



# Thurlbear Matters

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Spring Term End of Week 9

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

## Our Christian focus for this term is:

### Thankfulness

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

### Bible Thought:

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of

## School Updates

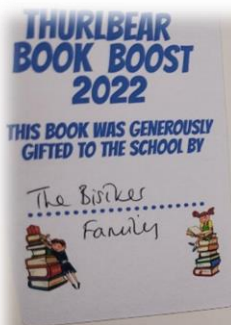
Mr Gillan

I hope the consultations with your teachers gave you a satisfactory picture of your child at Thurlbear and the targets for the rest of the academic year. Along with our parental engagement tools such as Class Dojo, Google Classroom for remote learning, social media tools, our website and newsletters etc, communication with school on all aspects of Thurlbear life should be effectively covered. As always, you can contact me if there is anything you would like to bring to my attention.

### Gymnastics:

School competitions are making a cautious return and I was delighted to attend the SASP Key Steps Gymnastics competition on Thursday. Pupils ranging from Year 1 all through to Year 6 represented our school with enthusiasm and passion.

Our Year 1 and 2 team came an excellent 3<sup>rd</sup> considering they had never represented school before! Our Year 3 and 4 team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 9 schools and performed brilliantly in their floor sequences. In the afternoon, our Year 5 and 6 team joined me and performed so well that they secured second place and space in the next round: the regionals! So, huge well done to: Ethan, Winnie, Edith, Amelia, Flory, Sammie, Lily-May, Anabelle, Betsy, Imogen, Evie, Lily, Niamh, Evie (team capt), Gracie, Aleiya and Lucy!



### Book Boost!

Our Book Boost idea has been a MASSIVE success with over 200 books purchased for the school! **We cannot thank you enough** for your help to boost our class libraries. It's been so popular, I have other schools contacting me asking how we

God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' The Bible, Philippians, chapter 4.

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have done it! Inside each book, a plate has been placed (by Mrs Hampson ©) recognising the donation by the purchasing family...see the picture!

**DID YOU BUY:** The Fox Busters by Dick King Smith? It's our only book without a donator's name attached!

## TUESDAY REMINDER: Heights and Weights Y6 and Foundation

### Stage only:

Just to be aware that you only need to return the form should you **NOT** wish for your child to take part on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## After-School Sports Clubs

Mr Gunstone will be running after-schools sports clubs **WEEK BEGINNING 14<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be for 4 weeks and WILL include the final week.

## Safeguarding

Mr Gillan

Technology advances continue to develop at a dizzying pace and 'wearable tech' is an everyday feature of our lives. From my Garmin that tracks me trundling painfully through a weekend 'run', to the fitbits that our pupils love to wear so they can track their steps in a day; it can bring wonderful benefits to our health and wellbeing. There can also be challenges and we are now seeing watches that can also take photos and store them internally, ready to be downloaded at a later date, or that upload automatically to a cloud-based system. Can everyone please ensure their child only wears a conventional fitbit-type monitor – or a normal watch – to school?

## The Week Ahead

Mr Gillan

**Monday:** Years 5 and 6 Bee Netball Tournament: Castle School

**Tuesday:** Foundation Stage and Year 6 Heights and Weights

**Tuesday:** Chestnut family Consultations

**Wednesday:** Y6 SATs Booster Group

**Wednesday:** Years 5 and 6 Bee Netball Tournament: Taunton Vale

**Thursday:** SASP Year 6 Sports Leadership course: Taunton Vale

**Thursday:** Year 3 Athletics Festival: Bishop Fox's

**Friday:** SIAMs Advisor visiting school

