



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 25th November 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

Tues 29th Nov, Reception and YR6 NCMP and Vision screening

Fri 2nd Dec, Pre-order Deadline for Christmas Lunch

Forthcoming Events

Fri 9th Dec, Christmas Disco – details to follow (**newly added**)

Mon 12th Dec, Robins and Kingfishers Nativity afternoon performance at 2pm

Tues 13th Dec, KS2 Carol Concert at 4.30pm (**newly added**)

Tues 13th Dec, Robins and Kingfishers Nativity evening performance at 5.30pm

Wed 14th Dec, Christmas dinner and jumper day

Thur 15th Dec, Last day of term

Fri 16th Dec, Inset Day

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents and Children

Another busy week in school as we roll towards the Christmas period. We've had another incredible week at Birdlip with the world cup kicking off on Monday as well as other exciting events. In Robins the children were investigating ice and the different ways to melt it - including saving certain animals! In Kingfishers the children have been writing descriptive paragraphs about alligators and worked on mindfulness in forest school. In Golden Eagles the children have completed fantastic narratives empathising with Starjik from the Ice Palace. They also included some impressive figurative language! In Ospreys we've been working really hard on our fraction rules and the children have investigated air resistance and forces in Science. The children were also brilliantly behaved during the flu vaccinations and again were a credit to the school.

A big thank you also to our visitors Dr Lambert, Mrs Shearing and Mr Jueas-Castro for coming into school to talk to our children about a range of topics - the children absolutely loved the visits and again it just cements what an incredible community we have at our school.

Thank you also to everyone who has filled out the parent survey - we are delighted with the results. It shows that 100% of you believe that your child is safe and happy at school, that the children here are well behaved and that all of you would recommend Birdlip Primary School to another parent! On another note, a few parents have expressed that you weren't sure how your child was getting on - grade cards will be going out the week commencing the 12th of December to show you this, and as ever, we're on the playground every morning to talk through any questions you may have.

Finally, in some more wonderful news, we're going to have a new addition to the Birdlip family. I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Groves is expecting her first child in the Spring, I hope you can offer your warm congratulations to her if you see her on the playground. I can only imagine that Mrs Groves will be an unbelievable mother considering what an incredible teacher she is so we're doing our best to look after her. While impossible to replace, we'll be looking into cover options in the coming weeks. That's all from me, I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

James Pugh

Access to Food, Activities and Wellbeing during the Holiday

Gloucestershire County Council have produced a helpful booklet to guide and signpost families to access available food, activities and wellbeing during the school holidays. Please see the leaflet attached.

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup awarded to Green Deers

Holiday Free School Meal Voucher update - December Holidays

This winter holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to the Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of their commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding and are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire.

Families who have signed up to the scheme will receive £15 per child, per week for the 2 week holiday period.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit the [Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage](#).

If you have **previously signed up, you do not need to re-register**, as you will already have been included. **For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.**

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the winter holiday period are now open until the 6 December. Voucher emails will be sent out on 13 December. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received your vouchers by the 14 December please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

In the Community

Art Club

Mrs Hamblin's Little Artists children's art club, based at Longlevens Infant School, runs every school holiday for children aged between 4 and 11 years old. Please see the attached leaflet for more information on their Christmas themed session.

100 Club

Thank you for helping us raise money through the '100 Club.' We have sold a total of 67 numbers. This means that **£335 goes straight to the PTA/School** to spend on your children and then a total of £335 will be used as prize money in the coming months! If you have chosen a number/s, please make payment via Parent Pay asap. Good luck and we hope you have one of the lucky numbers!

Winners for November are:

- 1st Prize - Hayley Harrison
- 2nd Prize - Kayleigh Wheatley

Congratulations! Please collect your prize money from the office.



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.

Quick Reminders

Reception and YR6 - NCMP and Vision screening

Every year the Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust undertake the Vision and Height/Weight screening at school on children in Reception and Year 6. This will take place **on Tuesday 29th November 2022**. Please refer to the email sent on 28th September for further information and how parents can opt-out of the screening programme. Please note that the children are opted into the screening by default.

Christmas Dinner – Pre-order by Friday 2nd December

This year's Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

[Please click here to submit your lunch order by Friday 2nd December 2022.](#)

Please complete the form even if your child will be having a packed lunch.



Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is a Department for Education funded initiative to provide free activities and food for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals. HAF will be running for 4 days between 19-22 December 2022. Bookings will go live from 1 December 2022. You can find out more information by visiting the website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

Free Transport and support helpline - Gloucestershire County Council have asked Barnardo's to manage the transport offer. If any families do not have access to transport in order to get to activities they can request transport through Barnardo's. Gloucestershire County Council will provide a helpline for families who are having difficulties with the booking system. This will operate from 10am until 4pm weekdays. Information and contact details for both these services are currently being finalised and will be on the county councils website in due course (see link above).

PTA News

Dates for the diary:

- 9th Dec - Disco and Adult Mulled Wine
- 25th Feb – Firewalk - tbc



Film Night – Raised over £300

Thank you to everyone that helped to run the film night. The children had a great time with their friends and we raised just over £300!! If you haven't done so already, please make your payment of £5 (per child) via ParentPay.

Christmas Disco – Friday 9th December – Hold the date!

An email will be circulated next week with further details and how to book!

2nd Hand Uniform - Reuse and Recycle

There are so many advantages to having 2nd hand uniform available within the school family - it gives the teachers spare uniform if a child needs it; it helps to save our planet by cutting production of new items; and with the rising cost of living it helps us all too! It also helps our school to be 'more green' for these reasons and more the school and PTA want to keep this facility available.



Donations being made via ParentPay seems to be working well too, and that also puts something back into our school to help us buy things the children need.

So to make this work better Charlotte Snow - one of our lovely reception mum's is going to look after this area for us... she has sorted everything and knows what we have - and we can't thank her enough as it does need to be constantly managed (thank you to Becci Heginbotham for doing this a while back too).

Going forwards please give uniform donations to Charlotte or via the office. If it's seen better days please pop it in the textiles bin in the village hall park as this also raises money for our school and saves Charlotte sorting more than she needs too.

If you would like something please email admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk with the item and size you would like, or speak directly to Charlotte or one of the PTA reps. Charlotte or Jenny will let you know when your item(s) are available for collection from the office (or if that item isn't in stock).

We hope this helps everyone...

Shout Out For Help

What we desperately need to make this work even better, is an outside storage cupboard with shelves and storage tubs with lids so that Charlotte can keep all the sorted uniform in there so it's clean and dry... we will have to purchase one but if one could be donated that would be amazing...

This cupboard could then be opened a couple of times a week at drop off and pick up so you can easily find what you need and drop off uniform donations.

Thank you for your ongoing support

The PTA Team

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