



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, End of Week 6

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

Our Christian focus for this term is:

Friendship

Our classes will focus on this value around school and in our collective worships, led by Mr Gillan and individual classes.

General Notices

Mr Gillan, Mrs Moore, Mrs Carter

- 1. REMINDER: as you will recall, our date for 'FLU vaccinations was cancelled due to a lack of capacity at Somerset SAINTS:** we will notify you as soon as we know any more.
In the meantime, you have now received a letter with your child and will need to use the link within in it to fill in the consent form <https://saint.somersetff.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east> **please do not contact us about it!** I think it is worth reiterating that this a flu vaccination, the same as we send out every year from the **SAINTS** team. If you do not register, then your child will not receive the 'flu vaccination in school and will, instead, have to make your own arrangements.
- 2. We had a brilliant assembly from Mark Woodcock** who runs Open Door in Taunton – a charity we are supporting in our Harvest community work, this year. From Monday, we are asking for donations of the following (from Mark's requests):
Drinks Coffee, sugar, squash, fruit juice...
Packets and cartons: Anything that can be made with boiling water (when someone gets into emergency accommodation often they only have a kettle, no cooking facilities)
Preferably not: Beans, pasta, tinned soup or tea as we have loads already!
You can bring them in from Monday and we will collect them for me to deliver on Wednesday (and Mrs Yellowley will help me, too).
- 3. IQ cards** – last call for these is Monday, as they then go off by courier!
- 4. Our clubs list** for November/December has been sent home. Please have a read and follow the instructions should you want spaces. Again, we will look at what further clubs we can offer after Christmas and our Values Group have some suggestions including lunchtime clubs.
- 5. Photo orders** are now done completely online, and details are on the sheet that came with the photo. Go to Tempest Photography <https://tempest-orders.co.uk/> and enter the reference number, which can be found under the photo of your child. No orders can be processed through school!
- 6. PTA update!** The PTA email distribution list is very out of date and, as such, they are starting afresh. If you wish to be included on this to hear about PTA events then please contact the PTA directly via Facebook or email, thurlbearpta@hotmail.com to be added to the group.

Online Resources and Safety:

1. www.swiggle.org.uk
Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only. Please do give it a go at home, as it should bring up some very interesting sites for home projects / research.

Contact Us

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Bible Thought:

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

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- 7. HUGE THANKS to Taunton B&Q** for their donation of a metal shed where we can keep our PE equipment extra dry and safe! Little things like this make the world of difference to us, so thanks to Mrs Fletcher for liaising on this and to Mr Childs for picking it up and dropping it off (and to Miss Crook for her muscles helping me lift it off the van!).
- 8. I hope your parent consultations went well.** Teachers have given me very positive feedback, mentioning many positive discussions. **Huge thanks** to our teachers for organising them and delivering such vital, coherent and positive messages to families after such intense working days.

Safeguarding and COVID Update

Mr Gillan

- 1. Thank you for responding** so quickly to our text message and not parking on the zig zags.
- Pick-up is still effective, although admittedly busy around the 3:25 – 3:35 time. **Can I please ask Key Stage 2 parents** not to turn up early for a car space or to come into the playground? It can affect the flow of traffic for Key Stage 1 and spaces being available for our smallest pupils, meaning they need to walk down the road further.

As communicated in the week, we have had cases of pupil COVID in school. We ask you to remain vigilant for all the usual signs of COVID and seek your assistance in fighting potential outbreaks. We have been made aware of the South West anomaly of positive LFD tests but negative PCRs. Public Health have notified us that the daily case rate is currently 435.1 per 100,000. This is a significant upturn in cases. In ever-changing scenarios, this is our latest guidance: *The new guidance states that children and staff should self-isolate and not come to school if:*

- **They have tested PCR positive (positive case) – 10 days isolation**
- **They are LFD positive and have symptoms (presumptive positive even if PCR is negative) – 10 days isolation**
A PCR test should always be booked in order to confirm the LFD result. However, if there is a positive LFD test and the person has symptoms, or they have repeated positive LFD tests, then the individual is presumed positive, even if this is contradicted by the PCR result.
- **They are a household contact (parent, sibling etc.) of someone who has tested PCR positive or presumptive positive until they have a negative PCR test result.**

The recommendation is that daily LFD testing take place and that parents are vigilant in looking for any symptoms. If the individual begins to show symptoms or tests positive on an LFD then they should self-isolate and take another PCR test. This guidance is in place until further notice. We will, of course, keep you informed of any changes when they happen.

The Week(s) Ahead

Mr Gillan

Wednesday: Bikeability Yr 6 groups

Wednesday: Harvest Celebrations (photographs will be taken and shared securely)

Thursday: INSET

Friday: INSET

Dress Down Fridays: They occur on the first school Friday of a new month. Here are the dates for the rest of the year:

5th November, 3rd December, 7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 10th June and 1st July.

