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Friday 7th October 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 3** of the Autumn Menu 2022.

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

Thur 13th Oct, PTA Pumpkin Carving competition deadline – details below

Fri 14th Oct, PTA 100 Club deadline (**newly added**)

Fri 14th Oct, PE Kit Order deadline (**newly added**)

Sat/Sun 15th & 16th Oct, Halloween Trail

Sun 16th Oct, Parents Evening Sign-up Deadline (**newly added**)

Forthcoming Events

Tues 18th Oct, Kingfishers and Robins Class Trip to Cotswold Farm Park

Tues 18th Oct, Parents Evening (Virtual)

Wed 19th Oct, Harvest Festival – **2.45pm** at Birdlip church - parents welcome (**AMENDED TIME**)

Thurs 20th Oct, Parents Evening (in person)

Thurs 20th Oct, Foodbank donations deadline (**newly added**)

Fri 21st Oct, Last day of term

Mon 31st Oct, First day of term

Mon 31st Oct, Secondary School application deadline

Fri 11th Nov, School Photographer

Tues 22nd Nov, Pupil Nasal Flu Immunisations

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents and Children,

The weeks are certainly passing at a rate of knots, we're already looking forward to the Harvest festival in a few weeks time. We hope you can join us for what will be an afternoon of singing, celebration and raising money for good causes.

The children have been producing some outstanding work this week - in Robins I was delighted to see the fruit faces showing fantastic creativity. They are also doing an amazing job in securing their phonetic knowledge - we are so proud of them. Kingfishers have been putting their new tablets to use learning facts about different animals in Science, their adaptability is astounding considering we've only had the tablets for a few weeks. Golden Eagles have been producing some brilliant Celtic art (no prizes for guessing why I might like this - Cymru am byth!). In Ospreys we have been learning how to use the formal method of multiplication and I have been blown away by how the children are using their cognitive skills to think about problems before they give them a go. If you wish to see what your children have been doing in school, please do check google classroom as you'll be able to see what they're doing on a daily basis.

On the maths note, we've attached an impact report for how the children use Doodle Maths. Some of the highlights are incredible: Children at Birdlip have completed 136,006 questions in the last year; while 64% of students are in the amber or green zone - this simply means they've completed their questions for the week. This is truly fantastic and any reinforcement at home makes a big difference to their learning in school. We're trying to get as close to 100% as possible so the classes have been given an incentive to be the best doodlers! As always, thank you for your support.

Parents Evening

Parents evening is scheduled for Tuesday 18th virtually and Thursday 20th in person. We offer both for convenience as we realise it can be a challenge to get to the school in person sometimes. During parents evening you'll have an opportunity to go over how their learning has progressed so far this year, how they've settled into their class, as well as have the opportunity to ask any questions about your child's learning. This is also an ideal time to meet the staff who work so hard to educate your children. Our SENCO Mrs Jowett-Moore will also be available to chat.

Sporting Results

Our fixtures were back in full swing this week, the football team first suffering a tough defeat against a very good Castle Hill team on Monday, before rallying and putting in an excellent performance at the small schools 7-a-side tournament, beating St Paul's 2-0, Shurdington 2-1, drawing with Willow 0-0 and losing to Barnwood 2-0. Our first ever Netball team went to Dinglewell and were defeated in a close game 4-3 - a fantastic effort for a growing sport at Birdlip. We're so pleased with how the teams represented the school and as always, the behaviour from all children was exemplary.

James Pugh

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup awarded to Yellow Hedgehogs



Applying for Free School Meals (this applies to all year groups)

For every child that is entitled to free school meals, the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

'Infant' Free School Meals are slightly different, in that your child will be able to get universal free school meals if they are in Reception (Robins), Year 1 or Year 2 (Kingfishers). We still ask that you apply for this via the normal free school meals applications because this may give the school access to additional funding.

Please [click here](#) for more information and how to apply.

Gloucestershire Carers Hub

Gloucestershire Carers Hub is a commissioned service by Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group. Gloucestershire Carers Hub provide a range of services for Carers over the 18 regardless of the age of the cared for and all services are free – including:

- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Carers Assessments / Carers Breaks
- Personal Wellbeing Budgets
- Carers Emergency Scheme
- Training, Skills and Development
- Health and Emotional Wellbeing & Health Liaison
- Engagement with Employers
- Carer discount scheme
- Peer support



Further information can be found at
website: www.gloucestershirecarershub.co.uk
Phone: 0300 111 9000
Email: carers@peopleplus.co.uk

Quick Reminders

Childhood Nasal Flu Immunisation – Please return your form

There are still a few Childhood Nasal Flu forms outstanding. Please complete the form indicating whether you wish to consent or decline the vaccination for your child, and return the form to the office asap.

PE Kit Orders – Deadline Friday 14th October 2022

Please ensure that you submit your PE kit orders to the office by Friday 14th October, along with payment via ParentPay. Any forms received after this time may not be processed until the next order in the Spring term.

Parents Evening – Sign-Up by 16th October 2022

Please sign up for Parents Evening (via the Arbor Parent Portal) by midnight on Sunday 16th October. Parents Evening will take place virtually on Tuesday 18th October and in-person on Thursday 20th October 2022. Zoom links will be circulated closer to the time for those attending the virtual parents evening.

Harvest Festival – Wednesday 19th October 2022

We will be holding the Harvest Festival in Birdlip Church at **2.45pm on Wednesday 19th October** (please note the change of time). All parents/carers are welcome. If you would like to donate any food to the Foodbank, please drop donations into the office by Thursday 20th October 2022.

Scholastic Book Club

Children were sent home with a Scholastic Book Club leaflet earlier in the week. If you fancy buying any of the books (and there are more online), please order them directly through the [Scholastic Book Club website](#) and remember to link your order to our school – we then get 20p off a book for every £1 you spend!

Free School Meal support during the October Half Term

The deadline for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the October half term 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/>

PTA News

Dates for the diary:

- 13 Oct – Pumpkin Carving Competition deadline
- 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



Halloween Pumpkin Trail

To give everyone the opportunity to get involved we are holding the trail over 2 days - 15th October and 16th October - This event is open to all so please share this link with family and friends:

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

We need donations for a tombola and any unwanted Halloween decorations. Please hand these into the office.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

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

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Local Events

Into Nature CIC – October Half Term Activities

Into Nature CIC is a not-for-profit organisation based at Hailey Wood between Cirencester and Stroud offering families, young people, communities and individuals Forest School and Wellbeing in Nature opportunities.

Over October Half Term, they are offering sessions for families and children:

- Wildcraft Adventures for ages 8 to 14 years (Minecraft-based woodland game)
- Explorer Family sessions for families with children aged 18 months to 12 years

Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

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.

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.**

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 2 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, [click here to watch our video](#) and head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

★ WE'RE RUNNING ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY CAMPS THIS OCTOBER, FROM ONLY £26 A DAY ★

★ AWARD-WINNING MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS ★ OFSTED RATED OUTSTANDING

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OCTOBER CAMP 2022

★ EARLY DROP OFF/ LATE PICK UP ★

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Ofsted Outstanding
4+ Years Old