



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 10

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

HOPE 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:

1. www.swiggle.org.uk

Matters around School

Mr Gillan

- **At the moment**, we are inputting lots of information about our Curriculum onto our website, ready to launch it next week. Families will be able to look at our curriculum overviews, as well as how we plan the learning across the school and how that moves up through the year groups. As you will have seen from individual Class Dojo spaces – and Tapestry – our teachers try very hard to keep you abreast of our latest learning and YOU also send back the most brilliant posts in your own portfolios! I am trying to find a little more time in my working week to sit, read and comment more on these posts, as they are such an important feature of our communication together.
- **Thanks to Year 4, this week**, where I got the chance to lead some sessions in maths and writing, this week. I thoroughly enjoyed their focus, creativity and standards in their books. Looking after your book is absolutely crucial to us, as it is your working document showing everything that you do at school. They weren't just trying to impress the Head! I could tell it was their usual practice. Special mention to Brody!
- **DATES!** Below is a list of dates and teachers will be given more details about these events in letters coming out. I know Key Stage 1 Nativity has a letter being distributed regarding ticketing and timings and this will be the same for key Stage 2 Carols, which will be held at St Mary's Church for the first time in a number of years. Our choir is practicing hard and are very excited to be singing for families at the Christmas Fair!
- **On Friday 9th December**, Karen Sancto will be visiting school. Karen is a Diocese advisor and former Headteacher. She will be presenting us with a plaque to celebrate our 150th birthday! More details about how we will celebrate this in next week's newsletter.
- **A huge thanks to Julie Kimber** from the Seven Sowers Benefice for supporting our Collective Worships with her messages for HOPE in our latest session. They really are friends of the school and we will be inviting them to all of our celebrations leading up to Christmas.

Safeguarding

Mr Gillan

- **Over the next few months**, we will be having some works around school to install hand rails in key places. This will help pupils stay to the paths –

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.nationalgeographic.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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especially on any sloped areas – and will safeguard pupils around our school environment.

- Shorter days have an impact on our After School events, meaning we are extra vigilant at pick-ups, especially a 4:30pm when it is quite dark! If anyone else is picking up your child on your behalf, please do let us know in advance.

The Week(s) Ahead

Mr Gillan

Friday: Music Celebration Worship

Friday: Year 5 cake sale in the playground

Dates for Term 1

Dress Down Friday 2nd December

Thurlbear Christmas Fair 2nd December

Christmas Nativity for FS, Year 1 and Year 2 6th, 7th, 8th December

Christmas Lunch 8th December

FS and Year 1 visiting St Mary Magdalene Church 9th December

Karen Sancto – Diocese School Advisor – visiting school 9th December

Christmas Carol Service Key Stage 2 Thursday 15th December at 1.30pm

End of Term 16th December

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

6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 21st April, 5th May, 9th June and 7st July



Great cricket sessions in Years 2, 3 and 4 with Thom from Somerset Cricket Foundation!