



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 23rd September 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/birdlipschoolpta/>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu choices for next week should be taken from **week 1** of the Autumn Menu 2022.

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

Mon 26th Sept, Reading and Phonics Information Evening at 3.30pm – Robins and Kingfishers only

Tues 27th Sept, PTA AGM at 7.30pm – all welcome (**newly added**)

Forthcoming Events

Mon 26th Sept, Reading and Phonics Information Evening at 3.30pm – Robins and Kingfishers only

Fri 30th Sept, PTA Crazy Hair/Hat Day – suggested £1 donation via ParentPay (**newly added**)

Fri 30th Sept, Return completed Nasal Flu Vaccination Forms – more information below (**newly added**)

Thur 3rd Oct, Caterlink School Lunch Census Menu (**newly added**)

Sat/Sun 15th & 16th Oct, Halloween Trail (**newly added**)

Mon 17th Oct, Rescheduled Ospreys Swimming - CONFIRMED

Tues 18th Oct, Kingfishers Class Trip to Cotswold Farm Park (**newly added**)

Fri 21st Oct, Last day of term

Mon 31st Oct, Secondary School application deadline

Fri 11th Nov, School Photographer (**newly added**)

Tues 22nd Nov, Pupil Nasal Flu Immunisations – see letter sent home today (**newly added**)

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents & Children,

It's been a great September so far - the weather has been kind and we've been able to utilise the outside space to its full potential - the children have had a fantastic time on the playground. I want to make another mention of our amazing buddies, they're setting such a good example to our new starters and it's such a joy to see them take their responsibility so seriously. A special thank you as well to those of you who have gone out of your way to introduce yourselves to your child's buddy, it has really solidified the importance of their role and they feel so proud they are making a difference.

Covid and Illness

Thank you as always for your support with keeping the school well and virus free - there is clearly an uptick in cases of illness around the county so please remain vigilant and reinforce the importance of hand washing at home. A reminder to keep your child off school if they are unwell or have a high temperature. If your child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower and they can return to school.

Well-Being

The well-being wall was one of the most beloved parts of the school last year and we are incredibly keen to show-off all the wonderful things the children do outside of school. Please email a picture to admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk of your child doing something they do in their free time: this can be playing a sport or an instrument, producing some wonderful art or any other activity that they love doing! Linked to this, we are hoping to arrange a "Clubs Fayre" where we invite local sports and activity clubs in to showcase what is on offer, so if you have any recommendations please let us know.

PTA

A massive thank you to everyone who donated, helped and attended the pop-up cafe on Friday which raised around £75 - it really is invaluable to enable us to provide fantastic learning opportunities for your children. On that note, a huge thank you to the PTA for their donation in allowing us to purchase tablets for Kingfishers (as well as for the numerous improvements in the school throughout the summer). The tablets have become an integral part of our learning environment, they're used daily to deliver the curriculum and the children benefit greatly from their use.

School Council

Our school council have been democratically elected by their peers to be the voice of the pupils within the school. They have a very important role to play as we want the children to know their opinions are valued as we take their feedback to constantly improve our provision. A big congratulations to the councillors:

Y1 - Sophia

Y2 - Lewis

Y3 - Harry L

Y4 - Tilly

Y5 - Sienna-Rose

Y6 - Henry

Congratulations - we look forward to hearing your ideas!

Swimming and Sport

Our sport season is about to hit full swing as we have several netball and football fixtures planned for upper Key Stage 2. As always we greatly appreciate your support with transport - we really wouldn't be able to do all the amazing events and activities without your help. There will also be a number of tournaments coming up across the whole school to get everyone involved and active.

A reminder that swimming is a statutory requirement which we have to provide as a school. We are working in conjunction with the swimming instructors this year to identify children who meet the statutory requirements at the end of their scheme of lessons. This means in the coming years, we can analyse who will need lessons and who won't and plan sessions accordingly.

