



**Summer Term 2 Week 3** 

Monday 15th June 2020

Dear Parent and Carer,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to parents of Reception and Year 1 children for your cooperation and positivity in our new system of lining up at specific times and places. Your support has enabled quite a complex operation to run smoothly and allows the school to maintain social bubbles within year groups. I must say, having not seen our Year 1 children for almost three months, I was struck by how much they had grown and matured during lockdown - it was lovely to see them back!

Last week, we had to employ a bee specialist to remove a nest of honeybees that had taken residence within the roof of our nursery building. It was not an easy task – some of the bricks had to be removed - but eventually all bees were safely sucked out of the nest with the help of a Henry Hoover and were taken away to be rehoused or 'rehived' I should say. As a nature-friendly school, we were glad to be able to support these important pollinators, especially as their numbers have declined in recent years. You may be interested to know that their new home is a beehive on Ashlyn's Farm in Epping (so not too far away), and we will bee (sorry) receiving some jars of honey from them soon. Please take a look at the photographs on this newsletter, including the honeycomb, which was lodged deep within the roof.

Year 6 are back into the swing of things and love their new temporary site. The facilities at Kelmscott are enough to get any Year 6 child excited by the thought of secondary school. I was certainly wowed during my tour of the school! We are incredibly lucky to have use of their site and facilities and hope to see many more of our Year 6 children transition to Kelmscott to take advantage of the fantastic learning and facilities that they have to offer.

I will end with a quote from Hebrews, which reflects our assembly theme this week – do check out our assemblies in Google Classroom if you haven't already done so.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11.1

Have a blessed week

Iram Malik

Headteacher





# A message from the Headteacher of Kelmscott







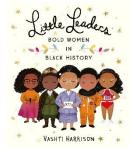
A warm hello to all St Saviour's students and families, my name is Sam Jones and I am the new Headteacher at Kelmscott School. And what a first year is has been, a real baptism of fire given everything that is going on with Covid-19. I hope this message finds you all well though during these challenging times. I see Kelmscott very much as a school that serves its community. With that in mind when we heard that St Saviour's were in need of extra space in order to welcome back Year 6 (and now Year 5) we were thrilled to be in a position to help. It was wonderful last week to hear the unmistakable sound of children laughing and enjoying themselves during their first week here with us. It has energised us all as we look to welcome back more of our students this week. I am determined to make Kelmscott the very best school it can be and I certainly believe we are on a journey. I expect you will have seen that we are expanding this September, due to popular demand, with a new canteen, activities studio as well as new science laboratories, all set to be finished by the end of the summer – exciting times. I am really happy that we are beginning to forge a closer relationship with our Primary Schools as together with our families, I believe we all want the same thing; to provide an outstanding education for the young people in our community that allows them to compete on a global scale. I very much hope that I'll have an opportunity to meet many of you in the future, we are here for you if you have any questions or queries about secondary education and I would be thrilled to show you around school personally should you ever wish you. Wishing you all health and happiness, Sam...

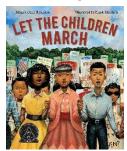
### **Black Lives Matter**

I would like to start with an important message recognising the thoughts, feelings and conversations that will be taking place in our community and beyond regarding the importance of Black Lives Matter. Our Christian Values guide, support and lead our pupils to become advocates of change and embrace opportunities to challenge inequality in all its forms. At this stage, we fully recognise the importance of educating our children about Black Lives Matter. We are currently reviewing how we can further actively support and educate staff and pupils about the protest and the BLM movement. If you would like to discuss with your children the issues that have arisen from recent matters, here are some great examples of literature you can use.













In support of the Black Lives Matter movement, we are asking children, parents or carers to record themselves lip syncing 20 - 30 seconds from the song 'Where is the Love' by the Black Eyed Peas. Alternatively, you can record your thoughts, feelings, a poem or message. Please send it to school to be edited together. If you would like to contribute, please e-mail your clip to stsavioursmedia@outlook.com



# Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

## Well, wonder no more....

**Reception** have had a fantastic first week back at school and have coped magnificently with all of the changes.



We have started to revisit our high frequency words and getting back into our number work with great enthusiasm.



We have created collage turtles, turned playdoh into aliens and even designed our own treasure maps. In our adventures in the forest, we discovered different animals and their habitats, including a common newt.



Next week we will be back to a full timetable and will also begin to prepare our contributions for the Virtual Art Exhibition. Watch this space for further updates.



Children in **Year 1** met Rocky last week. It was lovely to see so many children excited in welcoming our new school pet. Although Rocky was a little 'rocky' to start with so many new faces, he quickly got back to his playful self.



Year 6 have been enjoying their new home for this term. As well as seeing their friends and teacher, they have full access to all of Kelmscott facilities which have resulted in hotly contested table tennis matches.



The children also have full use of the amphitheater where they can play socially distanced ball games as well as practice for their upcoming production.





I would like to put in a request for children using Google Classroom – please continue to do so as it is a fantastic learning tool to ensure that children can keep up with national curriculum expectations and feel confident as we move into the next academic year.

Learning tasks are uploaded daily, video lessons are recorded to support the learning and personalised teacher feedback is given to children's submissions to address misconceptions and challenge pupils. However, to support our dedicated marking teams, I ask that submissions be made on the requested date as far as possible, as late submissions mean that markers have to continually recheck what has been added. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

For those children and families not currently using Google Classroom, I highly recommend beginning to do so to maintain your child's academic progress alongside their peers. If you do not know your child's log-in details, please contact the school directly.

# **Key Term Dates**

#### Summer Term 2020 First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End - Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May

2020 Second Half (35 days)

Start - Monday 1st June Finish - Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days

#### In other news....

Internet Legends.











Join us for a very special LIVE assembly at 2pm on Wednesday 24th June.

Staff and children at school will be taking part safely via YouTube and you can tune in from home also using this link: https://youtu.be/835gtWNz-Dw. The special assembly, just for St. Saviour's pupils, will focus on the importance of online safety in a fun, engaging and interactive way as part of Google and Parent Zone's 'Be Internet Legends' programme.

What a great way to get everyone together online at the same time in a safe and responsible way as we endeavour to become safe, confident, responsible users of technology!





### Thank You

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to each and every member of St Saviour's Primary School. Their unwavering passion for helping your children is unmatched. All of you are credits to the profession!

