Welcome to our newsletter. With Easter fast approaching, we are hoping that Spring is going to make an appearance soon. There are lots of exciting events coming up between now and the Easter half term. Make sure you check the dates page on the back and add them to your calendar, so you don’t miss out on anything!

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been discussing what makes a family. We discussed how being in a family was about being cared for and a sense of belonging, whichever form this comes in. We looked at how all families are important, no matter how they are made up and that it is important to remember we are all part of God’s family. What makes a family to you?
THANK YOU
A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising the Big Book Breakfast on World Book Day. It was fantastic to see so many of you there, enjoying reading with your children. The event wouldn't have been possible without the PTFA, so thank you!

MUFTI DAY
On 16th March 2018, we will be holding a mufti day. This time, instead of bringing in money, we kindly ask you to bring in chocolate to donate to our Chocolate Bingo night! Please give the chocolate to your child’s teacher on this day.

CHOCOLATE BINGO
This year, we will be holding our Chocolate Bingo event on 23rd March. The event will run from 6pm—8pm in the hall.

EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAYGROUND
Our plan this year is to buy some new equipment for the playground. We can only do this through your help and support through the PTFA organised events. Please come along to any PTFA organised events and show your support!

MOTHER’S DAY SALE
The Mother’s Day Sale was very popular this year, with lots of children coming to spend their money on the important female role models in their lives. Thank you to the PTFA for organising and running this popular sale!

UNWANTED UNIFORM
The PTFA are looking for donations of unwanted school uniform for their next uniform sale. If you have any donations, please give these to your child’s class teacher.
Well done to all the children below who were nominated by their class teachers to receive Achievement Awards. Please encourage your children to keep up the good work.

**Ryan-Lee Brown  Riley Molcher  Chas Tomkins  Shay Sharpe**

**BEHAVIOUR AWARDS**

Congratulations must also go to the children who were picked as great role models for the school. These are:

- Elyon Bempah  Jude Roberts  Freya Gotts  Lucy Bloomfield  
- Gerald Bempah  Rubie- Mae McMinn  Brooke Knight  Oliver Leak  
- Karlina Raiba  Ethan Binder  Lena Pilarska  Carter Mclaven  
- George Simmonds

**HOME ACHIEVEMENTS**

It’s so wonderful to see children outside of school as well as inside. Well done to the following children for their out of school achievements.

- Scarlett Dorothy and Rachel Paris—Auditioning for Wizard of Oz and being given parts  
- Ruby Dugan, Holly Wilson, Scarlett Dorothy and Rachel Paris—Completing a music residential at Grendon  
- Isabel Edwards—Great effort with her violin  
- Isla—Being awarded a dancing trophy and certificate for tap and ballet  
- Daisy-Jai Amos—Writing a story called ‘The Animal Party’  
- Jasper Summers, Aidan Currall and Kyson Maher—Scouted by West Bromich Albion coaches for their skills  
- Kyson Maher—His football skills being noticed at the Kettering Academy  
- Harlye Hunter—Completing his Stage 6 swimming certificate  
- Rosie McNab—Completing her Stage 1 swimming certificate  
- Oliver Stenson—Achieving 2 silver medals and 1 gold medal for gymnastics

**READING CHALLENGE**

Over the last fortnight, the trophy was won by:-

**Miss Evans’ Elders with a score of 6.1 reads**

**CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD**

Every week the class with the highest attendance is recognised in our Achievement assembly. The class that achieved the highest attendance were:-

**Miss Kelly’s Kapoks with 97%**
**GOLDEN TABLE**

Well done to the following children who (for exceptional behaviour) got the chance to sit at the Golden Table and enjoy lunch with Miss Whitlock. The children also got to experience waiter and waitress service from the catering team.

Emily Wilson  
Domas Butkevicius  
Jazmin Cahill  
Aidan Hayward  
Jayden Mutuchi  
Ryley York  
Abigail Innard  
Katie Ambler  
Ted Coles  
Aidan Hayward  
Brooke Knight  
Ashley Willie  
Chloe Mercer  
George Simmonds  
Destiny Cooke  
Kyson Maher

**MATHS CLUB BADGES**

We were very impressed with the amount of children we had achieving their Maths Club Badges this week. Well done to the following children who achieved their Maths Club Badges. Keep trying to get your badge next time!

