



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 3, Week 5

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

WISDOM 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.swiggles.org.uk

Safeguarding = ?

Mr Gillan

SAFEGUARDING is not just child protection. It is **guarding** everyone's **safety** around our school and there are a number of things to point out, this week, aligned with this:

- **We have** a (small) number of families who walk to school now the mornings are lighter. When you drive, please make sure you are passing any walkers slowly and carefully, and you use our risk assessment mantra: '**hope for the best but plan for the worst**'. Could you react in time should a child do something unexpected?
- **Our 20mph flashing lights** are working! Please adhere to this when going past school and even through the village. It really helps everyone stay safe. We all lead busy lives, but we can all afford an extra few minutes on a journey if it means we protect our Thurlbear families. This goes for the staff, too!
- **Our car park** is 10mph. Please stick to this.
- **In our car park**, there are signs about "using it at your own risk". We are only fully 'in loco parentis' once you have handed over your children to us at the door of breakfast club, our front gate, or the gates when I greet you all in the mornings! You are still in charge of your child if you are present. We help as much as we **possibly** can, but our Local Authority Health and Safety Advisor stipulates: '**staff should not place themselves in situations of potential danger**'. We have unique approaches with many families that suit individual pupils, but we always need your support.
- **Hundreds of eyes** are better than one pair: if you see anything out of place – a bush, a broken bit of wall – that you feel is a potential danger, please do let me know asap and I will endeavor to sort it! For example, a parent mentioned the poles outside school, holding our wires, and these have now been replaced and stand vertical!
- **Pick-ups:** we get a plethora of requests to pick up early, most of which occur on a Friday afternoon; as many as 10 phone calls in a day. It doesn't sound much, but the disruption it can cause to the Office Team is obvious! Please don't be offended if we ask you for evidence of any appointments and we do keep going until 3:15 / 3:30pm with Collective Worships and Reading Buddies.

School Notices

Mr Gillan

Volunteers have put their names forward to help in school – thanks to these people! Our main focus will be targeting readers and Mrs Lucas will organise these names and be in touch with our volunteers. Any volunteer has to go

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:

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through our rigorous DBS safeguarding checks, overseen by myself, Mrs Salter (safeguarding governor) and Mrs Carter, who meticulously maintains our Single Central Record for all safeguarding checks.

Well done to our team who attended the recent rounders tournament. This was the first rounders comp we have attended due to cancellations. The team worked hard and ended with a respectable record! Next up is the cricket comp on Tuesday!



Well done to our Year 2 for finishing for their end of key stage tests. I wrote a message to the families on their Dojo page, praising their resilience, enthusiasm and for their all-round knowledge of methods! I was blown away by their workings for subtractions and 'exchanging'! Mrs Baldwin should be incredibly proud that they reflected her input so diligently; they are only 6 and 7 years of age!

And another well done to the Year 6 Team for their excellent residential! Their itinerary was packed and, I am sure, many of memories were made!



As we move into the last week of this half term, next week's newsletter will have our Summer 2 clubs offer, as well as the key dates for the final weeks of 2022/2023 academic year!

On our school news blog – via the website – there will be some information your PTA about future dates, too. PLEASE do subscribe to the website news, so you do not miss any updates. Follow this

<https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/news/> and hit the subscribe button!