



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 8

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

Our Christian focus for this half term is

## HOPE

## Bible Thought:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Romans

## Disrupted Return

Mr Gillan

**An apology at the outset** of our first newsletter following the half term break is not what I envisaged, but I feel it necessary to apologise for any inconvenience caused to families regarding our closure, yesterday (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>). It was an incredibly fast-moving scenario – as quick as the water that caused it – and I am evaluating our response in terms of anything we could have done better in future instances. I deeply appreciate the support of families in the village and surrounding area who have contacted me to explain the conditions warranted our actions, but no Head wants children missing a day of school, ultimately. My own problems of travelling via 3 counties to get to school didn't help the matter, and so it was a perfect storm of events – no pun intended. If anyone feels that we could have done better with communication and systems, I am always willing to listen and learn for next time: [steve.gillan@thurlbearprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:steve.gillan@thurlbearprimaryschool.co.uk)

Thanks to the families that completed learning online and posted some great items on Dojo.

## Notices

Mr Gillan Mrs Carter

**Our Poppies** have arrived and can be purchased during the school day; our Values Team will bring them to classes and teachers will give pupils time to purchase one. I know we have also sold them in the playground at pick-up time and we will be able to do this again for any parents/carers wishing to purchase.

This half term will be a busy one in any Church primary school and we also have some great events in the churches around us.

Messy Church is a time to come together: 11<sup>th</sup> November!

## The Seven Sowers Benefice Messy Church



Saturday 11th November 2023  
3:30 in Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall

Contact Holly for further information [holly@sevensowers.org](mailto:holly@sevensowers.org)



**School clubs appeal:** I will be speaking to our Values Team on Monday regarding our clubs offer. I would think that **Netball/Basketball** on a Tuesday could have a few more joiners, if your child is interested (**Years 3 to 6**) and it is a good, active session. **Choir** was excellent, today, but could do with some more lovely voices from the older age groups!

## Safeguarding Mr Gillan

Keeping children safe encompasses many facets, including food safety. At Thurlbear, we have children with severe allergies connected to a range of foods – mentioned regularly in our communications – so please think carefully about what is brought in for lunches and healthy snacks. **NUTELLA** is also on the list of foods to avoid, due to its nut ingredients.

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## Week Ahead Mr Gillan

**Just a quick reminder that families are very welcome to attend our Celebration Workshops. We open the doors approximately 2:45pm**

**Monday:** Ethos Committee – Values Team + Governors 9:30am

**Monday:** Finance and Personnel Committee

**Monday:** Girls' Football Years 3 to 6

**Tuesday:** Healthy Metres Matters starts for Years 2 to 4

**Tuesday:** September Intake Parent Tours

**Tuesday:** Netball/Basketball Years 3 to 6

**Wednesday:** Multi Skills Years 2 and 3

**Thursday:** Storytime Event Foundation Stage to Year 2

**Thursday:** Street Surfing Years 4 to 6

**Thursday:** Mindfulness Years 5 and 6

**Friday:** Year 5 Cake Sale

**Friday:** Celebration Worship Year 1

**Friday:** Choir Years 2 to 6 (more great voices required!)

**Friday:** Mixed Football Years 3 to 6

Pupils are more than welcome to still sign up for our clubs. By the end of next week, these will be online and ready for payments.