Carter McLaven  
Keziah Swift  
Remus Olaru  
Eleanor Donlevy  
Harlow Franklin  
Noah McNab  
Harvey Lawson  
David Agatiev  
Taylor Pilcher  
Mia Barnett  
Anelis Salim  
Adela Statnic  
Finley Woodlands  
Toby Oliver  
Jeffrey Mensah  
Kristina Olaru  
Corey Dicks  
Daniel Borrett  
Isabel Edwards  
Harley Hunter  
Ellis Schulze  
Katie Ambler  
Ruby Johns  
Sienna Oliver  
Alex Jefferies  
Sophie Hearn  
Keziah Swift  
Aidin Haywards  
Lydia Thomas  
Alex Jefferies  
Nicole Short  
Remus Olaru  
Megan Cheney  
Kayden Cole  
Eleanor Donlevy  
Harlow Franklin  
Maisey McAlinden  
Noah McNab  
Emily Wells  
Robbie Pye  
Harvey Lawson  
Alice England  
Lena Pilarska  
David Agatiev  
Miley MacDonald  
Albie Dickerson  
Taylor Pilcher  
Emily Wells  
Amber-Mae Roberts  
Mia Barnett  
Harlow Franklin  
Maisey-Jayne Needle  
Anelis Salim  
Alfreda Marlow  
Lola-may Vandyck  
Adela Statnic  
Laymah  
Violet Draper  
Comeli  
Savko  
John Coleman  
Abby Pither  
Corey Dicks  
Chas Tomkins  
Alphie Maxwell  
Ethan Brock  
Finley Woodlands  
Tommy Babb  
Layk Maher  
Lexi Barrow  
Toby Oliver  
Lucia Oliver  
John Coleman  
Joshua Richards  
Jeffrey Mensah  
Jakub Savko  
Mason Webb-Parker  
Amelia Barrett  
Kristina Olaru  
Alicia Thorpe  
Emma-Leigh Marlow  
Abra Obeng-Anaafti  
Ted Coles  
Ruby Johns  
Nikita Agitiev  
Isabel Edwards  
Lily-Grace Fabian  
Kaci Wilson  
Lola-may Vandyck  
Chloe Mercer  
Ruby Johns  
Ruby Johns  
Miley MacDonald  
Violet Draper  
Katie Ambler  
Emily Wells  
George Simmonds  
Destiny Cooke  
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Destiny Cooke  
Katie Ambler
PE Achievements

A couple of weeks ago, we were lucky enough to have members of the West Bromich Albion community team come and visit us. The team runs a programme that involves giving back to schools. All classes were lucky enough to participate in 30 minute coaching sessions with the players. The sessions weren't centred around being able to play football, but the skill, thought and teamwork that goes with it. The children had to exercise control over the ball and work together in a range of team games. It was great to see so many of the children enjoying the sessions, who previously thought they didn’t enjoy football!
We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for making such a massive effort with our World Book Day. We had so many families attend the Big Book Breakfast, which the PTFA kindly held for us.

It was brilliant to see parents and carers engaging in reading with their children, whilst wearing their creative costumes too! We selected a winner from each class, who then received a certificate and a book to enjoy at home.
As in previous years, we chose a theme for our World Book Day and this year, following the Church of England ethos, we based it on Christianity. Every year group selected a story from the Bible which they reflected on, created artwork and carried out pieces of creating writing.

We rounded off the day with a shared reading activity, which saw different age groups coming together to enjoy books.

We have had some fantastic feedback from the staff and children, but value your opinion too. We would appreciate any feedback, both positive and constructive, in order to help improve this further for future years. This can be done by emailing reception-ist@stmarysceb1.info
WENDY SCALES

On World Book Day, we were lucky enough to begin our exciting day with a visit from Wendy Scales. We always enjoy her artistic performances of the parables and it couldn’t have been more fitting with our theme of the Bible. Wendy taught us about Daniel in the Lions’ Den and the importance of following God’s word and having faith in his plan.

