



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 11

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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

- **LUNCHES: Our menus are coming home, today.** We have, only recently, been notified by our suppliers that they will not be providing packed lunches from January onwards. This news means that **Key Stage 2 will need to bring their own packed lunch after Christmas.** However, the good news is that we are in a position to begin a rollout of hot lunches, over a period of time, to the rest of the school. This starts with Year 3 from January. Year 3 pupils will bring home menus **today**. Further year groups will be notified in due course. We need to see what challenges occur by introducing additional year groups to the meal plan and timings, whilst keeping everyone in discrete bubbles.
- **Since 2016, we have maintained the same charges for our Breakfast and After School Clubs.** Due to the increasing pressures of food price increases and resources, from January onwards, we have taken the decision to increase the price of After School Club by 50p per hour. This brings it in line with Breakfast Club. The good news is that we will be extending our Monday – Thursday hours up to 5pm, as we now have substantial cover for our vital, increased cleaning duties that need to be carried out throughout the school day. Our online system has been set up by Mrs Carter and is ready to take bookings for term 2.
- **Christmas cards are here and have been distributed** to your children. Please look for them in the bags, along with...
- **RAFFLE TICKETS! These are priced at £1 per ticket** (£5 a strip). Please buy as many as possible! This is our main fundraiser of 2020 due to the ongoing tribulations. Any money should be placed into a SEALED envelope, along with the ticket stubs and the cash. Please make sure the stubs have been completed with name and contact number, so we can inform the winner! The deadline for returning these is **FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December** and it will be drawn for the end of term.
- **Our Dress Down Friday is December 4<sup>th</sup>** and every class member will be asked to bring in an item for the Colour-Coordinated Christmas Cracking hamper that you can win in the raffle! Each class will be given a colour and are asked to donate a little festive treat that matches the colour and might be lovely to find in the hamper. We are hoping for seven succulent hampers! So, **Chestnut = Red / Rowan = Green / Cherry = Blue / Hazel = Yellow / Willow = Orange / Pine = Black / Year 6 = Gold.**
- **Our new website** now has a 'new starters' page where anyone interested families can watch a small film of our school through selected photos. It can be found here: <https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/about-us/new-starters/>
- **FREE SCHOOL MEALS Over Christmas:** A letter and a poster outlining exactly what is available, to whom and how it is accessed will be with schools asap from Somerset County Council. We will share details as soon as it arrives.

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

Chestnut: **Ethan W** Rowan: **Henry** Cherry: **Rohan** Hazel: **Jacob and Ethan**  
Willow: **Paytience** Pine: **Caiden and Gracie** Oak: **Henry**

### **Safeguarding** Mr Gillan

- **We are fully committed** to offering our pupils their usual time slots of PE and games, each week. The government guidelines stipulate that this offer should be outdoors as much as possible, so as to benefit from the air flow. Sadly, that air can also be either full of rain or freezing cold as it races across the school playground! Therefore, please ensure your child has a set of warm tracksuit bottoms and a top they can wear. Ideally, in the school colours or grey, but we welcome any clothing colour as long as it is practical, suitable and warm.
- **Across the school, all pupils** will be involved in an imaginative, creative and fun performance of The Nativity, as well as our older pupils performing the Nativity through art, poetry and (safe) singing. We will notify you all of how you can access this performance securely in an online space.
- **Under the COVID guidelines**, we are **still** asking our pupils to leave objects at home!

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

**Thursday:** 'flu vaccinations

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

**Friday:** Dress Down Friday – contributions to the Christmas hampers, please.

**Friday:** Mr Lloyd drumming

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

**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.**

