



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 2** selection.

Diary Dates

Events in the Week Ahead

Mon 2nd May, Bank Holiday

Tues 3rd May, Ospreys Class Residential

Forthcoming Events

Tue 17th May, Golden Eagles Trip to Thinktank Science Museum – details to follow (newly added)

Fri 20th May, Robins Class trip to Bristol Aquarium (newly added)

Tues 21st June, Kingfishers Class Trip to Copesgrove – details to follow

Tues 12th July, Sports Day (newly added)

Thurs 13th July, Back-up Sports Day (newly added)

Message from Mr Milner

Dear parents

Welcome back to the Summer Term. It is always the busiest and quite often the best term of the school year. Another great week to start the term - Golden Eagles began their music creation sessions with Eddie Parker, and we celebrated huge success with the Netball competition with all the children in Golden Eagles taking part.

I am looking forward to the football tournament this afternoon and next week we are really excited about Ospreys residential with Encompass Training at Great Potheridge House in Devon. The children will be accompanied by Mr Pugh, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Wilson-Copp.

This year we will be resuming our national tests, after a two year absence. These tests are important as they showcase the progress our pupils have made despite the enforced break and we are confident that the children will achieve amazing results.

To remind you Year R are assessed using the EYFS foundation and are assessed against 17 criteria, such as building relationships. Year 1 undertake a phonics screening test, Year 4 will conduct a maths tables test and Year 2 and Year 6 will sit SATs examinations. These tests will occur over the term and we will inform parents of the results. These tests begin on Monday 9th May with the Year 6 SATs tests.

Office arrangements for Tuesday 3rd May - Friday 6th May

As mentioned, Mrs Wilson-Copp will be away next week on the residential. The office will be manned as follows:

Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am to 2.30pm

Thursday 8.30am to 11am

Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm

Andrew Milner

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup Awarded to Red Foxes



Golden Eagles Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 27th of April Golden Eagles took three teams to the small schools netball tournament in Stratford Park Leisure Centre in Stroud. There were eight teams from six schools and we played four games each. We started off quite slow but after a few minutes we were brilliant! We learnt where the players are allowed to go; how to mark; where we could shoot from and where we were allowed to pass. After we got confident with the rules, we were so fast! We were running around the pitch finding spaces to get the ball and intercepting passes. Mr Harber and our teachers were amazed at our progress and how everyone joined in! We got to both semi-finals for team 1 and 2 and eventually came 3rd and 4th out of 8 teams. Sam actually got awarded the best player in the whole tournament, as he scored 8 goals! Sam got a special medal.

Not bad for our first netball tournament. We can't wait for the next one!

Golden Eagles



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – 27th May 2022

The school council will be leading on the Jubilee Celebrations across the school on Friday 27th May 2022. There will be various activities including an afternoon tea where we hope to invite grandparents and/or parents, play old fashioned games and some country dancing. All of the details are still being finalised but the School Council have had some great ideas.

Caterlink are also offering a tasty Jubilee Picnic menu which will be circulated nearer to the time.

If you or any grandparents have any photos of people celebrating the Queen's Coronation in 1952, it would be great if you could bring them into the office so that we can take a copy or email them directly to admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk by **13th May 2022**. We are hoping to use the photos in a display.

Quick Reminders

Tree Planting for the Jubilee

If possible, please remember to send your child in with a small plant pot (or yogurt pot) and some soil/compost so that they can have a go at planting a tree seedling **on Tuesday 3rd May**.

School's Wildlife Area

The School's wildlife area is really coming together but we would love it if anyone could donate the following:

- More logs for seating
- uprooted stumps (for a stumpery!)
- Railway sleepers/thick posts (as seating around a digging area)
- old fence panels
- old paving slabs and half slabs
- Also any fruit trees or hedging (native - Blackberry, Hazel, Hawthorn, Sloe, Elder etc)
- A manual lawn mower (to keep grass pathway clear)

We are also looking for anyone with ideas or the expertise to help us fix the pond. Please contact Ms Platt, Mrs Cookson or the school office if you can help in anyway.

Ospreys Class Residential Trip – Tuesday 3rd May to Friday 6th May 2022

Please aim to get to school for 8.15am, and remember to send your child with a packed lunch for when we first arrive at the venue. If your child requires any medication, please complete the 'administration of medication consent form' and hand this to Mr Pugh directly, along with the medication.

Robins Class trip to Bristol Aquarium – Friday 20th May 2022

Robins class will be visiting Bristol Aquarium as part of their topic 'Under the Sea.' During their time, children will take part in a 'pirates and piranhas' workshop and get to explore the wonders of the aquarium. The PTA are covering the cost of the coach but we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £11 via ParentPay to cover the cost of entry.

PTA News

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.

COVID-19

The Government have provided 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.

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.