MOTHER’S DAY PERFORMANCE

Thank you to everyone who came to the KS1 Mother’s Day Performance last week. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. The children really shone, from the fantastic narrators to the beautiful singing. From poems about a ‘Home-Baked Mum’ to the beautiful comparison of mums to Jelly Beans, there wasn’t a dry eye in the house! Thank you to everyone who sent a photograph in for the service, it was lovely to share your memories with you. A huge THANK YOU to Kelly Cooke for making the jelly bean presents for our female role models.

MUFTI DAY

On this coming Friday, 16th March, we will all be wearing mufti clothes. Each child will bring chocolate, instead of money, that will be donated to the PTFA Chocolate Bingo Night on Friday 23rd March 2018. The donated chocolate can be given to your child’s teacher. We promise we won’t eat them (all)!

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL PORTRAITS

On Thursday 22nd March 2018, we have Professional School Portraits onsite all day. They will be doing class photos, club/group photos and a catch up individual photo session for those that missed them in November 2017. Make sure to bring your best smile!

TWITTER

Please check out our St. Mary’s twitter account to see all of the exciting things happening at school! This is where you will also find updates about snow closures. Visit @st_primary for any updates!

GET FIT FRIDAY

On 23rd March 2018, we will be holding a mufti day to fundraise for Sport Relief 2018. We would like you to come to school dressed head-to-toe in sports gear! We will be running various fitness activities throughout the day to get us up and moving around. Our target for the day is to walk the equivalent distance of walking from Land’s End to John O’Groats and back. Join in, have some fun and donate what you can to a good cause!
BEFORE SCHOOL
A gentle reminder that children and parents should remain outside on the playground until 8:50am when the whistle is blown. No parents or children should be inside the buildings or classrooms, unless a prior arrangement is agreed with the teacher. If you have a concern and wish to speak to your child’s teacher, please wait until the teacher is on the playground, or arrange a suitable time to meet after school. Thank you for your support with this.

A PRESENCE ON THE PLAYGROUND
We are starting to see an increase in the amount of parents that are popping into the school office first thing in the morning before school to drop forms in. You can return forms via your child’s book bags and they will put into class trays that come up to the office. Also either Mr John Currall or Mrs Emma Simmonds will be available on the school playground from 8.45am to answer any queries or take messages at the beginning of the school day. You will be able to spot them easily as they will be wearing their Hi-Vis jackets. From 8.50am they will be located at the gate by Latimer Close. They can both take any messages and action them for you and also take any forms/medication from you.

Please do speak to whoever is out on duty to help us to free up the office space first thing in the mornings for any urgent or confidential issues only.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING ANY CONCERNS
If you have any concerns regarding your child’s education please could we ask that you in the first instance come to the class teacher and have a chat. More and more issues are getting put on social media sites without us having the chance to investigate this issue and try and help. We would like to work with parents and pride ourselves on being very approachable and open to any concerns parents may have. If you feel the class teacher has not looked into your complaint or you are not happy with the outcome you can then go to a member of SLT (listed below) who will look into it and escalate to the Deputy or Principal if necessary.

SLT Members:-
Melanie Barron
Michelle Evans
Emma Baker
Emma Farrer

If you are still not happy with the outcome of your complaint you can then go to Head of Governors:-
Mr Neil Dorothy
School Year Sept 2017—August 2018

Monday 12th March—Friday 16th March 2018—Prayer Space at school
Wednesday 14th March 2018—Prayer Space Parent Session @ 3:30pm—5pm
Friday 16th March 2018—Mufti Day for Chocolate Bingo
Thursday 22nd March 2018—Professional School Photos—Group and Individual Catch Up
Friday 23rd March 2018—Get Fit Friday
Friday 23rd March 2018—PTFA Chocolate Bingo @ 6pm—8pm
Wednesday 28th March 2018—KS2 Easter Service at church @ 9:30am

Thursday 29th March 2018—Training Day

Half Term Friday 30th March 2018—Friday 13th April 2018

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th April 2018—Parents Evening
Wednesday 25th April 2018—PTFA Cake Sale + meet the PTFA
Friday 27th April 2018—PTFA Disco

Monday May 7th 2018—Bank Holiday

Monday 28th May 2018—Bank Holiday

Half Term—Tuesday 29th May 2018—Friday 1st June 2018

End Of Year—Monday 23rd July 2018—Friday 31st August 2018