



Thurlbear Matters

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Bible Thought:

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19

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COVID Updates and Outlook Mr Gillan

Unfortunately, I am now having to self-isolate due to family member testing positive for COVID.

What does it mean for you? School continues as normal and I am in continual contact with our Office Team and Mrs Lucas via Google Classroom. This afternoon (Friday), I will be leading Celebration Worship as normal and into next week. I will be holding live meetings with pupils and staff through Google Classroom securely and safely. School activities continue as normal, our class bubbles are all intact, teachers are back from self-isolating and the last week of school goes ahead as planned! Please do get in touch via my email should there be anything concerning you or that I can help with in any way

- **September Outlook:** I am very aware everyone needs clarity on our procedures and protocols for September as I mentioned in last week's newsletter.

It is very difficult to look ahead at the picture in September, especially when we are not in school to monitor a regional pattern in cases and potential disruptions. What we devise now may not work in September if guidance changes and our feeling is that a cautious return may be best for everyone. We can always quickly adapt should the roadmap be positive, but it would be dispiriting and frustrating to promise much, only for it to be taken away. We also want to capture and extend what has gone well, such as the drop off / pick up / one way system. However, school timings, working hours and curriculum time all need to be factored into a complex picture. Therefore, some headline plans:

1. We would like to introduce a **drop off** system in the morning, but will not be staggered by class. Instead, we will publish a time window in which you can drop off your child on the playground side or car park, utilising both areas. This could be between 8:40 and 8:59, for example, with register at 9am. WE would advise Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 to drop on the playground side (using both gates) and Y4, 5 and 6 to use the car park drop-off, where a member of staff would be to greet them. I would encourage those who **can**, to stagger their arrival time and utilise the full 20mins (approximately), as it will help the flow of traffic around school.
2. **Pick-up** that is staggered between Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and then Key Stage 2. This **could**, for example, be between 3:15 and 3:30. Any sibling will leave at the later time if they cross key stages. We are devising a way in which to also maintain a pick-up in the car park, for Key stage 2 pupils, but we will update you on this and all firm details **ASAP**. I hope this gives a little clarity, but I appreciate that lots of you have working lives that are placing demands on you. We are trying to work with all families on what works best.
3. **The one-way system** out of school and through the village (for MOST) has been very successful and we would want this to continue with your support.

4. After school clubs will be planned in September when we can look at the use of staff and inside and outside space, therefore we do not foresee any clubs in the first few weeks.
 5. After School Club will be available once again and we will canvass users to see if 5:15 or 5:30 is the most popular ending time.
- **Guitar lessons** have been incredibly popular, this term, and here is a message from Mr Snowden for September: "Guitar lessons available at Thurlbear primary for beginners and continuing learners from year 2 to year 6. Friendly relaxed lessons at your pace by visiting guitar tutor John Snowden. I also offer online zoom lessons if this is of any interest, please email JOHNGUITARSNOWDEN@GMAIL.COM TEXT MOB-07591810453 for more details."
 - **SUMMER RAFFLE: Please return your raffle tickets via your child's book bag and write your child's name and year group on the reverse. The deadline for tickets is Tuesday 20th July. Raffle drawn Friday 23rd.**
 - **Clubs:** Mr Gunstone's sports clubs have now finished, so there are **no clubs, next week.**



The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Teachers will be meeting in Pupil Progress Meetings, looking at next steps for their new class, alongside partner teachers.

Oak Class will be performing their Y6 play.

Wednesday: Stay and Play for our new September Starters

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Friday: Y6 End of Year Worship

Friday: End of school. Our Year 6 photo will feature in the Somerset Gazette

