



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 20th December 2023

www.birdlipprimary.co.uk

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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

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

Thurs 21st Dec at 6.30pm, PTA School Christmas Disco 

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)



Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had an outstanding term and the children have been an absolute credit to you all. Their grade cards have been given to them today so look out for those, you should all be incredibly proud of their accomplishments so far in what has been a long and busy term.

We hope you enjoyed the celebration assembly and carol service that the children performed this afternoon, it really helped us all get into the Christmas spirit and it was so great to see them full of enthusiasm. Thank you again to the PTA who just raised £134 with the refreshments!

We have a number of sporting events happening in the new term, a massive congratulations to Ollie and Oscar who both qualified for the first ever Stroud representative football team which selected players from across all the primary schools in Stroud. A wonderful achievement for such a small school and we are so proud of them.

A big thanks to Mrs White who came in to Golden Eagles to do a talk this week, the children really enjoyed themselves - if you are interested in talking to the children about your career or life experiences please contact the school office. A huge thank you to all of the staff at the school for their efforts over the term, we are so privileged to have a group who go above and beyond in their jobs and I hope it is evident how hard everyone works.

Enjoy the break, spend time with your loved ones and we look forward to seeing you in the new year. Have a great break, Mr Pugh



Value Certificates Awarded

Birdlip Shields awarded to Skyla, Orla, Will W-C, Freddie – congratulations to you all!



Green Tree School – Bronze Award

We have been awarded the Bronze level Green Tree School Award. We have achieved this through activities that form part of our everyday school life including pupils and staff recycling food, milk bottles, cardboard and paper; our wellbeing activities including yoga & orienteering; and of course holding lots of lessons outside as part of our enriched curriculum (outdoor learning, trips to Copsegrove, walks around the local woods as part of history and geography lessons).

We are also completing many other green initiatives (including our pollination stations, planting hedgerows, harvesting rain water for the kitchen garden etc) and we are very close to being awarded the Silver award – so watch this space!



PTA NEWS

PTA Christmas Disco – 6.30pm-8pm on Thursday 21st December

If you have signed your child up, please ensure you make payment of £3 per child via ParentPay.

Dates for the Diary

- Fri 2nd Feb – Crazy Hair and Hat Day
- Fri 1st Mar – Kick-off meeting for Spring Fair – all welcome
- Thur 7th Mar – World Book Day
- Fri 15th Mar – Red Nose Day
- Thur 21st Mar – Film Night
- Sat 11th May – Spring Fair



Gloucester Rocks Newsletter

Please find attached the latest Gloucester Rocks Newsletter. They list over 100 activities and events in the local area.

Winter Holiday Activity & Food Programme (HAF)

The Winter HAF/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.

Merry



Christmas