



Thurlbear Matters

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Bible Thought:

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

Luke 24

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Final Weeks Mr Gillan

Our **next** newsletter will be a July addition, signalling only 3 weeks left of the academic year, so we will try to bring together any dates and updates for families in this section of this week's news.

- **Our teachers have now been finalised for 2021 – 2022**

Chestnut: Miss Kelloway

Rowan: Mrs Lucas

Cherry: Mrs Baldwin

Hazel: Mrs Yellowley and Mrs Foster-Burnell

Willow: Miss Crook

Pine: Mrs Collings / Mrs Chedzoy

Oak: Miss Warrington

We will announce our excellent TAs soon, but we always try to stay as consistent as possible for the benefit of the children.

As always, the quality and depth of teaching talent, professionalism and commitment across our school remains one of our strengths and I am personally delighted to see us retain our quality of teachers going into another school year at Thurlbear. Please do discuss this at home and I hope you share in my hope and expectation for a year ahead that is smoother and a little more 'normal'.

- **With the penultimate** recording now online – our Rowan Class Worship – it is fair to say I have been delighted with the quality of delivery, confidence of speaking and listening, and enthusiasm of all the pupils to join in with the videos. I hope you have got as much joy as I have in editing them. Thanks to all the teachers for their input and passion and we could forward to the final one of the year from our Chestnuts! Save the best 'til last?
- **We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor** to join the governing body at Thurlbear. Governors play a key role in the school. The Parent Governor is elected to give a parental perspective in discussions and decisions. The Governing Body is made up of parents, teachers and other members of the community. Every term the Governing Body meets to support the work of the school, and together with the Head teacher, is responsible for making sure that the school provides a good standard of education for pupils and helps ensure the school meet its aims. You may also sit on other sub-committees linked to the skills you bring to the board.

There are 3 main functions of a governor:

1. Making sure there is clarity in the vision, ethos and the strategic direction of the school

2. Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the performance management of the staff; and
3. Making sure that the school spends its money effectively.

If you would like to become a Governor please express your interest via email to the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Helen Hill via **HHill3@educ.somerset.gov.uk** by Tuesday 26th June 2021.

Where there is more than one applicant, an election will be held and each candidate will be asked to submit a short statement (no more than 100 words) setting out why they would like to be a Governor and what skills they can bring to the Board. These statements will be provided to all parents, who will then be asked to vote for their preferred candidate.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the role further before making an application please contact either the Clerk to Governors or Chair of Governors, Sue Tier on **STier@educ.somerset.gov.uk**

- **Anyone using** our Breakfast and After School facilities will know that Mrs Carter can set up booking online efficiently and, this way, we can monitor our numbers effectively. Please do use the online tool to book in your children, as we are seeing a large number of calls 'on the day'. Although this can be catered for, it can cause issues when we look at total numbers on certain days when it is very popular. Thank you.

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

- Due the ongoing COVID restrictions, rising case numbers and continuing safety protocols in place for schools, the current guidance is to maintain on our current risk assessments. This means we will be holding the sports day as a pupil-only day. We will be filming some sections, activities and races so you get a full flavour of the day as it unfolds. I am aware that this may seem unnecessarily cautious for some of you, especially when we read about thousands attending sports events in the very near future, but I am abiding by the guidance set down to me. I would also hate for any cases to come into school and it completely affect the end of the school year for our pupils. We have done so well, this far.
T-Shirts for Sports Day: children need to wear their team colours on the day (based on our four saints and the houses), bring a named drink bottle and be prepared for hot weather with sun cream etc. ANY QUESTIONS please Class Dojo your teacher and we can communicate a joint message!
- If you are planning any ad-hoc time off during the next few school weeks, please ask the Office for our term-time holiday form. It can get awkward when your child tells us exactly where you have been or plan to go, but we have received a message saying they were ill. Most of the time, your child's friends will mention it during register!

The Weeks Ahead Mr Gillan

Tuesday: Y3 going to the woods

Thursday: Sports Day

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:

2nd July. Summer hamper and raffle contributions, please.

8th July: Y5 workshop 12th-14th Y5 Mendip Activity Days

15th : SASP activities Y5 23rd: Y6 Leavers' Worship

23rd LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.