



Thurlbear Matters

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Spring Term End of Week 6

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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.

Bible Thought:

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

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Around School Mr Gillan

The vast majority of Heads would, I think, tell you that teaching a class gives them that joyous reminder of why they went into the profession in the first place. I've had the pleasure of taking over the Year 3 classroom all this week and work with, for and alongside our Hazel Class pupils. Whether it has been Hugo's enthusiasm and drive, George's technical writing ability, Albert's scientific thinking, Cali's creative writing ideas or Lil-May's effort to do the Gillan challenge in maths, the energy from the whole class has been excellent. I did a 'live-write' on Wednesday and Thursday in front of them (a resolution and ending for an alternate Hansel and Grete story!) and they were so impressed they gave me a sporadic round of applause!

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

As of today, we have 8 staff absent (approximately 1/3 of our workforce) and 50 pupils (approximately 1/4). Both COVID and chicken pox are prevalent in school and Mrs Carter would like me to pass on thanks to all families who communicate with us so effectively, follow our guidance, make themselves available should a pupil need to be collected, or just generally work with us for the safety of everyone.

As the outlook changes across the country, I will communicate with you as soon as is possible. The likelihood is that you will find out the same time as me! I will endeavor to communicate any changes to our school living and learning patterns as quickly as possible.

Breakfast and After School Club: Last week, I warned of possible cuts to our provision in Breakfast and After School Clubs, due to absences in our teams. For this last week, **I am not going to make any changes to our hours offered.** I feel that cancelling this offer would impact greatly on the working lives of some families. What I would ask, please, is that every family reviews their use of this provision, next week. Do you really need to use After School Club in particular? I know families book this well in advance and **do not** want anyone to change plans drastically. It simply frees up staff earlier to begin a deeper clean of the building.