



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 3, Week 4

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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.swiggle.org.uk

Busy Times

Mr Gillan

Year 4 have had a week back at school after their residential and the busy schedule at Thurlbear continued with **Year 6** sitting their end of Key Stage tests (even though we are far from the end of the year!) A huge well done to them for their commitment, focus and positivity through some very tricky papers. There has been headline opinions, on national TV, concerning their relative difficulty, but our pupils ploughed through and showed great fortitude all week. 20mins after they had put down their pens, they were already paired up with Year 3 and looking at art techniques and collaborating on



pieces (pictured)! **Next week**, it is the turn of year 2 to sit through their standardised tests in school, whilst Year 6 go on their residential and have a wonderful time away from home and school for the week!

I have put out a separate statement from our lunch suppliers, BAM, but will include here again for everyone to read:

“Due to the unprecedented high inflation costs we have seen over the past 12 months, we have been reviewing our current position. Current consumer prices have risen over 10% in the last 12 months. We have tried to absorb the costs as much as possible but we are now not in a viable position across the catering department. As well as the rising costs, national wages and transport costs have risen which is having a great impact. We have exhausted every option managing the costs and production on a tight

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.nationalgeographic.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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scale. We really do not want to be writing this email but after reviewing the inflation and our pricing we need to increase the meal price to £2.55. In the past 9 years we have only increased our meal price by 5% which we hope you can see that this is our last resort. We are keeping a watchful eye on the government's plans to support school catering (no news yet). We are proposing the meal price to increase from the beginning of June 2023 but hope you can understand our circumstances in these difficult times."

AND A HUGE THANKS to our families for supporting our Big Help Out in school, this evening (Friday). It has been a wonderful example of a school community coming together to improve the environment at Thurlbear School. Governors, teachers, children – even former pupils – have given their time, today. Mrs Parkman was here at 7am and left at 6:30, tonight! I will create a more-thorough newsletter on Monday. It has been a busy day, week – and half term, so far!

