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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust.

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

School Outlook:

"You must be on a wind-down with 2 weeks to go!" That was a question from someone last weekend, when they heard I was in education. After a long blink, I mentioned that it was, actually, pretty busy for schools in July!

Still to come in the last 2 weeks, we have:

- the Year 6 end-of-year play performed 3 times;
- 2 days of pupil progress meetings (when we look at how our pupils have tackled our curriculum) this year;
- trips out for 2 classes;
- reports to come out to families (I read and comment on all 207);
- Year 6 Pilgrimage Day to St Mary Magdalene Taunton;
- 2 Governor Meetings (Teaching and learning and Ethos committee);
- 2 Stay and Play sessions for September pupils;
- Hosting the Piddlewood Plod (and me plodding it) next Sunday;
- Year 6 families in for a community afternoon – preparing a sustainable area as a leaving gift;
- A Dress Down Friday
- An asbestos check
- Year 6 Leavers' Service and Leavers' afternoon bus!



Risk of honest opinions

As we juggle our working weeks, in school, we are fully aware of the challenges on families, also. I have been speaking with our parent governors after our meetings and we agreed that it is so hard to get across the families the parameters that limit us in school which, as a consequence, are then felt by you all.

The industrial action days are cases in point: their effect is felt by you, at home, as well as on the teachers themselves, losing a day's pay. A delay by the government to announce if they are accepting the independent pay body's suggested pay increase has led to another day of disruption in school. **"What has that got to do with parents/carers?"** This delay

has a huge effect on school leaders and on governing bodies. Without knowing the size of the increase, we cannot look any further ahead at our budgeting for staff. The government say they have already fully funded any future pay award; the majority of school staff and leaders – across the

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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

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country – disagree entirely. **This is the main reason why our staff are involved in industrial action.** If it was to negatively affect your lives and those of our pupils, they would have been out on Tuesday for maximum disruption to our (lovely and successful) Moving Up day.

Without this clarity, then we cannot look to securing or extending contracts to some staff, for example. I am living my working week with one eye on the news and one on the day to day work with our staff and pupils, which is not ideal. Our hands are tied when it comes to longevity in our planning, in our design of our vision and in our strength of conviction in remaining an effective school giving the best life chances to our pupils if we do not get clarity on a financial position.

Communication is always an item that comes up when we talk about **what can be improved**, so please accept my apology for moving the Dress Down Friday if it caused any angst at home.

Thanks to Adam, Rio, Emily and Millie who have been back to do some work experience with bus. As their former teacher, it was alarming to see them so grown up, but I was so proud to see the young adults they have become
#trainupachild

School Notices:

Year 6 photo orders should be in, please, by Monday and we cannot process any after that.

Reports will be out, soon, and they will be coming digitally to you, therefore saving paper.

Mrs Moore and Mrs Carter are pretty delighted with our new management information system for payments etc and we will be sending out information on this very soon on getting set up for the year ahead!

The Week Ahead

Monday: Year 1 to Foxdown farm

Monday: Years 5 and 6 GIRLS' cricket tournament.

Tuesday: Ethos Committee

Tuesday: Pupil Progress Meetings

Tuesday: New Starters Stay and Play

Wednesday: Pupil Progress Meetings

Wednesday: Year 6 Pilgrimage Day.

Wednesday: New Starters Stay and Play

Friday: Dress Down Friday

Friday: Year 2 to Lyme Regis