



Thurlbear Matters

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Half Term 2, week 1

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and

Trust

Our Christian focus for this term is:

HOPE

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

Welcome Back

Mr Gillan, Mrs Moore, Mrs Carter

Our date for 'FLU vaccinations date is now Monday 17th January.

This vaccine is given as a simple spray up the nose.

Please complete the consent form using this link.:

<https://saint.somersetff.nhs.uk/flu/2021/west> . You had a letter about this before half term with details. 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.

After school sports clubs: Again, my apologies that the regional Amber Warning led me to the decision to temporarily postpone clubs. Once we have confirmation of the end of this status from Public Health, we can then organise a refund for families.

Next week, I will send out updates for Christmas plans (!): nativities, church events and in-school celebrations connected to this exciting half term. Teachers, I know, are also publishing their half termly letters for you to keep up to date with the latest learning in the classrooms.

Safeguarding

Mr Gillan

In the first week back to school, we have had further pupil COVID cases in school and the region continues to be under AMBER warning guidance for a further school week. We ask you to remain vigilant for all the usual signs of COVID and seek your assistance in fighting potential outbreaks. Public Health have notified us that the daily case rate is currently 589 per 100,000, down from 890. *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.

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.

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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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- **(Enhanced Amber guidance) Any close contacts of confirmed cases of Covid-19 identified by NHS Test & Trace to book a PCR test and whilst awaiting test results, undertake a daily LFD test and only attend school if this is negative. The daily LFD testing is at the parent or guardian's discretion for primary age children.**

I want to thank those families involved for their communication and working alongside us to get the best outcomes at a difficult time.

The Week(s) Ahead

Mr Gillan

Monday: Mr Timms piano sessions

Friday: Mr Lloyd drumming sessions

Friday: Mr Snowden guitar sessions

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

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