James Pugh

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup awarded to Red Foxes



Childhood Nasal Flu Immunisation – 22nd November 2022

Letters have been sent home with all pupils today, outlining the Childhood Nasal Flu Programme. It is important that you read the information and return the completed 'Vaccination Consent Form' (one per child) to the school office **by Friday 30th September 2022**. Please complete the form indicating whether you consent or decline the vaccination. The vaccination session will take place at school in the morning on Tuesday 22nd November.

Reading Doctor

We thought we should share a parent recommendation - <https://thereadingdoctors.co.uk/>, who offer one-to-one reading tuition throughout the UK, either face-to-face or online learning.

EYFS Play area

Please note that the EYFS/Robins outside area is **for Robins use ONLY**. The area is not for use outside of school hours. Unfortunately in the past we have had items broken and misplaced, which reduces the resources available that are used to enrich the learning experience of the children in Robins Class. Thank you for your understanding.

Free School Meal support during the October Half Term

Applications are now being accepted for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the October half term – the deadline is **midday on Tuesday 11th October 2022**. Voucher emails will be sent out on the 19 October 2022. For more information; to check if you are eligible; and to sign-up if you haven't already, please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/>

Quick Reminders

Snacks for Robins and Kingfishers - School Fruit and Veg Scheme

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) is a government programme that entitles every child in England in EYFS and KS1 (in fully state-funded schools) to a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day. The children are therefore given access to a wide choice of fruit and veg each day (there is no need to send in a snack for your child).

Milk at School

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils. School milk is free for under-5s, and for over-5s it is available at a subsidised* price of 28p per day currently. Each child that is registered with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh and chilled to the classroom. If your child is five or older and you would like them to have milk, please register your child directly with Coolmilk at: www.coolmilk.com or call 0800 321 3248.

PTA News



Dates for the diary:

- 27 Sept - PTA AGM at 7.30pm - all welcome!
- 30 Sept - Crazy hair/hat day (Suggested donation of £1 via ParentPay)
- 15/16 Oct - Pumpkin Trail
- 4 Nov - Pop up Cafe @ 3.15pm (based in the shelter)
- 26 Nov - Fire Walk - date tbc
- 23 Nov - Film Night @ 3.15pm
- 9 Dec - Disco and Adult Mulled
- December - Christmas lunch and Jumper day - date tbc

100 Club

If you fancy taking part and purchasing a number or two, please make payment via ParentPay and look out for someone holding a bright green folder in the playground at school drop-off and pick-up, and we will get your numbers sorted.

Pumpkin Trail

The PTA are excited to announce that the Birdlip Halloween Pumpkin Trail is back this year! To give everyone the opportunity to get involved we are holding the trail over 2 days - 15th October and 16th October - please see the attached poster with full details of how to book your tickets! This event is open to all so please share with family and friends.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/birdlipschoolpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=52018#.YyJGEuzTWNx>

To enable us to hold this event and raise funds for the school we need your help. If you can volunteer some time over the weekend, [please sign up by clicking here](#) or catch one of the PTA team in the playground.

We need donations for a tombola and any unwanted halloween decorations. Please hand in to the office.

The pumpkins on the trail are sponsored and every sponsor is displayed on the trail map. If you or your business would like to sponsor a pumpkin for £50 please email the PTA team at birdlipschoolpta@gmail.com

We are also running a pumpkin competition for the children to get involved in decorating the trail. Please submit all pumpkin entries to the office by Thursday 13th October 2022.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

The PTA Team

Jodi Croft, Lauren Maguire, Lisa Urban-Smith, Claire Norman, Dani Rosser

birdlipschoolpta@gmail.com

Wrap Around Care

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to all pupils from 7.30am. Prices are based on arrival time and include breakfast:

Prices

Arrival between 7.30 to 7.45am	£6.00
Arrival between 7.45am to 8.00am	£5.00
Arrival after 8.00am	£4.00

Breakfast finishes being served at 8.20am

To register and book
Contact the playgroup leaders on
bbplaygroup@btinternet.com
07914091427

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 Camps - October Half Term Holiday Club

It's just 4 weeks to go until Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this October 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

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

