



Birdlip Primary School

Helping Each Other Prepare For A Bigger World



Friday 15th December 2023

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Useful Links

Head Teacher's email address: head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

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 Guidance [UK Health Security Agency](#) and [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities](#)

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 <https://amzn.eu/80t4xsF>

PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipschoolpta/>

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

Wed 20th Dec, School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Wed 20th Dec at 2pm, KS2 Christmas Carols – KS2 parents welcome

Wed 20th Dec at 2.30pm, Celebration Assembly – all welcome

Wed 20th Dec, Last day of school

Thurs 21st Dec, Inset day – no school for pupils

Thurs 21st Dec at 6.30pm, PTA School Christmas Disco ([sign-up here](#) by Monday 18th December) 

Fri 22nd Dec, Inset day – no school for pupils

Forthcoming Events

Mon 8th Jan, Back to school

Mon 8th Jan, Kingfishers Swimming starts (see email sent 27th Nov for details)

Mon 15th Jan, Primary School Application Deadline (September 2024 intake)

Fri 2nd Feb, PTA Crazy Hair/Hat Day (suggested £1 donation via ParentPay) (**newly added**) 

What a Fantastic Week

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had an extremely busy week in school. Two parents have been in so far to talk to the children about their careers as part of 'The Voice of the Child' – thank you Mr Lambert and Mrs Pullin for visiting Ospreys and Golden Eagles and discussing your jobs in the health sector. The children asked some great questions and got a lot out of the sessions. Please contact the office if you if would like to come in and share information about your career or life experiences.

Robins and Kingfishers enjoyed their wellbeing morning with Atlas and ended with two fantastic nativities this week. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did – the children really put on an amazing performance. Thank you to the PTA for organising the refreshments and raising £74 for the school. The PTA also raised £2,250 for the school with the Birdlip Christmas Market – what an amazing amount of money – thank you to those involved and to the Birdlip Church group for sharing the event with us.

We are encouraging everyone to wear a Christmas jumper/outfit on Wednesday, and we will all be having Christmas lunch together (remember to send your child with a packed lunch if you did not pre-order their Christmas dinner). We look forward to seeing you at the KS2 Carol Service and Celebration Assembly, both based in the village hall.

Have a great weekend,
The Birdlip Team



Value Certificates Awarded

House Cup Awarded to Green Deer



PTA NEWS



PTA AGM Minutes

The PTA AGM Minutes are now available (see email sent 14th December 2023). The minutes introduce the new team and some of the great PTA events coming up throughout the year.

PTA Pop-Up Café at the Nativity

Thank you to those who helped set-up and serve refreshments at the nativity – we raised a fantastic **£74.40**

Birdlip Christmas Market

The PTA raised a massive **£2,250** through the joint Birdlip Christmas Market. Thank you to the helpers, for all of the donations and for coming along and supporting the event.

PTA 100 Club Winners!

Winners of the **100 Club for December** are:

1st Prize - Andrew Thornton-Norris
2nd Prize – Jodi Croft

We will let you know when your prize money can be collected from the office. Thank you for supporting this easy fundraiser and good luck to all for the January draw!

PTA Christmas Disco – 6.30pm on Thursday 21st December

[Click here](#) to book your child's place **by Monday 18th December** so that the PTA can sort numbers/refreshments. Please make payment of £3 per child via ParentPay.



Visit from the A417 Missing Link Team



Ospreys had a visit from the A417 Missing Link team (archaeologists and Kier Builders) who came in to chat about the development of the road. They gave us some of the artefacts found in the build to keep. The bibs, proudly worn by some of Kingfishers, were also a gift to the school.

PE Kit Order

The PE Kits ordered this term should be available to collect from the school office when we return in January. We will let you know when they have arrived. In the meantime, if you placed an order, please ensure that you have made payment via ParentPay. Please note that payment should be made at the time of ordering.

Birdlip and Brimpsfield Playgroup

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Further information can be found in last week's newsletter. The good news is that parents can use their hours at Birdlip and Brimpsfield Playgroup.

Playgroup runs 8.45am to 12.45pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday term time only. Please visit <https://www.birdlipplaygroup.co.uk/> for more information.



Winter Holiday Activity & Food Programme (HAF)

The Winter HAP/HAF is available to children eligible for benefits related free school meals and will be running 16th December 2023 to 6th January 2024. [Click here](#) to register if you haven't already. [Click here](#) for a helpful guide of how to register. You can book activities from **4th December 12pm** via <https://gloucestershirehaf.com/cotswold-district-haf>. If you need support with booking or transport please contact **Bloodhound Education** - ☎ 0208 150 3767 ✉ accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com

Atlas Camps – Christmas Camps

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises in multi-activity clubs for children aged 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.

For further information, please:

- watch [this video](#) or
- head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.



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