



Birdlip Primary School

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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/birdlipsschoolpta/>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu choices for next week should be taken from the **week 1** selection. Please note that there will be a special Easter Menu on Wednesday 27th April 2022 (see attached).

Diary Dates

Events in the Week Ahead

Forthcoming Events

Tue 19th Apr, Allocation Day for primary school intake Sept 2022

Mon 25th Apr, First day of term

Mon 2nd May, Bank Holiday (newly added)

Tues 3rd May, Ospreys Class Residential (newly added)

Tues 21st June, Kingfishers Class Trip to Copesgrove - details to follow (newly added)

Message from Mr Milner

Dear parents,

It feels like an achievement to have finally reached the end of a particularly long Spring term. The last few weeks with excessive staff absences has been demanding but has shown what a truly dedicated and professional staff team we have at Birdlip.

We have managed to maintain a busy week with a plethora of trips including the very successful Ospreys trip to ThinkTank last Monday, a hugely popular PTA film night and two substantial sporting events; the final of the county small schools football and the local netball competition - both of which we won! The football an incredible 9-0!

We had a very successful day of interviews this week and we are delighted to have appointed Miss Alanah Willmott to boost our teaching team in Golden Eagles from September. I know we will all make her feel most welcome.

Andrew Milner

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



Sporting Achievement

It was an amazing week of sporting achievement, beginning on Saturday with our football team playing in the finals day at Longlevens. We've been playing games since January to qualify for the final and our team were superb, winning against Huntley 9-0. Every single player applied themselves incredibly well and their sportsmanship was clear to see both during and at the end of the match. We're all incredibly proud of how well the children represented the school.



Then on Wednesday we took an incredible 3 teams to the district netball tournament and every single child was brilliant. All teams managed to win a game against another school and we really grew into the tournament as the games went on. We were very successful coming out on top and winning the gold medal for the district, beating a very strong Randwick team in the final 3-1. We look forward to taking this incredible form into our summer sports having already been champions at Rugby, Football and Netball so far this year it's clear to see that the level of sporting activity at Birdlip is incredibly high. With that in mind we'll rearrange the extra-curricular fair after easter to show what fantastic clubs are available to the community.

Mr Pugh

Ospreys Class Trip to Thinktank Science Museum

On Monday Ospreys had their trip to Thinktank in Birmingham. The class had an amazing time consolidating their science learning for electricity through an amazing lesson on static electricity with some rather interesting costumes needing to be worn. The rest of the day was spent learning about the human body, robotics, engines, the environment and amazing mechanics. The class had an incredible day and we look forward to the residential next term.

Mr Pugh



Online Safety Course for Parents

Adult Education in Gloucestershire are running an Online Safety Course for parents and carers on Wednesday mornings from 4th May 2022 for 4 weeks. This course will help parents understand how to keep their children safe online. Please refer to the attached leaflet for more information.

Quick Reminders

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.

PE Kit

For those of you that ordered PE Kit in March, your orders are now ready for collection from the office. Please note that there is still a delay on the PE shorts for this and previous orders and we will let you know when the shorts are ready - thank you for your patience.



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I wonder what
adventure your child's
book will take you all to
tonight?



*Daily reading with your child using our school's **VIPERS** will make
a huge impact with your child's education*

PTA News

PTA Film Night – Thank you

The children had a great time at the PTA Film Night! Thank you to everyone that helped - these events can not happen without your support. Please remember to make payment via ParentPay if you have not done so already - **we should make a massive £300!!**

PTA Crazy Hair and Hat Day

The children all looked amazing today and have **raised a fantastic £75** in the process. You can still make donations via ParentPay if you have not done so already. Thank you for your support.

Litter Pick

Litter Pick - thank you to everyone who has done a Litter Pick so far. If you haven't yet done it you can still get involved during the Easter break and donate via the gofundme page. We will be announcing the winner of 'the most picked' in the newsletter on Friday 29th April.

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:

Ac name: Birdlip School Parent teacher Association
Sort code: 30-99-15
Account: 27670668

So far this year we have helped the school and the children by paying towards 30 class tablets, as well as numerous school trips to Warwick Castle, ThinkTank Science Museum, We the Curious, Black Country Museum, Slimbridge, Smart Trees - all things that greatly enhance each child's development and love to learn.

Thank you for your ongoing support
PTA Team

Fun Activities over Easter

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme's purpose is to make sure children who are eligible for Free School Meals (means tested) are entertained, active, educated, safe and fed between 11th to 14th April 2022. For more information and to book on the activities, please [click here](#).

Gloucester Rocks

Please find attached the Gloucester Rocks Easter Newsletter. Included are lots of local community events, some places to visit, parks, walks, plus some Easter crafts and recipes - www.gloucesterrocks.co.uk

Recommended Extra-Curricular Clubs outside of School

Please continue to send in any recommendations you have for clubs your children attend outside of school - these could be sporting clubs, choirs, art clubs etc, and we will share them in the newsletter.

Gloucester City Swimming Club

Gloucester City Swimming Club is based at GL1, Gloucester. Please see the leaflet attached for more information.

Brockworth Swimming Club

Brockworth Swimming Club is based at Brockworth Sports Centre. You can [visit their website](#) for more details.

All Stars and Dynamos Cricket

[All Stars cricket](#) (5-8 year olds) and [Dynamos Cricket](#) (8-11 year olds) run as an 8 week course, starting on Friday 6th May 2022. They are both based at Birdlip Cricket Club but also at other local locations if you require a different time/day.

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/>

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.**

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

Please click here to read the [Government's latest guidance on living safely with Covid-19](#) and [what to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19](#)

There are simple things you can do in your daily life that will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections and protect those at highest risk. Things you can choose to do are:

1. Get vaccinated
2. Let fresh air in if meeting others indoors
3. Practise good hygiene
 - wash your hands
 - cover your coughs and sneezes
 - clean your surroundings frequently
4. Wear a face covering or a face mask

If your child has a high temperature or is unwell please keep them at home but if they are well enough to be in school, then they are welcome to attend. If your child tests positive on a COVID-19 test, the advice is that they isolate for 3 days and remain at home until they no longer have a temperature and feel well enough to attend.