



# Thurlbear Matters

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## Bible Thought:

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

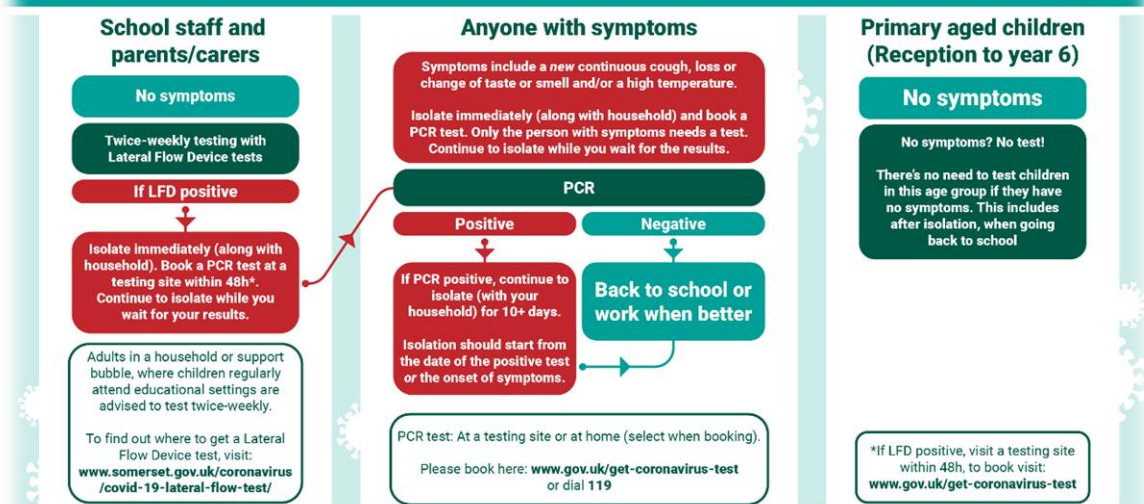
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## School Notices Mr Gillan

### EYFS (Reception) - Year 6 Covid-19 testing



It was a challenging week in school and I thank all families for their patience, understanding and cooperation during such times. Due to COVID cases in our Chestnut Class bubble, this group will be learning from home for this week. Every school wants to keep pupils in school to be educated, but we follow the guidance given to us until advised to change our protocols. It is fair to say that schools are in a tricky position as the end of term draws near. Cases are rising rapidly in the region (according to data sent to all Heads), but the national headlines state 'freedom day is close'. I feel it is right that I stay cautious with the health and wellbeing of the pupils in my care, as well as my staff and you, my families. This last week has proven that now is not the time to abandon all the hard work we have done together, but to get you all to the summer break as safely as we can.

- **Year 6** are nearing the end of their time at Thurlbear. As always, Mrs Yellowley is intent on making it a happy, memorable time for them all. For families attending, we will give out the safety details for the last day of term as soon as we have the latest guidance and have planned for social distancing etc. I will send this directly to Year 6 families.
- **Sports Day** was an excellent day of participation and fun. We will share photos and video with you as soon as possible via class dojo, our website and social media.
- **We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor** to join the governing body at Thurlbear. Governors play a key role in the school. The Parent Governor is elected to give a parental perspective in discussions and decisions. The

Governing Body is made up of parents, teachers and other members of the community. Every term the Governing Body meets to support the work of the



school, and together with the Head teacher, is responsible for making sure that the school provides a good standard of education for pupils and helps ensure the school meet its aims. You may also sit on other

sub-committees linked to the skills you bring to the board.

**There are 3 main functions of a governor:**

1. Making sure there is clarity in the vision, ethos and the strategic direction of the school
2. Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the performance management of the staff; and
3. Making sure that the school spends its money effectively.

If you would like to become a Governor please express your interest via email to the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Helen Hill via [HHill3@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:HHill3@educ.somerset.gov.uk) by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Where there is more than one applicant, an election will be held and each candidate will be asked to submit a short statement (no more than 100 words) setting out why they would like to be a Governor and what skills they can bring to the Board. These statements will be provided to all parents, who will then be asked to vote for their preferred candidate.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the role further before making an application please contact either the Clerk to Governors or Chair of Governors, Sue Tier on [STier@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:STier@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

- **Guitar lessons** have been incredibly popular, this term, and here is a message from Mr Snowden: "Guitar lessons available at Thurlbear primary for beginners and continuing learners from year 2 to year 6. Friendly relaxed lessons at your pace by visiting guitar tutor John Snowden. I also offer online zoom lessons if this is of any interest, please email [JOHNGUITARSNOWDEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNGUITARSNOWDEN@GMAIL.COM) TEXT MOB-07591810453 for more details."
- **THANK YOU** for the fantastic support with Summer hampers! These will be returned to class reps today (Monday) and then be readied for lucky winners via our raffle. Please return your raffle tickets via your child's book bag and write your child's name and year group on the reverse. The deadline for tickets is **Tuesday 20th July. Raffle drawn Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
- **Menus went home at the end of last week.** These, please, need to be back by **Weds 7th July at the latest.** Chestnut Class will have the same meals ordered as per their previous menu for the last week of term. If Chestnut Class would prefer to bring in a packed lunch, that's fine, but a lunch will be ordered for them. **September menus** have also been sent out to families, due our pre-ordering system with BAM, so must also be returned by **7th July at the latest.**

- Year 4 families have only received menu choices for the last week of this term, as we are unable to provide hot lunches for Years 5 and 6 in the immediate weeks after we return in September. Once we have a clearer picture of safety protocols and guidance, we hope to re-instate towards the end of September.
- End of Year Reports** will be coming to you via email. This takes our Office Team a large amount of time, so reports won't be all coming out on the same day! Please be aware of this should you have children in multiple classes.

### Safeguarding Mr Gillan

- Over the summer holidays, the school will be a very busy place for building works. We are revamping 'the den' considerably, demolishing the building behind it and a new accessible toilet is to be put into our main hall block. It promises to be the biggest list of improvements in my time at the school. Huge thanks to our governors and to the diocese for their cooperation and help in securing this development for our school. Due to the amount of work undertaken and the complexity of movement around our site, it has meant that we could not host any summer camps, this year, on our site, nor church groups.

### The Weeks Ahead Mr Gillan

**Wednesday:** Y1 are going to the woods

**Thursday:** Y5 changing places workshop

**Friday:** Y6 Transition meeting – Mr Contreras

### Term dates of interest:

**12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Y5 Mendip Activity Days**

**15<sup>th</sup> : SASP activities Y5    23<sup>rd</sup>: Y6 Leavers' Worship**

**23<sup>rd</sup> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.**



Team	Points	
Red	147	2nd
Blue	167	1st
Yellow	141	3rd
Green	138	4th

Huge thanks to Mrs Yellowley and Mr Gunstone for their brilliant organisation of Sports Day. It was a great collection of activities and teamwork throughout the whole day, culminating in a win for St Mary's team! As you can see, it was incredibly close and shows that every pupil scoring points for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> can tip the balance, including from the morning team events. Thanks for

the ice poles, PTA!