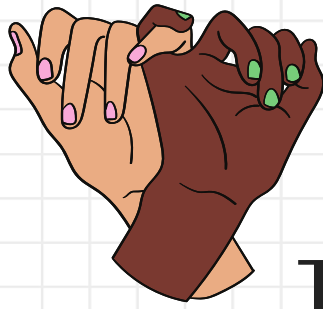


"Friendship is born at the moment when one says to another 'what?! You too! I thought that no one but myself...'"
C S Lewis



"I wouldn't trade it for anything. Never, no, never. Your friendship is the best present ever." - Tigger (Winnie the Pooh)

Friendship



Word of the Week

John 15: 12-18



My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name.

This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

Jesus says love one another. He doesn't say love one another only if you get along, or only if they show you love first or in return.

This week work on practising living out this Gospel message, this example of selfless friendship. During this time of lockdown it may have been quite difficult at times to stay in contact with friends and have the same type friendship you had when you were at school every day.

To make sure others don't feel lonely or isolated, who could you reach out to today? Who could you call, text, or contact via social media to see if they are ok and to show that they are loved and appreciated?

Make a list of 5 people to reach out to this week- try to think of people you haven't talked to for a few weeks.

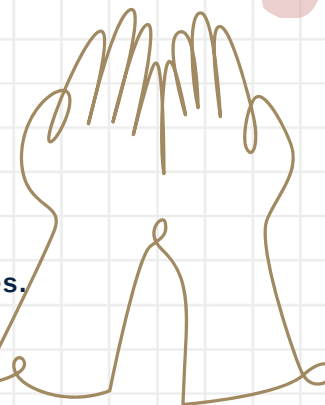
Prayer for the Week

Loving God, I pray for the grace to be a good friend.
May I be a gentle presence in the life of my friends,
always willing to listen and to forgive.
Remind me of the importance of friendship.

You have blessed us with the gift of friendship.
We thank you for the blessing of friends who love us,
who share our joys and sorrows,
who laugh with us in celebration,
and who need us as we need them.

We thank you for the friends who give us the freedom to be ourselves.

Help us to always be a friend to others, no matter who they are.
Help us to always reach out in friendship to all those we meet.
Amen.



W.H. Auden, a famous English poet said this: "People cannot grow unless they are happy, and even when their material needs have been satisfied, they still need many other things. They want to be liked and to like other people; to feel valuable, both in their own eyes and in the eyes of others; to feel free and to feel responsible; above all, not to feel lonely and isolated."

Our school is a community, built on God's love and love for each other.

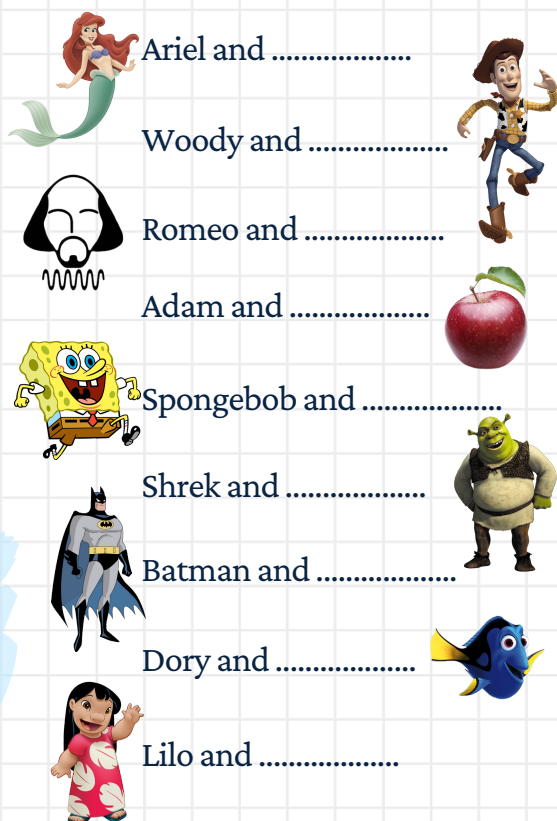
Whether we are at home learning or in school we are still the All Hallows community.

What ways do you think we could build community in these final few weeks before summer especially because we are not altogether in school to celebrate the end of the school year.

Email Kate (Chaplain) with any ideas you have!



Name the other half of these friendship duos



What do you notice about these friendships?
What makes these characters such good friends?

Jesus' Friends

The disciples came from different walks of life, and they had different skills and specialities to contribute. Jesus called each one with reason and purpose (even Judas). He did have His close friends within the circle, but He loved each and every one of His disciples. This was not just the Galilee fishermen's club... it was a dedicated group of people brought together in one team to serve God.

When we find ourselves in groups, whether clubs, scouts, sports teams, youth groups, form classes even, it is important to remember that we have things in common and things unique. We can value and get along with fellow group members, while celebrating what we can all contribute uniquely as well.

Jesus calls us too into friendship with Him just like the first disciples, each of us unique, from different walks of life, for a reason and a purpose. In this week's Word of the Week Jesus speaks directly to us!

A Good Friend

Make a list of the attributes /qualities of a good friend.
Write down as many as you can think of.
Now circle 5 that you think are the most important.
Now out of those 5 pick your TOP 3.

Do you live these qualities out as a friend to others?
What could you work on to become a better friend to others- not just friends in your friendship groups but everyone?

SOMETHING TO WATCH

- Matt Maher- What a friend. [CLICK HERE](#)
- You've got a Friend in Me- Randy Newman (Toy Story Edition). [CLICK HERE](#)
- Shrek- That's what friends are for. [CLICK HERE](#)



Communication is Key

To make friends with someone and build up a friendship we have to communicate with them. So if we want to become better friends with Jesus we have to take time to communicate with Him and get to know Him better. Take some time each day this week to pray- our way of communicating with God. Talk to God about your day and how you feel. And then take time to listen.

[Click here](#) to find out more about prayer and maybe find some new ways to pray.

Youtube: God's Story: Prayer