



# St Mary's Together

## Term 6 Week 3

## Date 19th June 2020

### Celebrate

#### Value Awards

##### *Collaborative Learners*

Isabella L, Joshua R,  
Oliver G

##### *Independent Learners*

Ellis C, Ffion D,  
Henry L, Lucy C,  
Matthew P, Seth A,  
Toby R

##### *Creative Learners*

Bella V, Hester F,  
Johan C-T, Lacey V,  
William O-T

##### *Reflective Learners*

Landon S-H

##### *Resilient Learners*

Alexander U, Ashley W,  
Daisy L, Evie B, Elliott  
S, George A-J, Harrison  
E, Martha H, Theo S

Individually we are each one colour,  
together we make a rainbow.



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### St Mary's Together – Continuing to Learn Wherever We Are

Thank you to everyone, both at home and in school, for another week of amazing learning. I have been really impressed by the incredible knowledge displayed over the course of the week about the wonderful world of animals.

The enthusiasm and motivation towards learning continues to be strong at St Mary's Together and I am very proud of the whole school community for their commitment to the children and their education throughout this challenging time. I have had a sneak peek at next week's topic and am very excited about the learning opportunities coming your way.

Liz Hills

### Mrs Hills says "Stay Calm and Keep on Learning"!

Throughout this lockdown period I have continuously reassured parents, staff and children that learning is life-long and that learning does not only happen whilst we are at school. This week we have heard a great deal from politicians and in the media about the need for children to 'catch up'. Whilst it is very important to me that our school community does all it can to continue to support the learning of our children at this time, I still hold strongly to my belief that the most important aspect of all our work right now is to keep our children safe and well.

I have confidence that, when children can all return to school, the teaching profession will successfully and swiftly address the educational needs of the children and young people in their care. If the children return to school healthy and well, both physically and mentally, they will be in a better position to resume their learning in school.

I appreciate that as the time spent out of school has continued, parents/carers and children have become increasingly anxious about a 'loss of learning', but I think perhaps we all underestimate ourselves. Parents/carers and staff members have ensured that children have continued to learn throughout this period and as a school community our children have done incredibly well.

The children have been amazing and will continue to be. When they all come back to school they will flourish if they feel safe, well, happy and supported. I know it is difficult to stay calm at this time but please try. The calmer and more confident you are that things will be 'alright', and they will, the better your children will cope in the current situation and in facing the changes to come.

There is no doubt that this period will have had an affect on all our lives and will continue to do so for some time to come. However, please remember that people's ability to overcome their difficulties is always incredible and as a united school community, our strength is increased.

In the wise words of Christopher Robin ....



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#### Teachers / Classes

**Red Class** - Mrs Williams &  
Mrs Tabassi-Gill

**Orange Class** - Miss Heathcote  
& Mrs Tabassi-Gill

**Yellow Class** - Mrs White

**Green Class** - Miss McMillan

**Blue Class** - Ms Searle

**Indigo Class** - Mrs Lawlor  
(maternity cover)

**Violet Class** - Miss Ticehurst  
& Miss Russell

**Taken from this week's Gospel: Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time —Year A**

"Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be afraid of anyone. Everything that I am telling you in secret I want you to proclaim out loud to everyone."

~ Pray ~ Learn ~ Love ~ Enjoy ~

## Library Membership for Pupils

Did you know that children and their families can [join East Sussex libraries online](https://eastsussexlibrary.overdrive.com/library/kids) and have their library cards posted to them? They will also get a temporary membership number to use until their cards arrive, so they can start using the fantastic online resources straight away. This includes access to over 7,000 e-books, with over 1400 e-book and e-audio book titles for children to choose from. Some of the e-books for younger children also have a 'Read-a-Long' feature, just look for this feature under the title of the book.



You can see the full range of children's titles here:

<https://eastsussexlibrary.overdrive.com/library/kids>

There is also information about how to borrow e-books and e-audio books on the website:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/online/ebooks-audiobooks/ebooks/>

Families may also be interested in the free e-magazines and newspapers available through Press Reader:

<https://www.pressreader.com/catalog>

You can find out how to get started here:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/online/emagazines-and-newspapers/newspapers/>

All the resources can be used for free with the library card membership number and PIN you choose when you sign up. This means that families can keep reading together at home.

Don't forget that children can also have fun by joining the Silly Squad 2020 Summer Reading Challenge.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> to keep them motivated with their reading—See below.

## Summer Reading Challenge



We are delighted to announce the theme of the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge: Silly Squad – a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter, featuring bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson.

