

Preparing to Move On

God is with us wherever we go

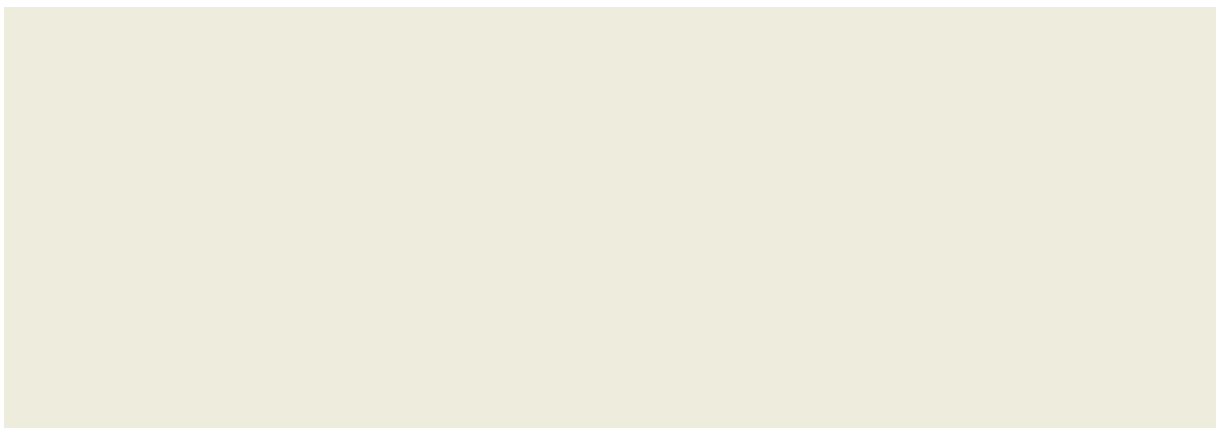
In the Bible, we can read about a time when Jesus' disciples were preparing for change, just like you are now. Jesus had said to them that he would soon have to leave them to carry on the good work they had been doing without him still being here on Earth.

Jesus had a special friendship with his disciples, and they felt awfully close to him. There were times when he taught them more about God. There were times, too, when he showed them how much he cared for them, making them feel safe and loved. There were times as well when he challenged them to do things that they thought they would not be able to do. These are all experiences that you would have had during your time in school when having help and support from the staff at St Marys.

When Jesus told his disciples that he would be leaving them, they felt extremely nervous. How would they be able to carry on serving God without him living alongside them? You may be having a similar feeling as you leave your current teacher who has helped you over the past twelve months and move on to the next class.

Before he went, Jesus promised them that he would send a special helper - the Holy Spirit - who would continue to give them power to do the things God asked of them. Although they could not see the Holy Spirit, they were able to continue without Jesus being with them, because God continued to help them through his Holy Spirit.

God promises us that, if we ask him, he will be with us wherever we go, whether we are at home, school or even a new place - starting at our new schools, for instance.



Time for Reflection

As we continue our learning journey and prepare to move on to our next class or for the pupils in Year 6 moving on to high school it is important to reflect on the memories that we have made whilst being in your class and within the school family.

There are lots of things to look forward to – new experiences, new adventures, new lessons to learn – and, even if we are feeling a bit nervous, we can remember that God goes with us wherever we go so we will not be alone, and your school family are there to support you.

Prayer

Dear Lord

Thank you that, wherever we go and whatever we do, you are always with us. As we get ready to leave our current class/ school, thank you for all the happy memories and all the lessons we have learned.

Thank you that we do not leave you behind, but you will be with us in our new class/our new schools, too.

Let us pray for the Year 6 pupils as they begin their exciting new journey in High School, and Mr Jones and Miss Mallett as they begin their 12 month secondments.
Amen.

One more step along the world

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