



Birdlip Primary School

Helping Each Other Prepare For A Bigger World



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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 on the return to school should be taken from **week 1** of the Autumn Menu 2022.

Diary Dates

Events in the First Week Back

Tues 6th Sept, First day back to school

Forthcoming Events

Mon 12th Sept, Ospreys Swimming – see email dated 20th July 2022

Mon 3rd Oct, Year 5 visit to 'In the Net' (rescheduled performance) – details to follow (**newly added**)

Mon 17th Oct, No Ospreys Swimming (**newly added**)

Fri 21st Oct, Last day of term (**newly added**)

Message from Mr Milner

Dear parents,

Over the past 18 months, I have had the privilege of leading Birdlip. A school I have come to love and a community who have adopted me wholeheartedly. My role initially was for one term to steer the ship before they found a new head teacher but it was apparent there was a lot to do to make the school the best version of itself. The governors asked me to drive improvement and train one of its own to take over. They chose well; James Pugh has all the skills and characteristics of a dynamic head teacher. He has flourished and I am very proud of his ambitions and willingness to learn. The school is in excellent hands.

Over the past 18 months much has changed but the ethos and atmosphere has remained the same. As a society, we have been through a tough few years but I am pleased we have been allowed to have a clear focus on well being and creativity at Birdlip whilst simultaneously trialling innovation. This has proved successful with excellent academic results throughout the school, helped by new phonics schemes, a digital curriculum using Google Classroom, a focus on positive behaviour and school values, new assessment and subsequent tracking software and a huge amount of organisational structure using Google's finest tools.

The innovation has continued outside the classroom with a new website, a new admin centre currently in construction and we will welcome you back to a newly decorated and carpeted school next term - all very exciting.

Amazing children are nurtured by good parenting and outstanding school staff. We have all three at Birdlip and I would like to thank you all for making my time here enjoyable and rewarding. We are also ably supported by a creative and proactive PTA and a supportive governing body; a special thank you to Jake Norman.

I would particularly like to wish the Year 6 leavers all the best as they step up to the next phase of their education - they are certainly ready and they go to a plethora of great local schools. To give advice from Christopher Robin, "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think"

However, the school is too good to leave and I have been asked to stay on for one day a week as a mentor to James and a member of the leadership team for one more year. This will also enable me to continue with our collaboration with Coberley, which has already been financially and educationally successful.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer and I look forward to helping Mr Pugh continue to drive this school forward next year.

Andrew Milner



Message from the Governors

I would like to send a brief message to you all from the Governors before you disappear on a well-deserved summer holiday.

As usual, it is easy to overlook the work that goes on behind the scenes to provide teaching to our children in these busy times. The pressures encountered on a daily basis all whilst delivering a fantastic learning experience, have all been managed terrifically. I would like to thank all of the staff and helpers for providing such a safe, caring and fun environment for the pupils to learn and grow in.

On reflection, there have been so many changes, most subtle and a few overt, and I feel it would be good to highlight some of these enhancements. The secure access to the village hall, the new admin block construction, well-being days, IT roll-out, PE uniform, the summer fair, the work-party day to refresh the school, embedding a new curriculum recently praised and showcased by GCC, the library, the list goes on. My point is that the staff have truly demonstrated resilience in how they have embraced these changes and worked hard to take our school onwards and upwards. Well done and thank you to you all.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to thank Sue, James and Andy. As a leadership team, they have operated with immense dedication and professionalism, guiding the school through some challenges but always with a smile. In particular, I wish to thank Andy for his boundless effort, patience and leadership in helping us all prepare for a bigger world.

Keep safe and have a wonderful holiday.

Jake Norman, Chair of Governors

Golden Eagles Trip to Copesgrove

We had an amazing trip to Copesgrove last week. Thank you to all of the parents that helped with transport and on the day. The following comments are from the children – it is safe to say that this is always a very successful trip with the class voting 5/5 with out exception - actually some children gave it 10/5:

- We liked the den building because we worked as a team and we used our creativity. We like doing the inside after the outside. We had a campfire but not lit, we had a circular path leading up to ours, we had a seating area with a table, we had an extension to ours at the back, we had a back door with a coat hanger near by to hang your things on. At the back of ours we had a hiding place. We had a window to look out of.
- We liked doing the wonder wraps because we learned how to do basic cooking but it tasted very chocolately and delicious!
- The tennis ball challenge made us try new ideas and keep testing them to see if they worked and then we improved it.
- Being in the woods all day made us feel free and one with nature.
- We liked being adventurous.
- I felt alive as we were under the trees just having fun.
- I felt like I was an animal living in the woods.
- It made me feel calm.
- I felt like we bonded.

PTA News



The PTA is looking for a new Treasurer

After 4 years of being Birdlip School's PTA treasurer, Emma Quest, is stepping down as of September, therefore we are looking to recruit a new treasurer to join the fabulous and friendly team. You do not need to be a whizz at numbers, but helpful if you know your way around a spreadsheet. Training will be provided. Please grab one of the team to express interest and for more information.

Thank you

It's been an amazing year this year and we were so pleased we were able to run all the events that we did after 2 years of disruption and online!

The summer fair raised a fantastic £3000 for the school which will go toward the refurbishment of all classrooms this summer.

