PTA has provided financial support to the school in the form of new tablets for pupils helping to drive the school forward with the new curriculum and wider educational information; new toilet facilities in the teaching block; additional library books and equipment and coach hire for various school trips.

We desperately need to keep this support up and are asking you now for input please in the form of the following:

- Prep and/or run a PTA event, e.g. Film Night, Pop-Up Cafe, Spring Fair etc as part of the team
- Attend the events with children and family members
- DIY skills to do odd jobs at the school as part of a working party
- Send in ideas for future events

Please do let a member of the PTA know if you can help in any way, be it donating time, useful items or hard cash! ;-)

Our email address is birdlipschoolpta@gmail.com, or grab Jodi, Dani, Lise, Lauren or Claire N or one of your year reps in the playground...!

Regular Donation Option

For anyone who perhaps can't spare their time but is able to donate a regular amount, be it £3-5 per month, or £30-50 at the start of each term. Every little helps and is greatly appreciated! All the money raised through the PTA goes straight back into the school to benefit all children across the year groups.

The PTA bank details are:

Birdlip School PTA
27670668
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Thank you for your ongoing support

PTA Team

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 Aftercare

Atlas Camps Aftercare provide after school care between 3.15pm to 5.45pm. For more information and to book your place online visit: <https://atlas camps.co.uk/asc/birdlip/index.php> **Please note that the emergency number for Atlas when your children are with them is 07522 909 409.**

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 – Easter Holidays

Atlas Camps will be running a Holiday Camp at Birdlip over the Easter Holidays. Please see the Atlas Camps website for more information: <https://atlas camps.co.uk/>



Support and Guidance for Parents

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.

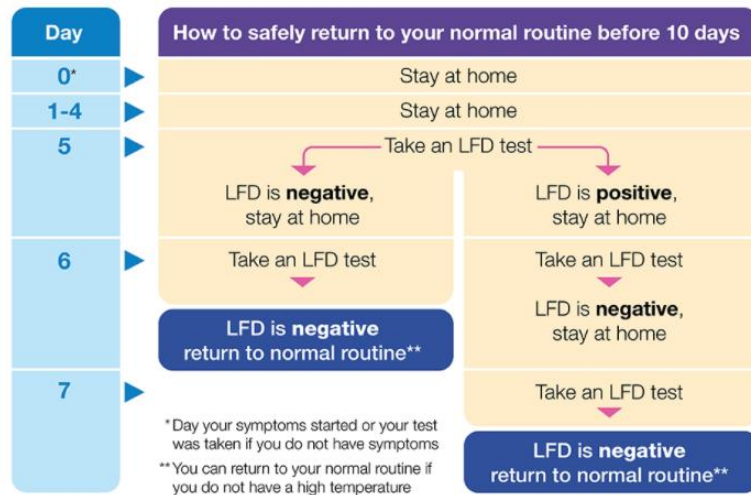
COVID-19

If your child displays COVID-19 symptoms, your child should not attend school and you should follow [Government guidance](#).

Current Advice (Public Health)

- No need to continue with regular testing (staff and pupils)
- No longer a legal requirement to stay at home BUT if you have a positive test the PH advice is to stay at home.
- Children should not attend school while they are infectious. They should take a LFT test after 5 days (from the outset of illness or the first positive test) followed by another one the following day. If both these are negative they should return to school provided they do not have a temperature.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Parents

- Please inform the school if your child has a positive COVID result and keep your child at home
- Please follow the above flow chart for a speedy return to school
- There is no need to keep siblings off school if they are well
- Please use Google Classroom if your child is well enough to complete school work.