



# Thurlbear Matters

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Summer Term Week 6

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

## Our Christian focus for this term is:

### Class choice:

Each class will choose their own value on which to focus, based off our 5 key values.

## Bible Thought:

1 Corinthians 6:14:

"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."

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## School Notices

Mr Gillan, Mrs Yellowley

**SPORTS DAY has been announced as Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.** This is the detail from Mrs Yellowley, our PE Lead: **9.30am – 12pm: Morning session (pupils only)**

Children will make their way around 16 stations/activities. Each group will have 2 children from each year group and will be taken around each station by a Year 6 pair, incorporating our Sports Leaders as well as our vice captains. Each station will be run by a member of staff and every pupil will be encouraged to participate across the whole morning. For those who have not experienced this before, it is a brilliant morning of sporting activities that covers a range of skills, including throwing, jumping, catching and hand-eye coordination. Here is a photo of a past event pre-Covid!



**12 – 12.45: Lunch (pupils only)**

**Families will be welcome to arrive from 12:45pm** and take places on the field. Limited parking will be available in the car park for **FOUNDATION STAGE FAMILIES, initially, plus anyone with mobility problems.**

**"Why that class?"** They were drawn out of a hat! If we stick to one class only, then it means everyone else is not driving in and around to speculate if there is a space. It is the best option we have to help any congestion on the road. The staff will be using our playground as a temporary car park for this day.

**1pm (12:45 open) – 3pm: Races**

Families will come onto the field and watch the children take part in more traditional races. Every child will be encouraged to do the sprint and obstacle and points will be awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. These points are totalled at the end to give an overall winner. This means that **every** pupil can

contribute to their team's total and every pupil is **St Thomas (yellow)**, **St Peter (green)**, **St Michael (red)** or **ST Mary (blue)**.

Pupils will be welcome to wear their sports gear / colours all day as we are active for both morning and afternoon. **PLEASE** do not go spending hard-earned money to buy specific tops for the day. We can supply colour bands for children should you not have a specific colour top. If you do not know to which saint your child belongs, please ask your teacher. I am sure, for the younger pupils, the teachers will have a method of relaying this before the day. Older siblings will be the same colour, if that helps!

### **PTA Collaboration:**

After a number of years, **the SCHOOL DISCO RETURNS!** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June will see the whole school invited to an evening of music and safe fun:

- Chestnut, Rowan and Cherry classes (FS, Y1 and Y2) are 6 – 7pm
- Key Stage 2 are 7:15 – 8:15pm
- Entry is £2 and please try and bring the correct coins, as we struggled sometimes to get change!
- Drinks and snacks are available, so children are welcome to bring in extra money. It is sensible to put this into some sort of wallet/holder/purse and please **always** check they have it before leaving for home!
- Please bring your child up through the corridor to enter the disco, where we can sign them in, take their money and talk to them about safe fun.
- For those that have not attended a disco before, there are PTA members inside the hall as well as staff (I will be there) so there will be a familiar face and we monitor the situation constantly. If you are anxious, especially for our young pupils, come and speak to us!
- At the end of the disco, you will be invited to queue again in the same place and then enter the hall, picking up your child as you go.

**Safeguarding: 1.** as always, the safety of the children is paramount and the handover is always a busy time. Please make me aware of any picking-up details when you initially drop-off, as **I will not be letting someone else's child go with another adult without prior knowledge.** I am sure you can all appreciate that this has to be the case! 7pm on Friday night is not an ideal time to be told that X is going home with Y and I am trying to get 90 other pupils safely off our premises! **2.** We aim for every pupil to have a good time. If the music is too noisy / sensory for some, then they will be very welcome to sit in the corridor with me, as I will constantly monitor this. If a child is being a little too over-enthusiastic with their backspins and knee-slides, this will be dealt with in our usual positive, quiet manner ☺ In my 10 years of doing this at Thurlbear, our boys in Yrs 2,3 and 4 are the main protagonists in these manoeuvres...

It sounds like it could be a very popular event, so I look forward to seeing you all there!

- **Our Summer Fair** planning is in full swing! **July 2<sup>nd</sup> 12 – 3pm** is the timing and please tell all your friends! PTA are still looking for volunteers on the day, as this helps everything run smoothly. Even an hour is a valuable commodity for you to offer: **ThurlbearPTA@hotmail.com** should you feel you can do your bit!

- **Well done to the Year 6 scarecrows!** They joined in the village competition and even grabbed a prize! It was lovely to see some collaboration between us and the village community and I hope we can build on this in the future.



- Next Monday, we have M and M productions visiting with their primary-friendly version of The Hobbit! It promises to be a great afternoon and M and M are always great value for money. This performance was actually cancelled due to the pandemic, so it is 2 years in the waiting! Years 3 to 6 have already paid a contribution towards this play, so if Chestnut, Rowan and Cherry Classes could bring in a £1 contribution on Monday, it would be very much appreciated.
- Our After-School Club offer is out. Please do check you have signed up! Apologies if my syntax was fuzzy. Anything marked with \* is a chargeable club (all of Mr Gunstone's). Other clubs are free of charge. We have tried to decrease our costs slightly to reflect the challenges faced by families with the cost of living.
- I will also be reviewing our other prices in the near-future and will report back to you soon if there is anything we can do.

## Safeguarding

Mr Gillan

As mentioned above in the disco details, communications between school and home is absolutely crucial when it comes to picking up. Please do let the Office know if your pick-up patterns change and the designated adult has changed suddenly. It is no problem, but our safety-first approach can sometimes seem a little cautious to some adults! I know every one of you understands our stance, but it is worth repeating!

## The Week Ahead

Mr Gillan

**Monday:** M and M productions for the whole school (FS, 1 and 2 please consider contributing £1)

**Monday:** After School Clubs begin (please check you have all details!)

**Monday:** Yrs 5 and 6 Cricket competition

**Wednesday:** School Improvement Partner working with Mr Gillan

**Wednesday:** September 2022 Intake family information session 5:30pm

**Thursday:** Year 4 swimming

**Friday:** Years 3 and 6 drumming

**Friday:** Summer Disco!



The girls smashed it at the recent competition at Somerset CC !

And here is a rather fascinating experiment led by Mrs Yellowley in Year 4 as part of their Ancient Egypt learning: the mummifying process using fresh tomatoes!



Our celebration worships on Fridays are a great success, once again, and a huge well done to Chestnut Class for their mini-beasts presentation, today!