



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 15th 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 the first week back should be taken from **week 1** of the Winter/Spring Menu 2023 (which was circulated earlier today).

Diary Dates

Events in the Next 2 Weeks

Christmas!

Forthcoming Events

Tues 3rd Jan, First day back to school

Mon 9th Jan, Golden Eagles swimming lessons start

Sun 15th Jan, Deadline for Primary School Applications



Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents and Children

Another incredibly eventful week at Birdlip where the snow caused absolute havoc at the beginning of the week. Again, I have to say a massive thank you to the staff, villagers and the Maguires for doing an incredible job of clearing the road to ensure we could get the children in for the last few days so they could enjoy the social side of this time of year. While we're all disappointed that we couldn't go ahead with the planned festivities on Monday and Tuesday, we will get a date in the diary for the new year for the carols and the nativity so you're all able to come and watch.

A huge thank you also to the PTA for the Christmas crackers, the efforts with rearranging things at such short notice and for providing gifts for the children before they leave for the break. As a small school we would really struggle without your support so you have our deepest gratitude, not just for this period but for everything you do.

Grade cards have come out this week (if your child was off you can pick them up in the new year), there's a letter included in each one which explains how these work. A note on effort - a B is by no means negative - it means your child works hard but there is some small room for improvement, to get an A our expectation would be that they're trying their very best all the time. This year we have included attendance - but we've done it from Thursday last week so as to avoid the various disruptions we've had since then. Your child's attendance target is 95% and the grade cards will give you an idea of how they're getting on in this regard.

Lastly, I'd just like to thank all the staff, pupils and parents for making my first term in charge such a joy. While it has been challenging at times - the last 3 weeks have been interesting to say the least - there's no place I'd rather be. Our staff will take a well deserved break, the effort they put in is truly inspiring, and I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and we'll see you all in the New Year.

James Pugh

Golden Eagles Music Performance

Golden Eagles provided a fantastic music performance to parents last week. Thank you to Eddie for inspiring all of the children and enabling them to create such a great piece of music in just 5 weeks.



Christmas and New Year Raffle

We will still be running the raffle with the prizes being drawn in the new year. It is £1 a ticket and payment can be made via ParentPay. Prizes are:

- 1x photoshoot
- 1x photo makeover
- 2x Friday tickets to Witcombe Cider Festival 2023
- 1x bottle of red wine
- 1x 14 day trial membership at David Lloyd
- 1x hamper
- 1x drama school trial voucher
- 1x weekend family pass for Nuffield
- 1x week family pass for Nuffield
- Seeds from Brockworth Garden Centre

Piano and Flute Lesson

Eddie Parker offers piano and flute lessons on a Thursday morning at school. If you would like further information, please contact Eddie directly on eddiep730@gmail.com

Merry Christmas from everyone at Birdlip Primary School!



Quick Reminders

Primary School Applications for September Intake 2023

Remember to apply for your child's Primary School place via Gloucestershire County Council **by Sunday 15th January 2023**. For further information visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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

PTA News

Dates for the diary:

- 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

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.**