



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 9

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[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."

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

## School News Mr Gillan

- **Hopefully, you are reading this newsletter on our new website! Today (13<sup>th</sup>) is a very exciting/frightening/nervous day as we switch over.** This new website should allow us to communicate more effectively with families, as you can now – amongst many other improvements – subscribe to the latest news, meaning any update will send you an email alert. I recommend that everyone signs up to the email service (look for the 'subscribe' button). As with any new development, there is a period of change and slight disruption. We ask you to bear with us should anything go wrong! You will all still be able to access online resources should there be a need for us all to use a blended learning approach due to any COVID developments in school or the local area. This new site will, I am hoping, deliver an experience that is 'quicker, better, brighter, slicker'.
- **THANK YOU** for supporting our all-colours day, today. I have been told by many children that their families have already made donations to CiN, so thank you for supporting it. Even the hardest 'orange Y5' pulled out the stops (sorry Y5 parents/carers!)
- **The Thurlbear PTA GREAT THURLBEAR VIRTUAL BAKE-OFF** competition for families is open to enter! **Create a showstopper** in the theme of 'Hint of a Book' (just like our World Book Day). Check out the poster at the end of this newsletter.
- **More fantastic PTA work:** Thurlbear School now has its own Bags of Help Container for all your unwanted items. This can be found in Stoke St Mary Village hall car park all year round. Check out the poster, at the end of this newsletter, to see what can and can't be deposited!
- **A message from the School Admissions Team at County Hall:** If your child is due to start or transfer school for September 2021, it is now time to make your application. The **deadline for primary** phase applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



Please apply online by visiting <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/>

- **DATES:** as we move into a busy time of the school and festive year, we will be organising more school activities, including nativities, collective worships and original ways of celebrating Christmas. We are planning ways of sharing these safely with you, so keep an eye out for developments.
- **HUGE** thank you for our poppy-appeal, this year. Although it was a little more challenging in school to get the resources and share them safely between classes, it seems to have been supported better than ever before. We very much look forward to sharing the overall total with you once it has been collected and collated.
- **Even though COVID** guidelines prohibit us from gathering for our usual collective worships, we still hold these vital get-togethers regularly each week. It is so important for our classes to still share the spiritual moments and reflect together as a whole school, albeit more distanced than usual. This is also the case for our brilliant Open the Book team. Even though they cannot be with us, currently, it hasn't stopped them from filming their stories and sending them to us! We thank Christabel, Mal, Holly and the rest of the Team for their enthusiasm and support in these tough times.

#### **WORKERS OF THE WEEK! A huge congratulations, this week, goes to...**

Chestnut: **Thea** Rowan: **Phoebe** Cherry: **Henry H Miles** Hazel: **Gracie** Willow: **Kara**  
Pine: **Ruby** Oak: **Layla**

#### **Safeguarding** Mr Gillan

**As we have mentioned before**, our commitment to After School care, even with the onset of a second national lockdown, was made with families in mind. We fully appreciate just how important it is to offer you a service for those that need it for their day-to-day balancing of work and family. **We are in discussions**, currently, about bringing our After School Club times to 5pm and how we could safely introduce some after school club sports back onto the field **in the Spring Term**. We will update families as soon as we have more thoughts.

**Under the COVID guidelines**, we are **still** asking our pupils to leave objects at home!

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#### **The Week Ahead** Mr Gillan

##### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

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

**Friday:** Mr Lloyd drumming

##### **Term 1 dates of interest**

**30<sup>th</sup> November:** Deadline for the bake-off entries.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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):

**4<sup>th</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July.**

# The Great Thurlbear Virtual Bake Off

## Show Stopper Creations

### Theme: A Hint of A Book



Deadline for Entries - 30th November  
Judging by Thurlbear's Paul Hollywood, Mary Berry & Pru Leith

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Photo Entries to be submitted via email ([thurlbearpta@hotmail.com](mailto:thurlbearpta@hotmail.com))  
Please include the entrants name and book title

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Donations to enter the competition can be made with cash/cheque  
via bookbags (please place in a clearly labelled envelope) and also  
via Paypal ([thurlbearpta](mailto:thurlbearpta))

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Prizes will be awarded to the best bakes in Reception, KS1, KS2 and  
the best grown-up creation!

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This is a virtual event so no tasting will take place!



## Our Bags of Help Collection Container Has arrived!



Help convert your unwanted items into wanted items for Thurlbear School

Donations can be made all year round

Located in the car park at the rear of Stoke St Mary Village Hall

#### What Can I Donate?

Clothes  
Painted Shoes  
Bags  
Scarves/Ties  
Belts  
Soft Toys  
Costume Jewellery



#### What Won't They Take?

Dirty, ripped or wet items  
Duvets  
Blankets  
Pillows  
Cushions  
School Uniform  
Corporate Clothing

Please ensure all items are bagged before donating.



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