



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2, Week 1

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

TRUST is our focus, this half term.

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

Online Resources and Safety:

Welcome Back!

Mr Gillan

A big WELCOME BACK for Term 2 at school and bringing in the start of 2023.

One of the best things about the back-in-January moments is the 8:40 playground hubbub, when pupils are telling friends about their festive gifts and activities. However, in true Thurlbear style, it wasn't long before we were back to the important stuff of learning, with every class settling quickly into their Term 1 foci.

- **“How will I know what they are doing, as a parent/carer?”**

I'm delighted to write that our Curriculum area on the website now holds our Curriculum maps and Overviews for every year group. You can download it and see what is happening and when. Take a look:

<https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/>

In each curriculum area, you will also find how each subject leader (teachers responsible for a given subject) see their own subjects across the school; how they 'know the way, show the way and grow the way' at Thurlbear. As always, if you have any thoughts or questions on this, please get in touch.

Around School Mr Gillan

As we start a new term, it is a good time to revisit some fundamental aspects of school life.

- **Breakfast and After School Clubs:** Both of these are always on offer and can be booked via the Pay360 system. When there are online issues, we try and communicate as quickly as possible with families and we manually book in the pupils. **Please** ensure that you book your child in. Every day, we print off our list which is generated from the system and we have details of when every child plans to leave (either 4:30 or 5:15pm, depending on what has been booked). This means it becomes hard to manage numbers if there are regular pupils coming into ASC without a prior booking and can affect our important staff-to-pupil ratios. We fully appreciate there are times when you have to ring us and need a last-minute space, but this has been ever-increasing and we need to get back to bookings in advance.

1. 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.

3. <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Some beautiful images and great facts on this National Geographic site.

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Bible Thought:

“You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.”

Psalms 23

We are a proud part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

www.bathandwells.org.uk

- **Uniform:** the vast majority of the day-to-day uniform worn by our pupils is exactly what it should be. In Term 1, there was some variation in clothing worn during PE and Sports sessions. We ask for:
Plain, white t-shirts without large logos;
Dark shorts minimal logo;
Leggings and jogging bottoms, if needed, should be dark and plain;
Trainers can be worn in outdoor sessions, but be mindful that they will get dirty very quickly, so that's a caveat for brand-new trainers;
Hoodies should be worn for games and outdoor activities only; jumpers and cardigans should be the normal wear around school.
We have pre-loved uniform in abundance and we love distributing it. Please ask us about it!
Please name your clothing please name your clothing please name clothes!
- **Our drop-off system is running effectively** and Mrs Cann / Mrs Lock are in situ every morning to help disembarking pupils. Please consider using the service, as we are still getting lots of cars pulling up outside the school or walking from the church. Using the drop-off helps with congestion right outside school between 8:40 and 8:55.
- **After school clubs will look this:**
Monday: Girls' football Yrs 3 to 6
Tuesday: Tag rugby Yrs 3 to 6
Wednesday: Court games / Multi skills Yrs 2 to 4
Thursday: Court games / Multi skills Yrs 5 and 6
Friday: Healthy Metres Matters Yrs FS to 3
Friday: Football Yrs 3 to 6 (all pupils)
The booking system will be live on Monday and slips home!
- **Lunch menus are out!** These should be back with us by **Wednesday 11th January**. As always, we ask that they are not handed in after this date, as it poses real administrative headaches for our Office Team.
- **DEADLINE for first-round** admissions for 2023-24 must be admitted to the Local Authority by midnight 15th January. All details can be found on the Somerset county council website under 'school admissions'.
- **PTA teamwork:** Next week, we have a meeting in school with a company looking to design our Foundation Stage outdoor learning space. We can only do this with the support and financial backing of you and our PTA who have been brilliant at raising money for this and other things around school. We will keep you fully up to date as we move ahead with this exciting development.

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

- **If you have had any new phone contracts for Christmas,** please update us with your numbers! Remember, we need numerous contacts for you to fulfill our own safeguarding duties and allows us to know we have further routes to communication should we need to contact you quickly.
- **Over the next few months,** we will be having some works around school to install hand rails in key places. This will help pupils stay to the paths –

especially on any sloped areas – and will safeguard pupils around our school environment.

- **If you have any concerns**, or your child feels like they need to talk, then you are very welcome to come in and see me anytime, email or phone.

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Monday: Girls' football

Monday: Governors' meeting

Tuesday: "Young Somerset" mental health and well-being team talking to Yrs 3 and 4

Tuesday: Staff Meeting

Tuesday: Tag rugby

Wednesday: outdoor play meeting

Wednesday: Court Games Yrs 2 to 4

Thursday: Mr Timms piano tuition

Thursday: Mr Lloyd drumming

Thursday: Court Games Yrs 5 and 6

Friday: Healthy Metres Matters

Friday: Mr Snowden guitar tuition

Friday: Y4 cake sale!

Dress Down Fridays: They occur on the first school Friday of a new

month. Here are the dates for the rest of the year:

**3rd February,
3rd March,
21st April, 5th
May, 9th June
and 7st July**

