



Birdlip Primary School

Helping Each Other Prepare For A Bigger World



Friday 8th July 2022

www.birdlipprimary.co.uk

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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 2** selection.

Diary Dates

Events in the Week Ahead

Tues 12th July, Sports Day starts 1pm

Tues 12th July, Pop-Up Café

Tues 12th July, No Cooking Club (**newly added**)

Wed 13th July, Golden Eagles Trip to Copsegrove

Wed 13th July, Last week of Cricket Club (**newly added**)

Thurs 14th July, Back-up Sports Day

Thurs 14th July, Last week of Baking Club (**newly added**)

Fri 15th July, Summer Fair 3.30pm to 8pm – [you can pre-purchase your adult tickets here \(children go free!\)](#)

Fri 15th July, Summer Disco 6.30pm – [sign-up here](#) and pay via ParentPay (**newly added**)

Forthcoming Events

Tues 19th July, Ospreys Show at 6.15pm

Thurs 21st July, Leavers Assembly at 2pm – Yr6 parents and carers are invited – [sign-up here](#) (**newly added**)

Thurs 21st July, Last day of term

Message from Mr Milner

Dear parents,

We are thrilled this week to have received our SATs results. These combined with the phonics screening in Year 1 and the SATs in Year 2 and 6 show amazing progress and attainment. A huge congratulations to all the children and teachers who have truly enabled the children not only to catch up post pandemic but thrive.

We sent letters home this week with the individual results for children in Year 1, 2 & 6. In the phonics screening 88% children achieved the pass grade. Key Stage one saw a 77% success in reading, writing & maths combined, with 85%, 84% and 76% achieved in each subject separately. In Key Stage 2 the national press reported 59% of children achieved the combined standard for reading, writing and maths; at Birdlip 86% achieved the standard and indeed 14% achieved greater depth in all three subjects. Subject specific results saw a 100% pass in reading and maths and a 86% pass in writing and grammar - significantly above the National Average, with a number of children achieving a greater depth standard. This year we were moderated by the County Council for Key Stage 2 writing to validate our results. The EYFS results (for reception children) will be reported in their end of term reports.

I am so pleased our new walkway is open from the village hall to the school. Children no longer need to walk through the car park to get to the hall thus improving our safety at school. It is also a godsend to other groups who use both facilities such as Atlas After School, Birdlip Playgroup, Brownies and Rainbows.

It has also been lovely to welcome students into school for work experience. This week we welcomed Grace and Aoife and next week to look forward to welcoming Holly.

Moving up day

Moving up day was a lovely event on Wednesday. We welcomed the new reception children and Miss Wilmott, our new Golden Eagles teacher. It was a really positive day with some very excited children!

Future events

As we begin the last few days of the school year, please keep your eye on the calendar. We are looking forward to Osprey's play, the PTA summer fair and disco and sports day - all in a matter of days. If in doubt, please ask.

Andrew Milner

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup awarded to Green Deers



Request for Boxes

We require lots of large boxes to help move and store various items including all of the lovely library books during the summer refurbishment. If you have any that we can use, please hand them into the office. Thank you.

Request for Toy Cars

Mrs Groves would like to refresh her selection of toy cars and wondered if anyone has some that they could donate. If so, feel free to hand them into the office or to Mrs Groves directly. Thank you.

Music Tuition – Guitar, Ukulele and Brass

Mr Meade has a few places available for new instrumental music pupils from September. He offers lessons on Guitar, Ukulele and Brass instruments on Thursday afternoons during the school day. For more information, please contact Mr Meade directly at guitar@davidmeade.plus.com

Quick Reminders

Ellie the School Dog

Ms Quilty, Business Manager, has a lovely little dog called Ellie. She has been in the office with us for the past few months and we would love for her to sit with the children at story time as well as listen to them read. Can you please [click here to confirm whether you give permission](#) for your child to handle Ellie the school dog under supervision at school. Please respond by Monday 11th July 2022.

Do you have any old Newspapers?

We require at least 30 old newspapers please. Our decorator is hoping to use them to protect the windows during the summer refurbishment. Please hand them into the office.

Do you have any empty Pringle Tubes?

We are still looking for donations of empty Pringle Tubes please so that Mrs Groves can deliver a fun project with Robins class next week.

Golden Eagles Trip to Copsegrove – Wednesday 13th July 2022

Please come to school on the morning of the trip and children will be allocated to those that have offered lifts. Please provide a booster seat (if required). Ensure that your child brings a packed lunch in a backpack, a snack, lots to drink, a sun hat, sun cream, trousers and no open toed shoes/sandals.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Just a quick reminder that most of the extra-curricular clubs have now finished and that next week will be the last Cricket Club and Baking Club for the term.

