



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2

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Bible Thought:

'took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed [is] he that cometh in the name of the Lord'

John 12

We are a proud part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

This Week Mr Gillan

- **Easter Gardens**, Maths sessions and space art were just a few highlights of a packed learning week in school. All the pupils have engaged well with their tasks and we are back into the routine of lining up, moving around school safely and treating all of our adults with respect. Next week, I will be looking at "**30 Acts of Friendship**" and highlight pupils from around the school who have been role models for this one of our Christian Values:
Thankfulness Hope **Friendship** Wisdom Trust
- **Changes of Address:** Some pupils have told us the happy news that they have moved homes, recently. Please make sure we have your latest address on our system, as well as contact details for phone numbers etc that are your most recent. These essential details keep us connected effectively from home to school.
- **PTA Updates:** Your brilliant PTA have generated plenty of activities to keep us (optionally) busy over the holidays! Our Easter Raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 1st April**, so please have your tickets into school by **Tuesday 30th March**. There are some fantastic prizes, so give it a go!
Easter Crafts Competitions have come to you on a slip. There are a range of things you can create and do at home at only £1 per entry – 19th April deadline. Send your photo entries to **thurlbearpta@hotmail.com**
- **PE Kit and uniform:** After Easter, we hope for warmer weather, so please ensure that white tops and normal PE/games shorts are in school. Regarding uniform, hopefully shops opening mid-Easter Break will help families get the required length trousers for all the legs that have grown! Mrs Linthorne is also doing a brilliant job with second-hand uniform, so contact her through the PTA if there is something you need.
- **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 Full payment by 3rd May
Y5 deposit by 23rd April. Full payment 2nd July
Y6 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.
- **Parent Consultations:** In the **week beginning 26th April**, we will hold a week of parent consultations. Teachers will be sending out invitations to families to select times for phone calls to teachers, as we did in October. This will be a time to discuss what targets are being set for the rest of the academic year and what we can all do to help each other keep your children engaged, progressing and

happy with their learning and school in general. As ever, teachers will liaise to ensure there are no overlaps if you have more than one child! Please communicate with the teachers if you aren't sure.

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

- **Our PCSO** visit went well, last week, and he was incredibly impressed with the efficiency of our pick-up and drop-off model. Lots of local schools, apparently, are having real issues with congestion and lack of strategy (his words). Thank you for your support with this and your ongoing safe, considerate driving around school and through the village.

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

On Monday, I have an exciting meeting with an architect who will be walking through some ideas for The Den area over the Summer. We will share more on this as we grow the dream. I will also be meeting with a professional who may be able to help us with our playground flooding issue every time it rains for more than 10mins. All these bits build to a better Thurlbear for your child.

Monday: Mr Lloyd drumming.

Tuesday: Easter Raffle deadline.

Thursday: Easter Raffle draw.

Thursday: Easter Key Stage Worship.

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.



- **One to finish with:** Lots of laughter coming from a room, today. I went to investigate and find Mrs Hellyer in tears of laughter with a Chestnut group. They were playing a game and made the sentence: "A baboon, on the moon, with a spoon and balloon." Sometimes, it's the little things in this job...