



Birdlip Primary School

Helping Each Other Prepare For A Bigger World



Friday 10th February 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 should be taken from **week 1** of the Winter/Spring Menu 2023

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

Mon 13th Feb, No swimming for Golden Eagles (**newly added**)

Thur 16th Feb, PE Order deadline

Fri 17th Feb, Celebration Assembly at 2.45pm (**newly added**)

Fri 17th Feb, School Disco at 6.30pm – **sign-up by midday Thursday** (16th Feb)

Fri 17th Feb, Last day of term

Forthcoming Events

Mon 27th Feb, Back to school

Mon 27th Feb, Golden Eagles Swimming restarts (**newly added**)

Tues 28th Feb, Ospreys Residential Parent Information Evening

Fri 3rd Mar, Deadline to return Yr 6 Bikeability Training consent form (**newly added**)

Mon 13th Mar, Year 6 Bikeability Training

Thur 16th Mar, Golden Eagles Trip to Wookey Hole

Fri 17th Mar, Comic Relief Day

Wed 22nd Mar, Kingfishers Trip to Black Country Living Museum

Sat 25th Mar, Birdlip Firewalk

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents and Children,

This week, to raise the profile of writing at Birdlip even further, Kingfishers, Golden Eagles and Ospreys attended an online live event called 'Cook Up Your Own Fairy Tales' led by the brilliant children's writer, Michael Rosen (author of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and many others). The illustrator Viviane Schwarz joined him and drew the fairy tale he made up as he told it. He taught the children about the main ingredients to a fairy tale and the range of stories there are from many cultures. The children had a go at planning their own fairy tale with him. All the classes seemed to be really enjoying it and had some creative ideas. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Next week (and the week after half term) the children from Y1-6 will be preparing to immerse themselves in fairy tales, plan their own fairy tale, write it, edit it/redraft it, illustrate it and finally publish it into a class book. The teachers will choose a winning fairy tale from each year group who can read their fairy tale out in assembly. We're hoping to put the published fairy tales in the library for all to read. Children can bring in their favourite fairy tale next week if they wish and if any parents would like to come and read their favourite fairy tale to one of the classes, they are most welcome!

On Wednesday, Mrs Richardson and Miss Higgs undertook training to become Bikeability cycling instructors, under a new pilot scheme to help children learn to ride. We are excited to have taken delivery of 6 balance bikes, and helmets, to help us deliver this exciting new initiative to the children in Robins and Kingfishers classes. This will be carried out on the school playground, using slow progressive techniques to build confidence, increase fine and gross motor skills and develop transferable skills, among a plethora of other benefits. There are three modules available for teaching, beginning with 'balance', aimed at EYFS. This can then progress to learning to ride with pedals. This scheme is running alongside our year 6 cycling course, with the ultimate goal being that every child will leave the school a confident cyclist!

On this note, we would like to ask whether anybody has any pedal bikes, in good, safe condition, that they would like to donate to school. We can then offer classes for some of the older children in KS2 who may also benefit from this training. We ideally need 4, suitable for age 7-9, so around a 16"-20" wheel size. Please let the office know if you have anything suitable.

Next week, we have a few football and netball fixtures to finish off the term and we look forward to seeing you at the celebration assembly next Friday.

Have a good weekend, Mr Pugh

School Value Certificates Awarded Today



House Cup awarded to Blue Rabbits

Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables

**Congratulations
to our Top Doodling
class of the week...**

Doodle Maths	% on target (last 7 days) ↓
Ospreys	97%
Golden Eagles	96%
Kingfishers	48%

Doodle Tables	% on target (last 7 days) ↓
Ospreys	100%
Golden Eagles	75%

If you want to check how your child is getting on with their doodle you can go to <https://parents.doodlelearning.com> where once you create an account you can link to your child's account to view their progress etc. A fantastic improvement from all classes this week in both doodle maths and tables. Ospreys again performing fantastically well but being pushed incredibly hard by Golden Eagles, it's also fantastic to see Kingfishers triple their percentage from last week - well done everybody!

Attendance

On the attendance side it has been a great week - every class improved from last week and all classes reached our 95% attendance target - Ospreys leading the way with 99.6% attendance for the class, Golden Eagles with 98.7%, Kingfishers with 98.3% and Robins with 98.1%. A brilliant effort from everyone!

100 Club Winners

The winners of the 100 Club for February are:

1st Prize – Reggie B
2nd Prize – Nicola Lambert-Masters

Congratulations! You can collect your prize money from the office. Thank you to everyone supporting this fundraiser and good luck for next month.



School Disco – 17th February 2023

Please ensure you have signed your children up and make payment via ParentPay by Thursday 16th February 2023



Local Events

Half Term Activities

The Cotswold Youth Network, working in partnership with Cotswold District Council and World Jungle has successfully bid for funding to deliver a programme of activities for eligible children across the Cotswold district this half term. The free activities will include circus skills, rally driving, archery, forest school sessions, holiday camps and more, during the week of 20th to 24th February in venues across the Cotswold district. The programme, which has strict guidelines on eligibility, is only accessible for those children in school reception class and up to year eleven, who receive benefits-related free school meals. However, using grant funding they are also able to run the Holiday Activity Programme (HAP) which means there will be some activities which are open to all children and young people including a special programme in Tetbury and a free community fun day in Cirencester on Friday 24th February. Full details of what's on offer and to book your child on to an activity/event, please visit: <https://www.worldjungle.org.uk/februaryhalfterm23>

Quick Reminders

Golden Eagles – No Swimming on 13th February 2023

Quick reminder that Golden Eagles do not have a swimming lesson on Monday 13th February and that lessons restart on Monday 27th February 2023.

PE Kit Order – Deadline Thursday 16th February 2023

If you need more PE kit, please submit your order form ([available on the school website](#)) and make payment via ParentPay by Thursday 16th February 2023.

Well-being Wall

Please continue to send photos in of your children and the things they enjoying doing outside of school so that we can fill up the wellbeing wall and inspire everyone. This could be anything from sports, clubs, knitting, reading and going for walks etc. Please send your photos to admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

Church Carpark – Temporary Closure

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

Birdlip School Firewalk – 25th March 2023



You can still sign-up! 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, email and phone number to sign you up to the event communications.



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.

Atlas Camps – February Half-Term – 1 week to go!

It's just 1 week to go until Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this February, 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 sports 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, please [click here](#) to watch a video or check out the attached poster.

Head to the [Atlas Camps website](#) to book.



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.**