



# Thurlbear Matters

1.10.21

Term 1, End of Week 4

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

## Our Christian focus for this term is:

### Friendship

Our classes will focus on this value around school and in our collective worships, led by Mr Gillan and individual classes.

## September Review

Mr Gillan

With October already here, it is worth looking back at a very successful September at Thurlbear:

- **97.1%** attendance for the whole school;
- **99.2%** punctuality for the 9am registration;
- Approximately 60% of Key Stage 2 attended Mr Gunstone's After-School Sports clubs!
- **146** pupils have 100% attendance for the month (very good considering the various bugs going through the school).
- **Numbers** are growing in Key Stage 2 for those choosing a hot lunch, once again (>50% having a hot lunch at least one day per week)
- **117 parents** / carers are subscribed to our blog, meaning they get automatic email notification for every post, including the weekly newsletter.
- **2,100** brand new stickers have been ordered and are now in use ("I received this sticker – please ask me why") you may already have seen one on your child! We have designed it uniquely for Thurlbear pupils and want them to stimulate conversation between home and school.



## General Notices

Mr Gillan, Mrs Moore, Mrs Carter

- **WE have extended the time limit on these jobs:**
  1. **TIME EXTENSION and flexibility in the role (morning hours for example):**  
To join our premises team as a cleaner. The role is to work alongside other members of the team to help maintain a clean and safe environment for our pupils, staff and visitors. 8 hours per week, Term Time plus some holiday working – a total of 43 working weeks per year. Ideally these hours will be worked between 3.15pm – 5.15pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, however, there may be some flexibility regarding times for the right candidate. Rate of pay: Grade 17 Point 1 (£9.24) per hour. For further details, please contact our

## Online Resources and Safety:

1. [www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)  
Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only. Please do give it a go at home, as it should bring up some very interesting sites for home projects / research.

## Contact Us

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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:

[www.bathandwells.org.uk](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk)

School Business Manager, Mrs J Moore either via email at [jmoore@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jmoore@educ.somerset.gov.uk) or telephone 01823 442277. Thurlbear School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure together with other pre-employment checks.

- To join our teaching team as a **TA** working pupil/pupils with specific learning needs. <https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/key-information/working-for-us/> Take a look and pass it on to someone you may feel is qualified to do the role – it might be you!
- LUNCH menus** are out, today! Please return them by **6<sup>th</sup> October**. A reminder that if your child is now in Year 3, you will need to pay £2.40 per meal! The Universal Free Infant School Meal stops at the end of Year 2.
- We will have** After School sports clubs Monday – Friday after half term and these will incorporate sessions for our Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils. Next week, we will send out forms for you to fill in.
- Your PTA AGM is 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> October**. You can contact the current PTA members to request a ZOOM link on [thurlbearpta@hotmail.com](mailto:thurlbearpta@hotmail.com) . **PLEASE** do attend! There shouldn't be a perception that the PTA of ANY school is a shadowy group of parents that control what happens! That could not be further from the truth! YOUR PTA is open to you and every single person connected to Thurlbear has a stake in it. **Please** email them for the link and join in, even if it is just to listen.

## Safeguarding Mr Gillan

- Because we hold personal information about you so that we can help you learn and keep you safe in school we need to tell you what data we hold, how we use it and who we share it with. We call this a data privacy notice. A new data privacy notice has been published on our web site and you can look at it by clicking [HERE](#)

## The Week(s) Ahead Mr Gillan

- We will be conducting distanced PARENT TOURS for our 2022 intake.** If you know a family who is interested, get them to look at these dates:  
**October:** 5<sup>th</sup> 10am, 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm, 12<sup>th</sup> 10am and 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.  
These are filling up which is great.

**Monday:** Mr Timms piano.

**Monday:** Learning walks around school led by Mr Gillan.

**Tuesday:** Parent 2022 tours.

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**Thursday:** Parent 2022 tours.

**Thursday:** Years 1 and 2 trip to Magdalene Farm

**Thursday:** CENSUS DAY

**NEXT WEEK:**

Details of our harvest festival and those in the surrounding churches.

Rector Joanna will be sharing some dates with you all, such as the Eucharist Harvest on 24<sup>th</sup> October!

**Thursday:** PTA AGM 7pm

**Thursday:** Churches Conservation Trust in Y5

**Thursday:** PCSO in Y1, 2 and 6 for a safety talk

**Friday:** Mr Snowden guitar and Mr Lloyd drumming

**Friday:** Extra Parent tour due to popularity!

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

**5<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

**Some of the home learning for our History topics has been incredible.** The amount of shields, posters, Viking long boats and mosaics are just incredible!



Our PCSO visited!

