



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 3 Week 5

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Bible Thought:

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4

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Safeguarding Mr Gillan

I wanted to start this week's newsletter with a safeguarding message in regards to our collective worship videos. Every Friday, I am putting together a video montage of pieces filmed by classes over the week. At the heart of these films is our central message of our church School, as well as giving you all an insight into what your children are doing in their learning. So, far Year 6 and Year 5 have put forward their videos and I have created 2 films. By the end of the academic year, every class will have made one. This is under the 'safeguarding' title as I wanted to explain where and how this film is being published. Primarily, they have been created to share with other classes, as we do not yet get together as we did on Fridays and celebrate together. Nor do we share our Friday Worships with you as we did pre-pandemic. I wanted to still share those special Friday moments with the whole Thurlbear family.

Due to the size of the films (Pine Class is a whopping 20mins!), Class dojo will not host the whole film and nor will google Classroom. Therefore, I plan to put them onto the school YouTube video stream. **However**, I intend to publish them with a weblink that only I possess (called 'unlisted'), meaning it is not published to the 'wider public'. I then take that weblink and put it into Class Dojo and only those with a username and password to our school site can access it. Effectively, there is 2 layers of security on these films. We know that every adult has signed to say whether or not your child can have their image – or name – published on our social media. No names will be published alongside the images. Please do contact us if you have any concerns, but I do feel that this parental engagement is absolutely vital and can be maintained in a secure way. **Oak, Pine and Willow** (this half term) **Hazel, Cherry, Rowan** and finally **Chestnut** (next half term).

School Matters Mr Gillan

- **Health Week:** All teachers have discussed how well our Health Week has gone and, in particular, the need around the school for the circle time activities. It has been a very enlightening experience and I know the teachers are extending some sessions into next week and beyond. In particular, opportunities to speak about honest feelings in front of peers without fear of laughter/ embarrassment is one we will drill down into further. To have honest, open and confident pupils is a definite desire as we look to "train up our children in the way they should go". I want every pupil to feel that they will be listened to with respect, whatever age they are, and at this school or elsewhere.
- **I am happy** to say that Mrs Hayter will join our lunchtime team from next week.
- **However, we still require another midday supervisor:** 6hrs & 15 mins per week, Monday to Friday between the hours of 12.15 – 1.30pm, £9.43 per hour. A vacancy has arisen within our busy lunchtime team for a Midday Supervisor. The role is to help and support children within the dining room and at outside play. If you are interested in applying for the role or would like further details please contact Mrs Moore within the school office or email jmoore@educ.somerset.gov.uk
- **Clubs:** Thank you for all those families who have returned their club requests to us. We are hoping the weather decides to improve by the time they start. At the moment, Year 6 and Year 3 do not have much uptake, so we may adapt our offer if more do not sign up by next Friday.
- **Community News:** Our school will be supporting 'Churches Count on Nature' during 'Love Your Burial Ground 5-13 June'. Mary Bell from Staple Fitzpaine Church: "This is an

opportunity for everyone, especially for families and for those who might not otherwise visit churchyards, to come and explore and count the variety of plants and small creatures which live in these special green spaces. Churchyards have been uncultivated for hundreds of years, so often they are habitats for many rare and precious species." Classes will also be supporting this by visiting St Thomas' churchyard during the week.

- **CLAY WORKSHOP:** We are very much looking forward to Jo Dove working with our pupils, next Friday. Please send in your contributions as soon as possible. As with all extra-curricular offers, we can only go ahead with such activities if we have enough contributions. "What are we paying for?" is a fair challenge. The school have purchased the clay for every pupil, so you are contributing to the payment for the clay artist, but the largest cost is the firing process. The clay does not NEED to be fired. However, to produce brilliant results, it is the best route, as these beautiful year 2 clay models show.
- **Activity days:** Year 6 have braved some very inclement weather, this week, to throw axes, light fires and hunt each other with rubber-tipped arrows! They have shown a great attitude, team spirit and we all want to thank Mendip Outdoor Activity Centre for their great instructors, too.



The Week Ahead Mr Gillan



Monday: Mr Timms piano lessons.

Tuesday: Years 1 and 2 outside samba music workshop

Friday: Pottery Day

Friday: Mr Snowden guitar lessons and Mr Lloyd drumming lessons.

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:

11th June and 2nd July.