



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 9th December 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/birdlipsschoolpta/>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu choices for next week should be taken from **week 2** of the Autumn Menu 2022. Christmas menu on Wednesday 14th December (please remember to send a packed lunch for your child if you have not pre-ordered)

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

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

Tues 13th Dec. Santa & Pop-up Café with mulled wine, mince pies (**newly added**)

Tues 13th Dec. KS2 Carol Concert at 4.30pm

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

Wed 14th Dec. Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Thur 15th Dec. Last day of term

Forthcoming Events

Tues 3rd Jan. First day back to school (**amended date – sorry for confusion in last week's newsletter**)

Mon 9th Jan. Golden Eagles swimming lessons start

Sun 15th Jan. Deadline for Primary School Applications (**newly added**)

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents and Children

It's certainly been another interesting week at Birdlip! We've had a lot of absence this week due to a few confirmed cases of Strep-A and Scarlet fever - I'll just reiterate what was sent out earlier in the week, if your child has symptoms or is unwell keep them off school until they are better. The media coverage has meant an increased level of anxiety over the topic but if you use common sense and consult medical professionals when you need to, it is a relatively common and mild illness that can be treated effectively. We will be giving the school a deep clean over the weekend and as always are reiterating good hygiene protocols for both children and staff. If you could reinforce this at home too we would be very grateful.

Next week we hope things will be relatively back to normal after the weekend break and we look forward to an exciting last week before the end of term. We've got Christmas dinner, carols and the nativity all lined up and even a visit from Santa who has personally contacted me and told me how he can't wait to meet the children at Birdlip!

Make sure you and your children get a well deserved rest and I'll see you all next week.

James Pugh

Christmas Cracker Pop-Up Cafe, Santa and KS2 Carol Concert

As an end of term Christmas celebration, we will be holding a Christmas Cracker Pop-up cafe on Tuesday 13th December straight after school, selling hot drinks, hot dogs and mince pies. There will also be a Christmas raffle, lucky dip and the opportunity for your child to visit Santa and receive a gift! Please pay £5 via ParentPay (by Monday 12th December) to book your Santa slot, these will be allocated between 3:30pm and 5:30pm.

The KS2 children will then be performing their Christmas Carols for everyone at 4.30pm - please ensure warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves as may be nippy!

Adult supervision is required at all times, so if you are unable to attend the pop-up cafe, please do collect your child at normal pick-up time and then bring your child back for the carol concert at 4.30pm.

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup awarded to Red Foxes

Primary School Applications for September Intake 2023

Any child born between 1 September 2018 and 31st August 2019 can start school in the school year starting from 1st September 2023. If this applies to your child, you need to apply for your school place via Gloucestershire County Council **by Sunday 15th January 2023**. If you have any queries about the application process, please contact Gloucestershire County Council directly. Further information can be found at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

100 Club Winners

The lucky winners for December's 100 Club draw are:

1st Prize – Liz Barnes
2nd Prize – Veronia Castro-Zarzoso

Congratulations! Please collect your prize money from the office. Good luck to everyone for next month.

Childcare Offers for Parents

The Childcare Choices campaign aims to raise awareness and understanding of the support available from the government with the costs of childcare – please visit the website for more information and to see what financial support you may qualify for: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Quick Reminders

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday (14th December)

Please remember that it is Christmas dinner and jumper day on Wednesday. **If you did not pre-order a Christmas dinner, please ensure that you send your child with a packed lunch that day.**

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that the extra-curricular clubs have all now finished for this term.

Golden Eagles Swimming

Golden Eagles last swimming sessions start on Monday 9th January 2023. If you are able to make a contribution towards the swimming sessions, please do so via ParentPay because this really does help the school.

School Photographs

Those that ordered their school photos to be delivered via the school have been sent home today. If your child was absent today, your photos can be collected from the school office next week.

Cool Milk

Milk is provided free to all primary school children under the age of 5. Every child aged 5 years and over can access subsidized milk at a price of around £18 per term – all you need to do is register and pay online via Cool Milk www.coolmilk.com

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

Bookings are now live. You can find out more information by looking at last week's newsletter or visiting the website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

Update from Breakfast Club

Please remember that you need to pre-book your child to attend Breakfast Club, otherwise you will be charged the higher rate. Please also remember to text or email Breakfast Club if you need to cancel your booking (otherwise you will still be charged).

PTA News

Dates for the diary:

- 13th Dec – Christmas Cracker Pop-Up Café & Santa
- 25th Feb – Birdlip Firewalk



Thank you for your ongoing support

The PTA Team

Jodi Croft, Lauren Maguire, Lisa Urban-Smith, Claire Norman, Dani Rosser, Kayleigh Wheatley
birdlipschoolpta@gmail.com

Local Clubs

GKR Karate

GKR Karate offer classes for children and adults. Please see the attached leaflet for their festive promotion.

In the Community

Christingle and Carol Service – 18th December 2022

Brimpsfield Church will be holding a Christingle and Carol Service at 11am on Sunday 18th December 2022. All families are welcome. If your child would like to do a pre-prepared reading at the service, please contact Jean Tippet directly at jean@tippet.me.uk



Free Festive Family Events at The Museum in the Park, Stroud

See the leaflets attached for various family events including craft activities and carol singing over the next two weeks.

Bloodhound – Free Winter Holiday Activity Programme

Bloodhound are a charity which runs hands-on science and engineering activities for children. Please see the attached leaflet for their free Winter Holiday Activity Programme (HAF) and book via <https://bloodhoundeducationltd.coordinate.cloud/project/38076>

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.

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

Please remember to cancel your booking if it is no longer required.

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 07955 188 140.**