



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 8

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2nd Half Term Mr Gillan

- **Welcome back to** Half term 2, historically a very exciting time in schools! There is an abundance of important and exciting experiences to be had during November and December, so we will endeavour to update you as much as possible as we move ahead.
- **Remembrance Day** will be observed in school, next week. Classes will be involved in learning around the subject and we will hold a small worship and service at the appropriate time during the day. Running up to the day, we will be selling various items that we've managed to source. It has been quite hard to find a selection this year, so there will be a limited stock available to each class. We ask that pupils, should they want to purchase an item, put the suggested item and amount into an envelope and bring it into school. We can then safely deposit this and distribute the items. Here is a photo of items with suggested contribution, as decided by the Royal British Legion. It will have to be first-come basis, as there is only a limited stock.

- **Learning Experience letters and Knowledge Organisers:** As you will be aware, our Learning Experience letters (pictured here) have been a key feature of class communication for the last 2 years. This letter sets out the key learning features that your child will focus on for a set amount time (normally 2 to 3 weeks). As a school, we have been reviewing our curriculum and focusing on the **Intent, Implementation and Impact** of the learning in which our pupils take part. In light of this work, our pupils will now also be given a sheet known as a knowledge organiser. This will give them a clear picture of key facts that will be learned, specific vocabulary connected to that topic and also any important dates and timelines. This knowledge-based approach will, we feel, equip our pupils with the necessary facts for success in that area of the curriculum over time. Each class will be producing one per topic and they will feature in **EVERY** year group across the school. These will be


Bible Thought:

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

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featured on your CLASS DOJO PAGE for every parent and carer to view and read. We will not be sending home paper copies, so it is vital that you utilise this parental engagement tool. Your teachers can tell you more about these organisers, so keep a look out on your class stories on Dojo, as well as on our school website.

- **Whilst on the subject of Class Dojo**, I feel it is worth reiterating that the teachers who share year group roles in Yrs 5 and 6 check their messages, feedback and comments etc on the days that they work. As always with teachers at Thurlbear, they tend to go above and beyond, but I would not want this to become an expectation of them when it isn't their specific working day, so please do keep this in mind should you post something to them. You are not being ignored; the teachers are simply doing what I have asked of them!
- **Interim Reports are coming home, today.** Please look out for them in book bags. As we mentioned before the break, these reports accompany the telephone consultations and should consolidate the targets for your child moving into this next half term and beyond.
- **COMING SOON!** Thurlbear PTA are organising a special-edition **GREAT BRITISH BAKE-OFF** competition for families to enter! **Create a showstopper** in the theme of 'Hint of a Book' (just like our World Book Day) More details will be confirmed by PTA **very** soon.
- **A message from the School Admissions Team at County Hall:** If your child is due to start or transfer school for September 2021, it is now time to make your application. The **deadline for primary** phase applications is 15th January 2021. Please apply online by visiting <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/>

WORKERS OF THE WEEK! A huge congratulations, this week, goes to...

Chestnut: **Phoebe** Rowan: **Alex** Cherry: **Sammie** Hazel: **Lily** Willow: **Millie**
Pine: **Wylie** Oak: **Callum**

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

Under the COVID guidelines, we are **still** asking our pupils to leave objects at home! Thank you to everyone for your understanding about birthday treats. Our attendance, **this** first week back, has been **99.7%** - a fantastic achievement under the circumstances. That is all down to you, so well done ***#clapforgrownups***.

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Tuesday: Mr Snowden guitar tuition (contact him on 07591 810453 for availability)

Wednesday: Remembrance workshops and Worship.

Friday: Mr Lloyd drumming

Term 1 dates of interest

3rd December: whole-school 'flu vaccinations.

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

4th December, 8th January, 5th February, 5th March, 23rd April, 7th May, 11th June and 2nd July.

Today, we had a brilliant harvest Worship and every class shared something in our online school!