The Reading Agency, who produce the scheme each year, have designed an all-new updated Summer Reading Challenge website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> which has been launched to keep children reading over the summer. This will be the only way for children to take part in the Challenge this year, due to the disruption caused by Covid-19. Because children will be taking part at a national rather than local level, we will not be sending finishers' certificates to schools in the autumn term for presentation.

The Challenge website will be free to access and a place for children to rate and review their books; and work towards their reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home.

Although we won't be offering the usual incentives through our libraries we do hope that children will still participate by borrowing books from our great e-book collection where we have over 1400 titles for children to choose from: <https://eastsussexlibrary.overdrive.com/library/kids>

## Congratulations Father Kevin



On Thursday 18th June, Father Kevin celebrated 59 years since his Ordination.

We just wanted to say congratulations and a BIG thank you to Father Kevin for all his hard work and contributions to the school and the parish community.



**Friday & Saturday  
3rd & 4th July  
9.30am – 9.30am**



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## **24 hour Tread the Track**



**Socially Distanced  
time slots**



**Please support by donating**  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmarys-catholicschool-1>

**Taking part:  
Staff, Governors,  
FSM Team, Children  
in school and  
Year 6 Team**

*Raising money for the Arundel and Brighton  
Crisis fund, supporting school and parish  
communities in the Diocese at this difficult time.*  
<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/>

### **Fundraising**

We have an exciting event happening at the beginning of July and we really need your support.

The St Mary's Together school community have decided to take part in a special fund raising event to unite our community, at a time when we are very much divided by social distancing measures, to support other school and parish communities in our Diocese who are in need of help.

It is important to us as a school community to teach our children how to look beyond our own needs, to see how our actions can make a positive difference to the lives of those around us. We have decided to invite different members of our school community to join together in an attempt to ensure at least one member of St Mary's Together is walking or running the school running track at all times over a twenty-four hour period.

We hope you will consider sponsoring our event and help us to raise money for communities in our Diocese at this difficult time. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmarys-catholicschool-1>

Thank you.



## Lily's 100th Birthday!



As many of you are aware, we had a request from someone in our community to get involved in making one of the residents of Heatherview care home (in Crowborough) 100th Birthday very special.

Lily's Birthday is on June the 25th. Due to the current circumstances the big party and celebrations have had to be cancelled. Her family cannot get over from America and her local family cannot visit.

St Mary's really stepped up and made some amazing cards, bunting, poster etc. to celebrate Lily's milestone birthday in style. All of these wonderful creations will be presented to Lily next week and Heatherview have said they will send us some more photos.

*Well Done Everyone!*

*This is one of the many reasons why St Mary's is so special.*

## Facebook Posts on the St Mary's School Page.

In the past week we have noticed that visitor posts are no longer shown in the 'Posts' section as these now only contain the posts made by the school. This is a change that has been made by Facebook. However all visitor posts can be viewed under the 'Community' section. You may need to scroll through to see the most recent posts as it appears to give priority to posts that have been made by your 'friends' listed first. Then you start seeing the more recent posts. The school are still seeing all the visitor posts so please continue to share your children's work with us on this platform. We really appreciate all the hard work and lovely learning happening at home. Please be assured that the staff can see these and continue to review all the posts.

Thank You

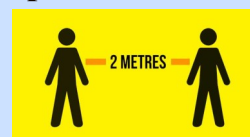
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Catholic-School-Crowborough-812404058827198/?fref=ts>

## Thank You

We have had some wonderful donations over the last few weeks from both Morrisons and Tesco. Thank you so much for keeping us going with cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee, and of course, tissues and hand sanitiser! Thank you for your generosity and support.



## Drop Off / Collection



Please can we remind everyone to keep your distance on the Green when dropping off and collecting your children.

Please also be mindful when younger siblings are playing that they too stick to the guidelines of 2metres apart. Thank you

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**Now recruiting Under 5's and under 6's!**

If your child is due to start Reception or Year 1 this September, come to Jarvis Brook Football Club.

Our FA trained coaches will introduce your children to this great, fun-filled sport!

Where: Limekiln Playing Fields, Palesgate Lane, Crowborough TN6 3HG  
When: Saturday mornings from September 2020

For more information: [minisoccer@jbfc.org.uk](mailto:minisoccer@jbfc.org.uk)  
or contact us via social media

Got older children as well? If they're Year 5 or below, bring them along!

**Come And Join The FUN!**

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