All of the PTA team would like to say a huge thank you to staff, parents and children for helping us raise such a fantastic amount of money for your school. These events would not be possible without the support of parent volunteers.

We are starting our plans for next year and look forward to another great year of fundraising. We need to raise money for school tablets & our very own school minibus.

Thank you for your ongoing support, PTA Team

PE Days Starting in September 2022

PE will take place on the following days:
Monday – Ospreys and Golden Eagles
Wednesday – Ospreys and Golden Eagles
Thursday – Kingfishers and Robins

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing PE kit on the relevant day.

Quick Reminders

Parental Contributions Towards Trips – Please make payments via ParentPay

The children were able to go on many trips this year and this is all possible due to the generous parental contributions to help towards the cost to the school. There is still time to contribute to the Copsegrove trips and Kingfishers Swimming sessions which took place earlier in the year. Payment can be made via ParentPay and any contribution is gratefully received by the school so that the children can continue to attend such exciting trips.

Summer Reading Challenge – ‘Gadgeteers’

Children can now sign up through their local library and receive a ‘Gadgeteers’ poster; can set reading goals; and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer. They will receive a certificate and medal from the library on completion of the challenge. Further information can be found at: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Local Sports Clubs / Activities



Where: Sinclair Field,
Birdlip & Brimpsfield Cricket Club
When: Sat 23rd July, 2022
Time: 8.00pm onwards

Prizes for the winning team.
£3 per person to enter.
4 people minimum required to form a team.

Don't have a team?
No problem, teams will be formed on the night.

See website and Facebook page for future events and more details.

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SUMMER CYCLING

A FREE DROP IN AND RIDE SESSION FOR STARTERS, DEVELOPERS AND CONFIDENT RIDERS

ARCHWAY SCHOOL
THURSDAY 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH AUG

BETWEEN 10AM AND 3PM

FOR AGES 4 AND OVER

TO CYCLE SAFELY WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

TO HELP ME IMPROVE MY RIDING ABILITY AND HAVE FUN

YOU'LL NEED:
- A BIKE - A HELMET - A DRINK
- A RESPONSIBLE ADULT WHO CAN SUPERVISE YOU AND/OR RIDE WITH YOU TO JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

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WILL SUPPORT EACH SESSION WITH:
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The Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society Annual Show

Birdlip Village Hall

3rd September 2022

Parent & Carer Support Groups

NEW DATES ANNOUNCED! BOOK ONLINE NOW.

What is it? Six FREE sessions to inform & support parents, helping you to understand your child's distress.

Who can attend? Parents & Carers of young people aged 11-18 living in Gloucestershire.

Where? Sessions are delivered remotely via Zoom or face-to-face in venues across Gloucestershire.

When? Times vary. Usually afternoons & evenings.

How do I book?
Head to www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/



Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) – Upcoming Events

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

Bookings are now open for the free activities: <https://gloucestercityhaf.co.uk/> - If your child is entitled to free school meals, select the HAF, otherwise select HAP. All bookings will require you to be signed up to the Children Activity Booking System.

Bookings for the free food hampers depend on where you live – for more information visit: <https://gloucestercityhaf.co.uk/collection-points/>

If you would like any information or support regarding the summer programme, Barnardos Family Support can help you to:

- Sign up to the Children Activity Booking System
- Accessing ticketed events or activities in your area or in the county
- Amending or cancelling bookings
- Food queries including vouchers for SEND children

HELPLINE - Monday to Friday 10am until 4pm - 0330 124 2903 (BarnardosHAF@barnardos.org.uk)

Into Nature CIC

We are Into Nature CIC, a not-for-profit organisation based at Hailey Wood between Cirencester and Stroud. During the summer holidays, we offer sessions for families and children that might be of interest to your school community; some places are funded through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

- Wildcraft Adventures for ages 8 to 14 years (Minecraft-based woodland game) - Thursdays, 4, 11 & 18 August
- Explorer Family sessions for families with children aged 18 months to 12 years - Mondays, 1, 8 & 15 August

Please see the attached poster for more information and how to book.

Access Bike Summer Sessions



**ACCESS BIKE
SUMMER SESSIONS**

**12 - 4PM
WEDNESDAYS
3, 10, 17 & 24 AUGUST**

**CYCLE RIDE | BIKE MECHANICS
CAMPFIRE COOKING**

Free, booked sessions including a healthy 'home cooked' hot lunch for young people aged 12-16 who receive free school meals.
At Fromehall Mill, Lodgemore Lane, Stroud, GL5 3EH

Part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme
Book by emailing haf@cscic.org

For more info on the HAF programme, go to: <https://linktr.ee/hafstrouddistrict>

#AccessBike
#HAF2022

Our community bike workshop is also open for booked sessions of 1-2 hours on Tuesdays 2-6pm, and drop-in Thursdays 2-4pm

and on Thursdays 10am - 3pm we'll be at Archway School for Summer Cycling sessions. Anyone aged 4+ can drop by to have fun and improve their cycling skills. Access Bike can provide food through the HAF scheme - contact us

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ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

www.accessbike.org/find-us
email accessbike@cscic.org text 07582 104038
facebook.com/accessbikestroud
message @accessbike on insta

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!

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.atlascamps.co.uk to book.



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★ AWARD-WINNING MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS ★

★ OFSTED-RATED OUTSTANDING ★

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SUMMER CAMP 2022

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4-14 YRS OLD