



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 13th May 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/birdlipsschoolpta/>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu choices for next week should be taken from the **week 1** selection.

Diary Dates

Events in the Week Ahead

Fri 20th May, Robins Class trip to Bristol Aquarium

Forthcoming Events

Fri 27th May, Caterlink Jubilee Buffet Lunch – **please pre-order** (newly added)

Fri 27th May, Jubilee Tea Party 1.30pm to 3pm – **please book a space** – details below (newly added)

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

Tues 12th July, Sports Day

Thurs 13th July, Back-up Sports Day

Wed 13th July, Golden Eagles Trip to Copsegrove – details to follow (newly added)

Message from Mr Milner

Dear parents

It was a glorious week last week for Ospreys to be in Devon. By all accounts they had a fabulous time and the children made the most of their opportunity. The range of activities, team building experiences and opportunities to learn always make these trips a hugely worthwhile experience. My thanks go to Mr Pugh, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Wilson-Copp for engineering this trip for the children.

A few weeks ago it was lovely to host an informal football competition for Coberley and Sheepscombe. The competition was very close with some amazing games and sportsmanship. The final was between Coberley A and Birdlip A and football certainly won! My thanks for the PTA for organising refreshments and Atlas for hosting the events.

Year 6 excelled themselves this week with their SATs tests. After a two year absence, the tests were reintroduced testing reading, maths, grammar and spelling. They are very demanding tests and I would urge you to Google KS2 SATs to peruse previous year's tests to see the high standards expected by our Year 6 - the results will be available from the beginning of July. It was lovely to see the Year 6 children, energised from their residential proudly wearing their leavers hoodies in school.

This is the lovely part of the year when the weather warms up and we plan an array of amazing school events. We are looking forward to the Jubilee event and the Robins trip, both before half term and a plethora of key events planned after half term, including Osprey's play. We are also carefully planning our teaching model for next year to give the children the very best education; nothing has yet been finalised.

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is a fabulous opportunity to help with monitoring our progress across all elements of the school. It is a rewarding role, although it can be time consuming and demanding at times! The procedure for election is rigid but fair. If you would like any details before we send out formal letters please contact our chair of governors, Jake Norman, Mrs Wilson-Copp or myself for more information.

Andrew Milner

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup Awarded to Blue Rabbits



Ospreys Residential Trip

What an amazing Residential experience! All of the children and staff had a fantastic time last week. Children took on responsibilities as soon as they arrived including making their own beds and wiping down tables and sweeping the floor once everyone had finished eating in the dining hall each meal time.

Then lots of fun stuff - from being whisked up on a swing to the top of a tree, to then abseil back down; raft building, kayaking and wild swimming; crate stacking; orienteering; rock climbing; river walking; and a night walk. It was wonderful to see so many children (and staff) try something new and experience a sense of achievement. It was lovely to see how the children naturally looked after each other if one was a little homesick or wasn't sure about trying something new. Everyone joined in and they should all feel very proud of themselves.



We have also had some lovely feedback from the venue:

'It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Birdlip Primary school. We work with many amazing schools, but Birdlip stands out as one of the best. The children have been an absolute credit to their teaching staff. They have all worked exceptionally well together, showing respect and kindness to others and a willingness to stretch themselves. This is in no small part due to the culture of clear boundaries and respect set by the school staff. This ethos helps give the children the conditions to be able to face new challenges and succeed. The children have grown in maturity and resilience as a direct result of the culture of the school.'

Flamingo Chicks May 100 Fundraiser

"My name is Annabelle Turner and I am a former pupil of Birdlip School. I have recently signed up as a Trustee of the Flamingo Chicks.

Flamingo Chicks is a multi award-winning charity and inclusive community giving disabled and ill children the opportunity to dance and explore movement. It's all about breaking down barriers! Our inclusive programmes change lives, champion the voices of disabled children and tackle increasing social isolation.

The Flamingo Chicks May 100 fundraiser is all about raising vital funds to expand upon this fantastic work in the coming year to bring our inclusive techniques to a much greater number of disabled children right across the UK.

Any and all donations will be gratefully received to help improve the quality of life of the inspirational children that we represent. Please click here to donate through [Crowdfunder](#)"

Quick Reminders

Queen's Coronation in 1952 – Request for photos please

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 **20th May 2022**. We are hoping to use the photos in a display.

Caterlink Jubilee Buffet Lunch – Friday 27th May 2022

Caterlink will be providing a buffet lunch in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 27th May 2022. This will replace the normal lunch menu for that day. Please [click here](#) to indicate if your child would like to have a Caterlink buffet lunch or if you will be sending them in with a packed lunch. **Please complete the form by Thursday 19th May 2022.**

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. Please remember to bring a packed lunch (if you have not already ordered a Caterlink packed lunch).

Queen's Jubilee Tea Party – 27th May 2022

The children are inviting parents and grandparents to attend their Queen's Jubilee Tea Party 1.30pm to 3pm on Friday 27th May 2022. Please [click here to book your space](#) by **Friday 20th May 2022** so that the School Council can make suitable arrangements. Any cake donations to the office Friday morning would be gratefully received.

PTA News

We had a great start to the term with the PTA running a refreshment stall at the Football tournament. Thank you to all those that volunteered and supported we made **£99.50**.

It was fantastic to see everyone get involved in Crazy hair/hat day last term and we raised **£76**.

Our second Film Night of the year was a huge success and we raised **£290**.

The Sponsored Litter Pick has now finished, congratulations Alicja for collecting the most rubbish! Your prize can be collected from the school office next week.

Thank you to all parents, pupils and teachers who got involved in all the activities last term.

We would love to hear fundraising ideas from the school community if you have any thoughts on how we can support and raise money for the school please email birdlipschoolpta@gmail.com or speak to one of the PTA team.

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.