



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2, Week 7

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

THANKFULNESS
is our
focus, this
half term.

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

Online Resources and Safety:

1. www.swiggle.org.uk

Updates Mr Gillan

Our first week back after the break has been a very busy time all around the school. There are a number of updates for families:

• **INDUSTRIAL ACTION: 2nd March 2023**

Unless there is agreement, soon, between government and teaching reps, the NEU will be encouraging its members to take industrial action that will affect schools and academies in Somerset on Thursday 2nd March. School leaders undertake contingency planning, including risk assessment, for the strike action by teachers. I, as Head, am expected to do all that is reasonably practicable to ensure that school and services remain open on strike days for as many pupils as possible, but Somerset Local Authority and government tell me I: "Should avoid any action which may inflame the situation." As you all be aware, the school remained fully open during the last day of action. Whilst all efforts are being made to maintain essential services to children and young people, regrettably the industrial action will mean that, this time, **we will not be able to provide our usual level of services on that day.** There is a strong possibility that some classes may be closed and pupils will be at home for this day. Teachers are not required to indicate to me if they are striking on this day. However, I feel it is right for me to ask families to consider what their childcare plans could look like for next Thursday. **I will send out a full update on Monday.**

- **Please check bags for lunch menus.** They need to be back no later than March 1st.
- **Information regarding** a brilliant M and M production in-school has come home, too.
- **VISION TESTING for Chestnut Class has come.** Families only need to send this back if they want to **opt out.**
- **INSET dates for academic year 23/24 will be out very soon.**
- **Our email address is office@thurlbearprimaryschool.co.uk** and you can find this on our 'contact us' page on the website.
- **A huge welcome to Mrs Fletcher,** who has joined our school family!

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Monday: all clubs are on

Monday: Y5 and 6 Hockey comp

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.

3. <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
Some beautiful images and great facts on this National Geographic site.

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Bible Thought:

“You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.”

Psalms 23

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

www.bathandwells.org.uk

Tuesday: Governor training

Wednesday: RSPCA in Chestnut Class

Wednesday: Court Games Yrs 2 to 4

Thursday: Industrial Action

Friday: Healthy Metres Matters

Friday: DRESS DOWN FRIDAY – WORLD BOOK DAY “Hint of a book”

Friday: Mr Snowden guitar tuition

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 March, 21st April, 5th May, 9th June and 7st July

Jesus said: “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

(The Bible, Matthew 17:20).



I am only me, yet I am someone
I cannot do everything,
yet I can do something.

Lent | *Beholding the Sacred Space*