



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 5

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## Online Resources and safety

[www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)

[Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only.](#)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

Lots of online safety tips and games

[www.somersetchoices.org.uk](http://www.somersetchoices.org.uk)

One-stop shop for information for families

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## Bible Thought:

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

## Notices Mr Gillan

- **I hope** you have found our parent consultations by-phone useful and rewarding in some way. We are all aware of how systems and procedures are very different, currently, but we are passionate about keeping lines of communication as open as possible with you all. If you feel you need something else, then please contact the Office Team.
- **Congratulations to** our Year 6 who have all completed their bikeability course! A massive thanks to Mrs Scadden, Mrs Angell and the bikeability team for all their enthusiasm and perseverance in some very challenging conditions!
- **We are very close** to going live our new website. This will allow us, as a school, to offer families online access to documents and home learning should any localised lockdowns occur. It also means we can publish our latest news and adults can be notified through an email subscription, greatly improving your access to the very latest in Thurlbear matters.
- **Lunch menus have gone out**, once again. **Please ensure they are returned by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at the very latest.** Our hot lunches for infants have been a real success, this week, and my thanks go out to the staff for making it as smooth as possible. The organisation that goes into our bubbles, staggered eating times, play zones and movement around school really can be dizzying at times.
- **Continuing** the point above, on rare occasions we have no-one in our office at lunchtime. This is because we are all doing a lunch duty and there will be a slight gap in time! Keep persevering if you need us urgently.
- **We are still accepting second-hand** uniform donations, if you have found any spare that now doesn't fit. Please just leave it in the box outside and give our gate a buzz!
- **IQ Christmas cards are being sent home!** These cards have been designed in school by your child and you now get the opportunity to purchase them in bulk or in various forms! Please ignore the deadline on the order form, **but OUR deadline is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.** We CANNOT process them after this date as they will have all gone. They really look great and I love it when I get them in Santa's postbox in school from a proud pupil!
- **Bishop Fox's** have launched a virtual tour for anyone interested in 'looking' around their school prior to transition from Y6 into Yr7:  
<https://www.bishopfoxs.co.uk/>

## WORKERS OF THE WEEK! A huge congratulations goes to...

Chestnut: **Jessica** Rowan: **Oscar** Cherry: **Zac** Hazel: **Logan** Willow: **Logan** Pine: **Esme** Oak: **Skye**

## Safeguarding Mr Gillan

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

[www.bathandwells.org.uk](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk)



**In school**, we keep our windows slightly open, as well as doors, to help with ventilation and in line with govt guidelines for schools under COVID procedures. With this in mind, please ensure your child has a jumper / cardigan and coat in school now that the temperatures are dropping and the Thurlbear winds are increasing.

**Thank you** for your understanding around staying off the premises and keeping your distance at drop-off and pick-up. Our staff are so proud of our youngest pupils and how they have adapted so quickly.

**Please** do drive slowly past our queued cars, as some pupils get out on the road-side.

**Under the COVID guidelines**, we are asking our pupils to leave objects at home. Please ask them to leave toys, swap cards and general shiny stuff at home. We don't like to refuse entry to Woof-Woof the toy dog when it gets to the school gates!

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## The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

**Monday:** Apprenticeship interviews.

**Tuesday:** Mr Snowden guitar tuition (contact him on 07591 810453 for availability)

**Friday:** Drumming tuition with Mr Lloyd

### Term 1 dates of interest:

**3rd December:** whole-school 'flu vaccinations.

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

**6th November, 4th December, 8th January, 5th February, 5th March, 23rd April, 7th May, 11th June and 2nd July.**



School sunset

**Have a blessed weekend...**

**Mr Gillan**