



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2

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www.childnet.com

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www.somersetchoices.org.uk

One-stop shop for information for families

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Bible Thought:

'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'

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School Notices Mr Gillan

- **Parent Consultations:** Our provisional date for Parent Consultations will be the week of **26th April**. As we did in October, teachers will arrange times to call parents / carers and discuss your child's progress and ongoing targets. We are hosting these after Easter, so we can hold our Pupil Progress Meetings in school and then update you with the latest data that we hold for you child. More information will follow.
- **Mrs Lucas:** Those families in Rowan Class will know that Mrs Lucas is off next week, as she goes into hospital for a procedure for which she has been waiting for some time, which is a great relief to her. She wanted to send a small explanation for her planned absence. I am sure you join me when I write: "Get well soon and we will be thinking of you!"
- **Year 1 Vision screening:** A letter has gone out to our year 1 families regarding vision screening. Please remember that you need to arrange your own local optician for your child to have a free NHS sight test. Contact **schoolvisionscreening@SomersetFT.nhs.uk**
- **PTA Easter Raffle:** Deadline for tickets to be purchased Tuesday 30th March
Raffle Draw – Thursday 1st April
- **Yrs 4, 5 and 6 Activity Days:** Thank you so much for the payment we have received, so far. Just a reminder of key dates:
Y4 deposit by 26th March. Full payment by 3rd May
Y5 deposit by 23rd April. Full payment 2nd July
Y6 deposit by 19th March. Full payment by 10th May.
You can pay online, through SIMs pay, or by cash or cheque to the school office. Any cheques payable to Thurlbear School.

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

- **20mph lights:** I am happy to say that, after years of hoping and asking, things are finally progressing with the **School 20 When Lights Show** programme. Somerset CC Traffic Management Team will be deploying flashing lights at school during both drop-off and pick-up. This is very welcome news because, as you will know, our school road is currently national speed limit!
- **Warm clothing:** we are trying to conduct as much PE and games outside,

currently. Every class is maintaining a balance of physical activity and using their 2 hours a week minimum. This is on the school playground as much as possible to help with safe and positive practices. Please ensure your child has something warm to wear outside, such as a hoodie or track suit bottoms.

- **Safe around the village:** Our PCSO will be visiting Monday to discuss our 20mph as well as traffic flow around the school. Our staggered times have led to real success at getting to and away from school in great timing and our roads are now quiet by 3:38 every day, which is remarkable when compared to pre-pandemic! During the busy times – 3 to 3:30pm – please do *try* and maintain the flow of traffic in the same direction. It works so well when the vast majority of cars go down the hill and through the village, slowly. As always, I hugely appreciate your efforts with this.

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Monday: New trainee teachers start.

Monday: PCSO visiting Mr Gillan to discuss community actions.

Tuesday: Full Governing Board Meeting.

Thursday: Y4 going to Thurlbear Woods to build Easter Gardens.

Friday: Guitar and drumming tuition.

Term dates of interest:

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

23rd April, 7th May, 11th June and 2nd July.

