



# Thurlbear Matters

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Spring Term End of Week 11

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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 Notices

Mr Gillan, Miss Kelloway and Mrs Baldwin

- Again, it is lovely to start with a celebration of our pupils and their brilliant achievements in the wider world. **Our runners** at the Cross country were fantastic and a special mention for Jack, our Year 3 pupil who shaved a whopping 20 seconds off his PB in a race where he was one of the youngest runners! **Also a big mention** to Rory, Fletcher and our other rugby-playing pupils who carried the flag in a recent rugby international game and met the Under 18 internationals who, by the look of the photo I have seen, were rather enormous! They were all suitably inspired and we discussed both sets of achievers in my recent Collective Worship.
- **WANTED:** Miss Kelloway and Mrs Baldwin are on the look-out for any older pupils who have grown out of the following: **small-world toys** (things like little fairies, Sylvanian-type stuff), **scooters** no longer needed, **push bikes** (the types with no pedals and chains!), **dolls, cars** and **zoo animals!** If you have any that are in good order and you no longer need, then we have pupils who would love to play with them!
- **WANTED 2!** Your brilliant PTA are launching a wonderful Easter raffle, next week, and are looking for ANY donations of Easter eggs, please! These will be the prizes given out to the lucky winners, so please see what you can bring into school. I promise I will take good care of them in my room 😊
- **Our field** has been back in use, this week, and what an amazing difference it makes. It allows us the space and freedom of movement to fully enjoy our magnificent surroundings.
- **Menus are out, today, and need to be back THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH,** please. Sandwiches will be the only option on May 5<sup>th</sup> for Key Stage 1 children (choices on the menu) due to school being a designated polling station on this day and, therefore, the hall is out of use and there will be no hot meals. See below for further details

## Safeguarding

Mr Gillan

As mentioned above, school will be used as a polling station, once again, on May 5<sup>th</sup> for local elections. "Why can't they go elsewhere?" I hear you ask. Well, we have asked this exact question and our school *has* to be the local public place for the village of Thurlbear. Obviously, this means that our risks on this day are raised significantly, as we have the public on site along with our pupils; something we try and avoid at all costs on normal school days! The absolute safest option would be to

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

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close for the day, but I understand the disruption this would cause to working families, the disruption to another day of learning, so we have devised a risk assessment and will make changes for the day:

- Our hall will be out of use for the whole day, so hot lunches will not be available. Key Stage 1 will be provided with a packed lunch, but Key Stage 2 will need to provide their own, as we have nowhere to store the quantity of sandwiches that would be required!
- I will be sitting in the hall of our Key Stage 2 building, ensuring that no one can enter the rest of the school through the hall doors. Governors are volunteering to join me for the day.
- The voting officers will also be present on the day and will be sat near our doors, discouraging any voter from wandering through the wrong door.
- There will be more staff on duty through the day at lunch and breaktimes.

## The Week Ahead

Mr Gillan

**Tuesday:** Chestnut Class going to Axe Valley Animal Park

**Tuesday:** Full Governors' Meeting

**Tuesday:** Easter Experience Morning

**Thursday:** Y5 and Y6 Netball Tournament Finals

**Thursday:** Bishop Fox's Head visiting school

**Thursday:** DEADLINE FOR MENUS

**Friday: Dress Down Friday!**

**Friday:** Dress Rehearsal to the school by Y3 and Y4

**Friday:** DEADLINE for full payment of Y4 Kilve Court residential

**SAVE THE DATE!**

