



Thurlbear Matters

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Spring Term end of week 2

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

Our Christian focus for this term is:

TRUST

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

Notices Mr Gillan

- **VACCINATION** Reminder: **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> . 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. **Please be assured: if your child is not registered, then they will not receive it.**
- **Our COVID outlook**, although remaining at Amber status across the region, has actually improved over the past 2 weeks. We still ask you, for the time being, to follow our guidance and requests and wear a mask when you come into school at drop off / pick-up. If at all possible, please continue to regularly LFD test pupils should you feel it necessary and keep communicating with our Office Team as you have been.
- **On the roads:** Just as a new-year reminder....tonight (Friday) was very smooth, so thank you.
Please:
 1. Try and stick to our one-way system coming to and going away from school. This way, we can maintain that safe flow away from school.
 2. Think about where you park! Near the entrance to the car park causes a bottle neck for any cars that do need to come in from the other end of the village or stops cars from going down the hill. This is also the case down past the church and onto the corner.
 3. Chestnut and Rowan families are asked to leave the premises as quickly as possible, because this leaves space for Years 3, 4 and 5 families. Equally, please do not arrive too early if you are here for Yr 3, 4 or 5.
 4. Our bell goes at 3:30 for 3, 4 and 5. If you time the flow correctly, then there is space outside school most of the time. Teachers stay with their pupils so you do not need to rush and get here before this time.
 5. I appreciate that after school clubs help stagger cars on the road. We needed to monitor the COVID situation before I could commit to committing staff to after school sports clubs. However, **from Monday 24th January**, we have put together a 4-week block of clubs for Key Stage 2 classes. More detail on this next bullet point. Until that week, please remember that After School Club is available to all pupils and

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:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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

www.bathandwells.org.uk

you can book into here if your child would like more social time with peers.

- **Clubs:** Monday – Thursday After School Sports Clubs will begin w/b 24th January and we will send out a form for you to fill in should you be interested in a space: **Monday** Y3 Multi-sports, **Tuesday** Y4 Multi-sports, **Wednesday** Y5 Multi-sports, **Thursday** Y6 Multi-sports. Once we have a better view on social distancing, groups and space in school, we will look to expand our clubs after half term for our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1
- **Lunch menus:** As well as sports choices, lunch menus will be out Monday. They will need to come back by THURSDAY, please!
- **Next week:** INSET Dates and holidays for academic year 22/23 will be in our next newsletter.

The Weeks Ahead Mr Gillan

We are tentatively moving forwards with after-school events hosted at venues such as Blackbrook Pavilion and Kings College.

2 key dates, so far, are Monday 24th January and Monday 21st March. These are KS2 cross country event dates held at Kings College. It is an individual race and any KS2 can turn up and race. Parents take their children and attend instead of teachers. I believe this is the event that Isabella (Y6) came 'first girl' last time!

We will have more events when we have secured staff to take our groups.

Dress Down Fridays: They occur on the first school Friday of a new month. Here are the dates for the rest of the year: **4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 10th June and 1st July.**