Welcome to our newsletter. With the recent weather, we certainly are being blown through the spring term, with Easter fast approaching! We have lots of exciting things coming up over the next few weeks, so please be sure to check out our dates page and check your weekly bulletin so you don’t miss out! Have you had a chance to look at our new class pages on the website yet? If not, head over to [www.stmaryscebl.info](http://www.stmaryscebl.info) to see what we have been getting up to.

**Mother’s Day Celebrations**

On Friday 29th March 2019, we would like to invite all mums and important female role models to our Mother’s Day Celebrations. On this day, you will be well-taken care of as you indulge on delicious cakes decorated by the children and are waited on hand and foot. You will also get the enjoy a special performance from your children. They EYFS and Year 1 and 2 celebration will be at 9am, the Year 3 and 4 celebration will be at 10.15am and the Year 5 and 6 celebration will be at 2.30pm. All celebrations will be held at school in the hall.

**Collective Worship**

In Collective Worship, we have been thinking about our value of kindness and how we can help others. Mrs Reynolds asked for some volunteers in Collective Worship and spoke about the importance of offering our help to others, without the need for a reward. We learnt about the parable of the lion and the mouse, where one good deed led to another. What good deed will you do this week?
School Year Sept 2018—August 2019

Friday 22nd March—Chocolate Bingo Mufti
Friday 29th March—Mother’s Day Celebration @school
- EYFS and Year 1 and 2 @ 9am
- Year 3 and 4 @ 10.15am
- Year 5 and 6 @ 2.30pm

Friday 29th March—PTFA Chocolate Bingo @ school—6pm

Tuesday 2nd April—Year 4 to Faith Roadshow

Wednesday 3rd April—Walk in Wednesday

Thursday 4th April—Easter Service @ Church
(9.30am EYFS and KS1; 10.30am KS2)

5th April 2019—Last Day of Term
8th April to 22nd April 2019—Half Term
23rd April 2019—1st Day of Term

6th May 2019 (All school off) - Bank holiday
24th May 2019—Last Day of Term
27th May to 31st May 2019 - Half Term

3rd June 2019—1st Day of Term
23rd July 2019—1st Day of Summer Holiday
THANK YOU
First of all, a huge thank you to Michael Nolan for the sports bags for the St Mary’s sports teams. Also, a big thank you for the t-shirts for the gymnastics club who wore them with pride at their recent competition. They certainly looked and felt fantastic.

MOTHER’S DAY CRAFT
The PTFA have kindly sourced a gift for each child to create for their female role models. This will be a £2 donation each. Please send this in an envelope with your child’s name on the week beginning 25/3/19.

CHOCOLATE BINGO
Just a reminder that Friday 22nd March 2019 will be Chocolate Bingo Mufti. On this day, children can come to school in their own clothes, with the donation of a chocolate bar or chocolate treat. These sweet treats can be handed to your child’s class teacher on the day (22/3). The Chocolate Bingo will then be held at school on the following Friday 29th March 2019 at 6pm. We hope to see you all there!

FREE TO GIVE A HELPING HAND?
With all of the exciting things happening over the next few months, we have a few small pleas for help needed.

- **Calling all dads, we need you!** As it will be the Mother’s Day celebration on Friday 29th March 2019, we are asking for any dads who are free to come and help wait on our hard-working, female role models for the day. You would be needed 8.45am—11am and 2—3.20pm.

- **St. Mary’s Fest.** St Mary’s fest will soon be upon us and we need a helping hand with some props and entertainers. If you are a singer, dancer or in a band, this could be your chance to debut your talents! We are hoping for some donations of bunting to brighten up our field. We are also hoping that we would be able to use some hay bales and a tractor and trailer.

If you think you can help us with any of the above, please talk to Mrs Reynolds or a member of our PTFA. Thank you for your continued support!
Sport at St. Mary’s

Sports News

On Friday 22nd March, St Mary’s will be taking part in National Skipping Day. 3,850 children from 123 schools are taking part across the country, in the hope of setting a new UK record of more than 7.45 million skips across the country.

Throughout the day staff and pupils will be given the opportunity to complete as many skips as possible. Scores will be recorded and classes will be competing against each other to try to achieve the most skips collectively.

Skipping is a fantastic way to be active, benefiting children and adults by developing core stability, coordination and body awareness. Skipping is proven to improve hand and eye coordination, as well as improve agility and above all, it’s fun!

Year 5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

On Tuesday 12th February, 13 Year 5/6 pupils travelled to Huxlow Science College to participate in an inter school dodgeball competition.

Despite showing some excellent skills individually, St Mary's teams got off to a shy start, losing their first two fixtures. Their third match saw both St Mary's teams face each other. Players from both teams seemed to relax and settle their nerves and displayed some excellent ducking, dodging and throwing. After a great battle St Mary's Blue team were victorious over their peers, securing their first 3 points. Confidence grew in their following games for both teams, and pupils displayed tactics and team work displayed in PE and Dodgeball club, earning both teams victories and some valuable points.

Overall St Marys placed 4th in the league fixtures and subsequently did not progress to the finals. Mrs Patrick was extremely proud of all pupils who participated, and pleased that regardless of results all pupils showed fantastic attitude, skill and sportsmanship.

Many thanks to Mrs Lorentzen and Miss Stevens for their support in the day.
**Inter School Gymnastic competition**

On Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March, 10 Year 5/6 pupils competed in an inter school gymnastics competition.

The pupils selected have been working extremely hard with the help of Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Marshall over the last few months, to improve their abilities in three disciplines: vault, floor and body management.

The girls did extremely well and overcame their nerves to deliver fantastic routines, demonstrating their elegance, balance, strength, flexibility and control. They all should be proud of their achievements.

Their efforts were recognised and the 5/6 teams finished 1\textsuperscript{st} qualifying for a place in the county finals, and 5\textsuperscript{th} narrowly missing out on qualification by just 4 points. The 3/4 teams finished 1st in both of their categories and also qualify for a place in the county finals. We are so proud of you all!

We look forward to our next competition
: Year 3/4 and 5/6 gymnastics on 15th March

**PE Uniform**

Just a reminder that all pupils are required to have full PE kit in school, throughout the week.

PE Kit consists of white t-shirt, blue shorts, blue or black joggers, sky blue school jumper and plimsolls or trainers. Hair is required to be tied back and earrings removed. PE is an important part of the curriculum. We kindly ask that pupil’s studies are supported by ensuring full PE kit is supplied and remains in school throughout the week. In the event that your son/daughter is unable to physically participate in PE lessons please ensure a letter is provided to their class teacher or school office.

We have a Twitter page to celebrate all the wonderful PE and Sport taking place at St Mary’s. Follow us to keep up to date! @StMarysBLSport1