Holiday Activity & Food programme (HAF) and food hamper bookings for the summer holiday

Please see Newsletter Issue 34 for full details of the programme and how to apply.

Key dates are:

- **Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF)** - bookings for activities will open from 11 July. For more information you can visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf where you can stay up to date on news.
- **The Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme** - Applications will open from 28th June until midday on the 12th July. If you have any queries, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk
- **Food Hamper information for the summer** – the deadline for when you can book your hamper depends on where you live.

Summer Fair, Sponge Mr Pugh and Summer Disco – Friday 15th July 2022

We need lots of volunteers for this event – [please click here to sign up to help](#)

[Click here to pre-purchase your Summer Fair adult tickets here \(children go free!\)](#)

[Click here to book your child's place at the Summer Disco](#) and pay via ParentPay



Birdlip School
SUMMER FAIR
15 July 3:30 - 8pm
Pre-book your tickets at
pta-events.co.uk/birdlipschoolpta

£2.50 per adult
with pre-order
£5 on the gate

Kids
go free

HOG ROAST HOT DOGS
BAR GAMES DISCO
CAKES AND MUCH MORE



£2.50
pay through
parentpay

DISCO
15 July
6:30pm - 7:30pm - all years
7:30pm - 8pm - Y5/6

Sweets & Refreshments

We are looking to raise as much money as possible to sponge Mr Pugh at the Summer Fete - how much of a soaking he gets depends on the total amount we raise - £250 for sponges, £500 bucket and £750 will be an ice bath! Get donating now via ParentPay and if you sponsor the most, you will get to start it all off!

So far we have raised a whopping £230!!! Lets keep it going ☺



SPONGE MR PUGH

£250 SPONGE
£500 BUCKET
£750 ICE BATH



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

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Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

How the Challenge works

- Starting on the 9th July 2022, children can sign up through their local library and receive a 'Gadgeteers' collector poster.
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Gloucestershire Carers Hub



Gloucestershire Carers Hub offer support for all carers, whether people are caring for a parent, a child or a partner. This includes caring for someone who has poor physical or mental health. It is important that people are registered as a carer, to ensure that they are receiving the support they may require in order to continue this important role. Gloucestershire Carers Hub are running many sessions for carers from cafes to reiki and from 'what is a personality disorder and how to support someone' to art sessions.

Please check out the link below for further information about the sessions being delivered both virtually and face to face:

<https://gloucestershirecarershub.co.uk/news/july-whats-on/>

PTA News

Upcoming Events

Tues 12th July - Pop-up Café and Krispy Kreme Donuts

Friday 15th July - Summer Fair & Disco



Summer Fair

We still need volunteers for the event, so please do let us know if you can help. We would also be very grateful for the following donations – please drop them into the office:

- Teddy Bears
- Wine Bottles (empty and full either alcoholic or not)
- Bottle - any type/size for the bottle tombola (squash, shampoo, conditioner, alcohol, sauces)
- Jolly Jars (full of sweets and bits and bobs)
- Fresh produce (plants, fruit and veg)
- Books and toys
- Raffle Prizes
- Marques (lending of gazebos or bell tents)
- Cakes

Do you have any fundraising ideas?

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

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Thank you for your ongoing support, PTA Team

Local Sports Clubs / Activities

GKR Karate

GKR offer karate sessions throughout Cheltenham, Stroud and Gloucester. A leaflet went home last week put please find it attached for your convenience.

Cheltenham Junior Hockey Club

Cheltenham Junior Hockey Club are a charitable club providing Hockey for 5-14 year olds. Their next England Hockey 'Hockey Heroes' 8 week programme starts in September for children aged 5-8 at Cheltenham Ladies' College. It costs £40 and players receive a Hockey Heroes equipment pack. Please see the leaflet attached for more information or [click here to visit their website](#).

Stagecoach - weekly classes in Dance, Singing and Drama

Stagecoach offer classes in singing, dancing and acting for children aged 4-18yrs, across Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during term times with two week trials available for new students to try it out before committing. Classes run for 1.5 hours each week for 4-6yrs and 3 hours each week for 6yrs+. visit www.stagecoach.co.uk/gloucester to check class times and available places.

They will also be running a Summer School 8th to 12th August at Ribston Hall High School Gloucester. For more information visit: www.stagecoach.co.uk/gloucester#workshops. Childcare vouchers or tax-free childcare payments accepted.

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 Online Safety

[Click here](#) to visit the school website for links to Online Safety.

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.

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 Summer Camp 2022 – 2 Weeks to Go!

It's just 2 weeks to go until Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs at Birdlip Primary school this Summer 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

For further information, please watch this video <https://atlas camps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlas camps.co.uk to book.