



Birdlip Primary School

Helping Each Other Prepare For A Bigger World



Friday 13th January 2023

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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 are slightly different from the published menu due to Thursday's Census Day. The menu is as follows:

Monday – No change from week 3 menu

Tuesday – Chicken Casserole & Rice, Vege Meatballs with tomato sauce & pasta or Jacket Potato

Wednesday – No change from week 3 menu

Thursday – Hot dog or vege hot dog - with chips, coleslaw and salad

Friday – No change from week 3 menu

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

Sun 15th Jan, Deadline for Primary School Applications

Forthcoming Events

Mon 16th Jan, Extra-curricular clubs commence (**newly added**)

Mon 16th Jan, Nativity performance at 2pm

Tues 17th Jan, KS2 Carols at 4.30pm

Tues 17th Jan, Nativity performance at 5.30pm

Mon 23rd Jan, Firewalk Launch at 7pm (Birdlip Village Hall) (**newly added**)

Fri 17th Feb, School Disco at 6.30pm (further details below) (**newly added**)

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents and Children

We've had a great week and are back in the full swing of things after Christmas. Our netball teams did us proud in the tournaments they took part in this week coming 4th in Y3/4 and 2nd in Y5/6 in their respective competitions. Behaviour at the events was exemplary and the children played the game in the right manner - with a smile on their faces. The nativity rehearsals went well and we're looking forward to hosting you for the nativity and carol concerts next week.

I'd like to thank you all for your support following the publishing of our Ofsted inspection this week. While being an incredibly stressful experience for a lot of schools and staff I just want to reiterate again how proud I was of all the staff and children at Birdlip throughout. I think the report speaks volumes about what we try to achieve as a school and I hope we can continue to improve to do the best we can for your children.

For Year 6, SATs are on their way and we'll be sending out information about study books in the next few weeks to best help your child to prepare for them. Any support you can give at home really will make a difference and will help what usually can be a stressful time into a productive and rewarding one.

We hope you all have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

James Pugh



School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup awarded to Blue Rabbits



Birdlip School Firewalk – 25th March 2023

Wait what? Fire walking? You mean walking on fire? Like REAL fire? YES!

So our challenge to you. Are you ready to face your fears? To dig deep and find that inner strength for the children of Birdlip school? Do you have what it takes to... Walk. On. Fire? YES! You absolutely do, and what an achievement it would be! Life changing... Promise.

We need you, your friends and family (over 18's only) to take this massive step into fear, to help us fund the development of the outside learning space desperately needed at Birdlip Primary School.

This incorporates a new breakout space to be used for a multitude of learning opportunities, and the potential renovation of the old leaking shelter! The refurbishment of the inside of the school that happened last summer has dramatically improved the environment for our children so we need to do the same outside.

The heating system in the school also needs to be replaced to become more efficient from the old style storage heaters that we currently have... so, we need to raise 15k to help make that happen too. It will give the children the space they need to be active and creative... somewhere warm and purposely designed. This space is needed more than ever.

WE ALL ASK OURSELVES WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY SCHOOL – WELL THIS IS IT. BE A FIREWALKER!

We already have 6 teachers signed up to face their fear and walk the fire for the children of Birdlip Primary School... showing that they really will do anything for the children they teach. We now need YOU to sign up and join the adventurers too, and to push yourself further than you ever thought possible. And of course help us raise this vital money... **TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS!**

Does your company do match funding... would you be able to walk the walk and raise double to money?

Do you have a group of friends that have been waiting to take on a challenge together?

The fire walk will take place on the 25th March at Miserden Village Hall and the event will kick off from 1pm with the fire walk taking place at dusk.

There will be snacks and drinks provided for all the walkers along with a personalised T-Shirt.

Spectators to watch YOU walk fire are welcome too. There will also be food and drinks available for purchase as they watch you walk fire. There will also be activities for the children including a 'children walk' that they can be sponsored for... don't worry we won't get them to walk on hot embers! But they can be involved and be an important part of raising funds.

We don't just do firewalking. We make FIRE WARRIORS!

You must sign up by the **21st Jan 2023!** Don't look back and wish you had!

All you need to do is:

1. Click the following link and pledge £25 on the GoFundMe page - <https://firewalk.news/birdlip> (make sure you add your name so we can track you).
2. Email the PTA at birdlipschoolpta@gmail.com with your address and phone number to sign you up to the event communications.
3. Join the Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089222535637> so you don't miss out on regular updates and invite your friends, family and business colleges to sponsor you and see more about the event – they can sign up too, but remember there are only 60 spaces!
4. Join us for a 'Prep Evening' at Birdlip Village Hall on **Monday 23rd Jan at 7pm**. This will lay out the whole fundraising campaign and also prep you for the firewalk itself.

Local Events

Sheepscombe Shuffle Fundraiser – Tuesday 17th January 2023

Sheepscombe Primary School will be holding a fun line dancing evening (adults only) at 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday 17th January 2023, at Sheepscombe Village Hall. £15 entry fee to include a glass of fizz on arrival (non alcoholic option provided also). To Book, text 07584 196 001 with the participants names.

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

EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performances

The nativity will take place at 2pm on Monday 16th January and 5.30pm on Tuesday 17th January. Both performances will held in the Village Hall. Due to the hall capacity, we do ask that a maximum of 2 adults per child attend each performance. Please ensure that your child is dropped off to their classroom at 5pm on the Tuesday to allow them time to get ready.

Extra-Curricular Clubs Start w.c. 16th January 2023

If your child has signed up for an after school extra-curricular club, please ensure that you collect your child promptly from the Teaching Block at 4.15pm. Please also ensure you inform the office if your child would usually be catching the school bus.

Menu Choices amended (for next week only)

See menu on page 1 of newsletter.

Church Carpark – Temporary Closure

The Church Carpark will be closed between 22nd January and 26th February for resurfacing works.

PTA News

Dates for the diary:

- Fri 21st January – Deadline to sign up to Firewalk (see details above)
- Mon 23rd January – Firewalk Launch
- Fri 17th February – School Disco
- Sat 25th March – Birdlip Firewalk

Thank you for your ongoing support

The PTA Team

Jodi Croft, Lauren Maguire, Lisa Urban-Smith, Claire Norman, Dani Rosser, Kayleigh Wheatley
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In the Community

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.

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.**