



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 20th 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 2** selection.

Diary Dates

Events in the Week Ahead

Fri 27th May, Caterlink Jubilee Buffet Lunch – **please send a packed lunch if you did not pre-order**

Fri 27th May, Jubilee Tea Party 1.30pm to 3pm (the PTA will continue refreshments until 4pm)

Fri 27th May, Last day of term

Forthcoming Events

Mon 6th June, First day back to school

Sun 12th June, Parent Task Force (to complete DIY jobs around the school) – details to follow (newly added)

Mon 13th June, Non-uniform day – suggested £1 donation (newly added)

Mon 13th June, PTA Film Night – tbc (newly added)

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

Tues 12th July, Sports Day

Tues 12th July, Pop-Up Café and Ice Cream Sales (newly added)

Thurs 13th July, Back-up Sports Day

Wed 13th July, Golden Eagles Trip to Copsegrove – details to follow

Fri 15th July, Summer Fete (newly added)

Message from Mr Milner

Dear parents

As the sun comes out and hopeful summer has now arrived it has been lovely to see the children making fantastic use of our amazing facilities. This week, busy as always, has seen the Year 2 children continue with their SATs, Year 6 working hard to cement their writing assessments and Robins flying off today to the Bristol aquarium. We are also looking forward to next week's Jubilee celebrations.

This week we were also pleased to welcome the local advisor for secondary science who has asked us to present our science offer to all the local secondary schools. He spent some time with us and looked at the children's work. His response was that it was not what he was anticipating; it was far beyond his expectations. This is an indication of how far science has come at Birdlip, largely thanks to Mr Pugh's subject leadership.

We are proud of our curriculum offer at Birdlip and feel that we have a unique and essential curriculum to all our Birdlip children based on the National Curriculum but which reflects our location and bright and enthusiastic children. Over the past 12 months we have introduced Google Classroom, an innovative science scheme, Developing Experts, a new phonics scheme, whole class guided reading and an enhanced music provision. Our new SENCO, Mrs Jowett-Moore has also made huge strides into conquering an increasing demand on all schools. This term as we recommence National

assessments it is great to see how our innovation and tenacity has worked. However, we are continuing to evolve and next term we are looking forward to introducing a new language provision, using Language Angels, focusing on Spanish. Please see the school website for further details.

We have a firm focus at school concerning Internet safety. The Internet continues to evolve and change and although it is 99% useful, exciting and knowledgeable, it is also a huge concern how it will change the lives of the future generation. Whilst we have found the tablets a marvel as an interactive online textbook, we are mindful that we also have to use this time wisely and teach children clear safety messages. We need to prepare them for the future world but to hold onto all the skills and traditions that we hold dear. Please refer to our Internet Safety pages on the school website for further details about Internet safety. Andrew Milner

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup Awarded to Red Foxes



Robins Trip to Bristol Aquarium

We have had the loveliest time today at Bristol Aquarium as part of our 'Under the Sea' topic. The children were delighted to see so many of the sea creatures we have been learning about and our guided tour provided us with lots of new facts to use in our writing next week! We had an opportunity to feed the rays and get inside a huge Megalodon's jaw! The children were exceptionally well behaved and this was commented on by other schools. Well done Robins, what a fabulous day!

Mrs Groves



Quick Reminders

Caterlink Jubilee Buffet Lunch – Friday 27th May 2022

If you have not pre-ordered a Caterlink buffet lunch, please send your child in with a packed lunch that day.

Queen's Jubilee Tea Party – 27th May 2022

We are looking forward to welcoming those that have signed up to attend the school's Queen's Jubilee Party 1.30pm to 3pm on Friday 27th May 2022. Please make your way up to the top school gate on arrival and we will get you ticked off the list. Any cake donations to the office Friday morning would be gratefully received. The PTA will continue the refreshments stall until 4pm to catch those of you there were unable to attend the event.

Holiday FSM Scheme – **register by 24th May 2022**

If you are eligible for Free School Meals and have not yet registered with Holiday FSM Scheme please [click here](#) for more information on the application process. If you have previously registered you do not need to re-register.

PTA News

100 Club Winners

The winners of the 100 Club this month are:

1st Prize – Caroline Brooksbank

2nd Prize - tbc

Congratulations! Please collect your prize money from the office. Good luck to everyone next month and thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Upcoming Events

- **Parent Task Force** (to complete DIY jobs around the school) – 10.30am on Sunday 12th June
- **Non-uniform Day** – Monday 13th June (suggested £1 donation)
- **Film Night** – 3.15pm on Monday 13th June
- **Pop-up Café and Ice Cream Sales** – 1.45pm (tbc) on Tuesday 12th July
- **Summer Fete** – Friday 15th July

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.

Atlas Camps – May Half Term

It's just 1 week to go until Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs at Birdlip Primary School this May Half term with a selection of places still available to book!

Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 4-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts, to sport and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

Highlights include:

- Ofsted rated 'outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available

Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.



For further information, please watch this video: <https://atlas camps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or check out the attached poster.

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.