



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 3

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Online Resources and safety

www.swiggle.org.uk

[Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only.](#)

www.childnet.com

Lots of online safety tips and games

www.somersetchoices.org.uk

One-stop shop for information for families

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Bible Thought:

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

School Life Mr Gillan

School life continues, unabated. Learning and teaching in a safe environment is our main priority once our pupils are on the school site. Teachers are hard at work creating the optimum learning environments for our pupils, as well as assessing the needs, gaps and opportunities needed in classrooms for everyone to move forwards. I spent a lovely 30mins in Foundation Stage, this week, listening to their phonics session all around the 'd' sound! It was great to see a great teacher blending multi-sensory ideas together to make the session so engaging for our youngest learners. I have also observed some great writing produced by Years 5 and 6 which is now up on the corridor walls; so many pupils taking pride in what they produce.

In this half term, we normally have a Parents' Consultation evening, when we can share our targets for your child for the rest of term, as well as discuss how they have begun the new academic year. Due to our COVID-19 restrictions, this won't be possible. "How will I get to know how my child is doing?"

We will soon send out details of a 'Parents' Consultation Phone-in Session'. Your child's teacher will supply you with a date and time to phone in, where they will be ready to receive your call. You will have a 10-mins call to discuss how things are going and where they are going, next. You will already have received an Interim Report by this time, detailing academic targets for the next term and you can refer to this during the discussion. We hope that this will be a valuable and worthy alternative to a face-to-face meeting, so watch this space for dates and details.

Thank you for your ongoing support through our excellent PTA. We held a very productive virtual AGM, this week, and lots of ideas and suggestions are being crystallised for the rest of this year, so look out for updates.

Fridays are normally our Celebration Worships, where a class shares their Christian theme for the week and some thoughts and learning. We also celebrate the Workers of the Week from around the school. I'm happy to say this is continuing, but in an online Thurlbear! Every class connects via the internet to worship together and share the celebrations of those individuals who have gone above-and-beyond in their school life for that week. So far:

Chestnut: Charlie **Rowan:** Ewan, Sienna and Edith **Cherry:** Arlo, Sophie and Tyrese
Hazel: Beau, Isaac and Evie **Willow:** Amelia-Rose, Josephine and George **Pine:** Connie, Bosley, Leon, Toby and Issy **Oak:** Lucas, Phoebe and Grace... **well done to all!**

Last week, I mentioned our Class Dojo as a conduit of engagement between teacher and parents/carers. We also have our website for the class documents to access for anyone at home. Teachers also wanted me to signpost the **Oak National Academy** resources online, boasting nearly 10,000 lessons and resources covering a wide range of subjects, from Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 11. If you need any extra, that would be a good place to look. <https://www.thenational.academy/>

We are a proud part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

www.bathandwells.org.uk

JOB! A general catering assistant is needed for BAM FM, our lunch providers, to cover a maternity post. 15hrs per week, term time only. 11:15 – 2:15pm. Start date 2nd November 2020. Successful candidates will need to undergo an enhanced disclosure check (DBS) and provide proof of right to work in the UK. **For further details or to apply please contact Dean Waller on 07909 007291 dwall@bam.co.uk**
Closing date: Friday 2nd October 2020

Notices and Safeguarding Mr Gillan

The Somerset School Aged Immunisation Team (SAINT) will be visiting our school in the future to deliver flu vaccinations – the date will be at the beginning of December. **A full letter has now been given** to every family which includes the following link <https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/west> where you **must** register yourself and fill in an online consent form. **The link will close by 23rd October 2020**; all forms will need to be submitted electronically by this date. Please do this asap, as this could be the only notification you receive from us regarding this. The SAINTs have also created a useful YouTube video to demonstrate how school based flu sessions will run this term during these uncertain times. https://youtu.be/cdqeUH97_aU

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Thursday and Friday 1st and 2nd October: Year 6 Bikeability (parents have had letters)

Friday: Dress Down Friday!

Term 1 dates of interest:

Dress Down Friday: They occur on the first school Friday of a new month. Here are the dates for the rest of the year (hopefully):

2nd October, 6th November, 4th December, 8th January, 5th February, 5th March, 23rd April, 7th May, 11th June and 2nd July.

Tuesday Morning: Guitar tuition with Mr Snowden

Friday afternoon: Drumming tuition with Mr Lloyd

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BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION
MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

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To avoid any confusion with the School drop-off system your bags of unwanted items should be dropped at Higher Broughton Farmhouse, Stoke St Mary, TA3 5DE before 10am. This is the last house on the right hand side as you leave Stoke St Mary heading towards Taunton. Please park alongside the white barn, and leave your bagged items where indicated on the entrance to the driveway.

Items must be in black bin bags and not loose!

- ✓ Clothes, shoes, bags, hats, scarves, ties, socks, belts, towels, curtains, bedding
- ✗ Duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, school uniform, cuddly toys, corporate branded clothing

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