



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 10

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Bible Thought:

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

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

Supporting our School Mr Gillan

- **Next week** is the last full school week of November; I'm struggling to know where the month went! Our (your) PTA have been incredibly busy in the background, organising some great activities as we move into December.

1. The Great Virtual Bake Off is looming, so do get your ideas sorted, snapped and sent in to the PTA email address (found on the end of this newsletter). **We need more entries!**

2. Other than Chestnut Class families, you will all know that our Dress-Down Friday in December is normally a bring-a-bottle for the Christmas Fair tombola. Sadly, 2020 developments mean no fair, **BUT** that doesn't stop the PTA coming up with another great idea. For our 4th December Dress Down Friday contribution, every class member will be asked to bring in an item for a Colour-Coordinated Christmas Cracking hamper! Each class will be given a colour and are asked to donate a little festive treat that matches the colour and might be lovely to find in a hamper. These hampers will then be raffled off! We are hoping for seven succulent hampers! So, **Chestnut = Red / Rowan = Green / Cherry = Blue / Hazel = Yellow / Willow = Orange / Pine = Black / Year 6 = Gold.**

3. Mrs Linthorne has set up a 'Preloved Uniform' page on Facebook, I believe. There, you can look at some photos of the uniform available and arrange a collection and a suggested donation for the item. This is a brilliant idea now that we cannot have adults on site for some time to come. Please support in any way you can, as it all goes back to your children, ultimately.

- **Our Chestnut Class** have featured in this week's Somerset Gazette! Grab your copy and find them on the class photos page.
- **Our new website** now has a 'new starters' page where anyone interested families can watch a small film of our school through selected photos. It can be found here: <https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/about-us/new-starters/>
- **Both Mr Snowden and Mr Lloyd** continue to see their numbers rise for guitar and drumming tuition and it is brilliant to see this school offer being taken up so enthusiastically. I've just been listening to Jesse strum "Stairway to Heaven" (accompanied) in his taster session!
- **On Monday, we are having a lighting survey done** on behalf the Diocese of Bath and Wells. We are hoping to access a de-carbonisation funding bid and have been chosen as one of only eight schools in the Diocese to take part; put us in your prayers!

WORKERS OF THE WEEK! A huge congratulations, this week, goes to...

Chestnut: **Oscar** Rowan: **Charlie** Cherry: **Noah** Hazel: **Alex** Willow: **Kourtney**
Pine: **Paige** Oak: **Will**

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

- **We are fully committed** to offering our pupils their usual time slots of PE and games, each week. The government guidelines stipulate that this offer should be outdoors as much as possible, so as to benefit from the air flow. Sadly, that air can also be either full of rain or freezing cold as it races across the school playground! Therefore, please ensure your child has a set of warm tracksuit bottoms and a top they can wear. Ideally, in the school colours or grey, but we welcome any clothing colour as long as it is practical, suitable and warm.
- **As always**, we thank you for staying off the school site and accepting, instead, a phone call or email with your class teacher, the Office Team or me. Please keep this in mind if you ask for a face-to-face meeting, albeit briefly and no one is available. It is simply to try and treat all parents and carers equally.
- **Under the COVID guidelines**, we are **still** asking our pupils to leave objects at home!
- **Online Safety for parents webinar: "It is never going to happen to my child..."** led by Avon and Somerset Constabulary. **Content:** Overview of online risks. / Exploitation of children online. / Technical protective and safety measures available. / Top tips on starting a conversation with your child about the internet and how to work together to use the internet safely. This webinar will be taking place next **Wednesday 25 November at 7pm-8.30pm**. To book a place, please follow Eventbrite link below. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-for-parents-it-is-never-going-to-happen-to-my-child-tickets-128994797913?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Monday: Lighting survey

Wednesday: Online safety webinar open to all families

Thursday: Mr Snowden guitar tuition (contact him on 07591 810453 for availability)

Friday: Mr Lloyd drumming

Term 1 dates of interest

30th November: Deadline for the bake-off entries.

3rd December: whole-school 'flu vaccinations.

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):

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



The Great Thurlbear Virtual Bake Off
Show Stopper Creations
Theme: A Hint of A Book



Deadline for Entries - 30th November
Judging by Thurlbear's Paul Hollywood, Mary Berry & Pru Leith



Photo Entries to be submitted via email (thurlbearpta@hotmail.com)
Please include the entrants name and book title



Donations to enter the competition can be made with cash/cheque
via bookbags (please place in a clearly labelled envelope) and also
via Paypal (thurlbearpta)



Prizes will be awarded to the best bakes in Reception, KS1, KS2 and
the best grown-up creation!



This is a virtual event so no tasting will take place!