



**St. Ethelbert's Catholic  
Primary School and Nursery**  
*'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'*  
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"The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive!"



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**Friday Letter from Mrs Maynard**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We remain in lockdown and I know this is making life difficult in lots of ways for many of you. The staff and I are working hard to keep in touch with as many families as possible, and to make sure that there is work available for the children to access at home. We don't yet know when the situation will change, but we are keeping you in our prayers, and hope that you are all safe and well.

Mrs Harrison and I are continuing to post videos for children and parents at the start and end of each week on Monday and Friday. Please take time to share these with your children.

**School remains closed.**

**Home Learning - Seesaw**

Mrs Harrison, along with the admin staff, have been working hard to introduce a new home learning platform called Seesaw. We hope this will make accessing the work that has been set easier – you can use it on your phone. Information has gone out and a large number of you have already given permission for your child to work using Seesaw. If you haven't responded to the email, please do so. The first work will be set next week. Please let your child's class teacher know how the new system is working for you.

If you need help with accessing Seesaw please contact the school office and leave a message

**School Meals**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are ordinarily entitled to a free school dinner under the Universal Free School Meals initiative when school is open. This is for all children, regardless of family income. Now we are closed, families who qualify for Free School Meals due to low family income and eligibility for certain benefits are being emailed Tesco vouchers to the value of the school dinner. If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals please check the Slough Borough Council for information on how to apply.

**Work of the week**

Children have been sending in some lovely examples of work they have completed at home. Take a look at what they have been doing this week:

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**RJ- Jaivin-** for creating a great rocket from materials at home!

storytelling schools  
where every child is a storyteller

**1I- Marley-** for a lovely idea for a children's charity.



**1M- Daniel** for doing an extended piece of writing with correct punctuation.

**2M- Madhvendra-** a detailed homemade Chinese dragon



**2S- Alexandra** for a beautiful cross made from collected flowers.



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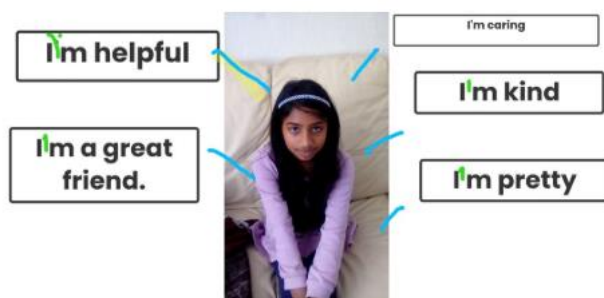


**3P- Kacper T** for a great text map he used for an adventure story about his toys.

**3W- Adam-** He has completed all the work in Year 3 Mathletics excellently and with very high results.

**4M- Carmen-** for completing all of her maths reasoning!

**4Z- Nirusha-** the first person to complete our first activity on Seesaw.



**5E- Sonia-** for completing all her work to a high standard even though she has not had full access to a computer.

**5C- Amelia M-** for completing pieces of writing at length using some of the year 5 targets.

**6D- Jessica-** She is completing all her work to a high standard and made a great power point for Geography about Mexico.

**6C- Keeley** who did a good newspaper report based on a short animated film called Alma. Here is the opening passage...

### The Shocking Truth About Alma's Disappearance!

Alma, aged nine, was reported missing when she was dancing down the street one frosty day. Her mum claimed that when she left the house, she was wearing her navy-blue hat, her hot pink scarf, her pinkish-red bodywarmer, her light brown gloves and her camo green trousers. Security cameras now show that this evidence was true. It turns out she was dancing down the street and something caught her eye ...

### Pentecost Projects

Miss Evans has devised a whole-school Pentecost project with ideas that children can do at home, prayers to share and ways that families can work together. Look out for this work as the teachers communicate through Seesaw. We'll be sharing lots of ideas of things you can do at home and would love to see some of your work.

### Good News

Amid the difficult times, there is always hope and one of the more positive aspects of this situation is the impact on the natural world. Miss Mercer was especially pleased to read about the increase in numbers of sea turtles after decades of declining numbers. I have noticed so many more birds and butterflies than in previous years, and the trees and flowers are full of leaf and bloom. Just taking time to notice nature around them is really valuable for children so if you are able to get out for a walk the children could let their teachers know what they have seen.

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### Online Safety

We understand that children are spending more time on screens to access work, to play and to communicate with their friends and family. Please help keep your child safe by monitoring which sites they are on and who they are talking to, as well as basic safeguarding principles such as being appropriately clothed if on any kind of video communication. **Please keep your child safe and happy online.**

God Bless, stay safe

**St Ethelbert, pray for us**

**Mrs Maynard  
Headteacher**