



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2, Week 2

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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:

## PPE (Positive Parental Engagement)

Mr Gillan

I'd like to start by giving my thanks to families for such a positive response to my appeals, last week. Across the school PE kit has been in school, relevant sportswear has been in bags for the Thurlbear winter climate, and bookings for Breakfast and After School Clubs have been on the rise and done in plenty of time. We very much appreciate your cooperation and engagement with us. And it is 2-way: I have made changes to our school sports clubs in response to a request from families and Mr Gunstone's Clubs are very popular, this half term.

**After half term, we will** be looking to incorporate more non-sports clubs for after school and lunchtimes. PUPIL VOICE is very important to us and I have asked the Values team to ask classes what they would like.

**So far:** computers, nature and choir are popular. As I have stressed before, clubs are dependent on staff being able to fit it into their own work/life balance and they do this for free. Lots of local schools have clubs that are costed, but we will try and find a balance. **Choir will return after half term!** Mrs Moore and I will run it at a lunchtime suited to the class.

More families are also using the drop-off system in the car park, **but there is still capacity for more families using it.** It is open 8:40 – 8:59am and is much easier than trying to find a spot down the muddy lane and walking up!

## Around School Mr Gillan, Miss Crook

### • A message from Miss Crook:

“\*UNWANTED KIT\*

Following our success with girls' football this week and our continued participation in all of our sports clubs, we are appealing for donations of unwanted sports kit.

We are looking particularly for good quality children's football boots/shin pads/ washed long socks that are no longer needed. Any other spare sports kit will also be appreciated.

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.**

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

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Please send these in to school, in a named bag, so that they can be passed to Mr Gunstone or Miss Crook.”

- **DEADLINE for first-round** admissions for 2023-24 must be admitted to the Local Authority by midnight 15<sup>th</sup> January. All details can be found on the Somerset county council website under ‘school admissions’.
- **February Half term** will see our work done to install railings around areas in school, in positions that will help any pupil safely navigate a route around school.

## Safeguarding Mr Gillan

- **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.

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## The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

**Monday:** Girls' football

**Monday:** multi skills Yrs 1 and 2

**Monday:** Premises meeting for governors

**Monday:** Football Tournament Yrs 5 and 6 Bishop Foxs

**Tuesday:** Year 6 families' meeting re SATs and Residential 3:30pm

**Tuesday:** Tag rugby

**Wednesday:** Police Officers in to speak with Chestnut Class!

**Wednesday:** Court Games Yrs 2 to 4

**Thursday:** Staff Meeting

**Thursday:** Mr Timms piano tuition

**Thursday:** Mr Lloyd drumming

**Thursday:** SASP Leadership Academy (specific Y6 pupils)

**Thursday:** Court Games Yrs 5 and 6

**Thursday:** Staff Meeting

**Friday:** Healthy Metres Matters

**Friday:** Mr Snowden guitar tuition

**Friday:** Girls' Football Regional Finals

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

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