Welcome to our newsletter. With Easter fast approaching, we are hoping that Spring is going to make an appearance soon. We want to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Easter! We hope you have an enjoyable, relaxing Easter break and we will see you in the Summer term.

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!

CHOCOLATE BINGO
Thank you to everyone who came to the Chocolate Bingo on Friday 23rd March. We hope you all had a fantastic time!

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!

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.

CAKE SALE
The PTFA will be holding a Cake Sale on Wednesday 25th April. You can come along to meet the members of the PTFA and purchase any tickets for the upcoming disco. It would be lovely to see lots of you there to support our PTFA. Any donations of cakes would be welcome!

DISCO
The next PTFA Disco will be held on Friday 27th April. You can purchase tickets from the PTFA at the PTFA Cake Sale, or after school closer to the event. A gentle reminder that children are not allowed to bring phones with them to the disco and we kindly ask for any children’s coats to be taken away with their grown-up when they are dropped off. Thank you for your co-operation with this.
ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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
Leo Freitas  Isabelle Shepherd  Daisy-May Golding  Skyla Newell
Ruby Johns  Abby Pither  Analis Salim

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
Karolina Raiba  Ethan Binder  Lena Pilarska  Carter McLaven
Kellen Schulze  Sofia Massimo  Jacob Shepherd  Millie Laidlaw
Remus Olaru  Chloe Groves  David Agatiev  Max Igo
Abigail Innard  George Simmonds

100 % ATTENDANCE

We wanted to share with you that 2 classes won the 100% attendance this week. We are very pleased with this and thank all the parents for encouraging your children to come into school and not miss 1 single day.

A very big well done to every child in the following classes:

Miss Kelly’s Kapoks  Mrs Price’s Planes

LUNCHTIME AWARD

This has been awarded to Mrs Broadribb and Mrs Barron’s class for receiving 29 ticks at lunchtime. Nearly every child in the class earned a tick over the two weeks, with some children being awarded 3 ticks each! The class gets to keep the lunchtime trophy for a fortnight and have a lunchtime filled with exciting treats. Keep up the hard work!
ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

HOME ACHIEVEMENTS

It’s so wonderful to see children achieve 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 Duggan, Holly Wilson, Scarlett Dorothy and Rachel Paris —Music residential at Grendon
Isabel Edwards—Great effort with her violin
Isla Mcauliff—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
Archie Nolan—Being awarded a trophy for ‘Best Pose’ at street dance
Lucas Richards—Graduating from Croyland School
Betsy Litster and Tehya Reynolds—Being awarded bronze, gold and silver medals for Gymnastics
Tehya Reynolds—Awarded the Level 7 badge for Gymnastics
Daisy-May Golding—Achieving her Level 2 dance award for street dance
Lilly Bonner—Trying out for her red belt in Karate
Harlow Franklin—Awarded the Level 8 badge for Gymnastics
Thomas Leak—Being awarded as silver medal for the Northamptonshire cross-country 2km run
Tchouckball Golden Stars—Olivia Taylor, Holly Wilson, Lillyanna Bruce, Ellie Laughton, Amber Porter,
Reese Willie, Brandon Groves, Gemma Cox, Daniel Borrett, Ted Coles, Jake Bird, Lucy Bloomfield, Lili Hart-grove, Ryland Cooke and Corey Dicks.
Nicole Short—Being awarded her Stage 2 certificate in Swimming
Alfie and Mason Westerby—Getting their yellow and red belts in Karate
Archie Nolan—For excellent dancing in street dance
Toby Oliver—Being awarded 2 football medals for teamwork and dedication to football
Jack Spencer—Being awarded his yellow belt in Karate

READING CHALLENGE

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

Miss Evans’ Elders with a score of 6.1 reads
**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
- Brooke Knight
- Ashley Willie
- Ryan-lee Brown
- Freya Gotta
- Millie Laidlaw
- Layk Maher
- Mya Rhone
- John-Paul Jackson
- Willow Coles
- Finley Woodlands

**MATHS CLUB BADGES**

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

- Carter McLaven
- Ruby Johns
- Lily Kearns-Smith
- Sophie Hearne
- Keziah Swift
- Sienna Oliver
- Alex Jefferies
- Nicole Short
- Remus Olaru
- Alfie Andrews
- Megan Cheney
- Kayden Cole
- Eleanor Donlevy
- Leo Gwiazda
- Harlow Franklin
- Kaisey McAlinden
- Harlow Franklin
- Ruby Johns
- Alicia Thorpe
- Ruby Johns
- Robbie Pye
- Noah McNab
- Lily-Grace Fabian
- Emily Wells
- Lena Pilarska
- Harvey Lawson
- Kaci Wilson
- Miley MacDonald
- Albie Dickerson
- David Agatieve
- Luca Oliver
- Alice England
- Amber-Mae Roberts
- Taylor Pilcher
- Jakub Savko
- Amelia Wood
- Maisie-Jayne Needle
- Mia Barnett
- Chas Tomkins
- Mason Webb-Parker
- Lola-may Vandyck
- Anelis Salim
- Tommy Babb
- Emma-Leigh Marlow
- Violet Draper
- Adela Statnic
- Jake Mitchell
- Layk Maher
- Abby Pither
- Finley Woodlands
- Daisy Mitchell
- John Coleman
- Ethan Brock
- Toby Oliver
- Thomas Savko
- Alphie Maher
- Lexi Barrow
- Jeffrey Mensah
- Isaac Wells
- Holly West
- Joshua Richards
- Kristina Olaru
- Mason Westerby
- Luca Maher
- Amelia Barrett
- Corey Dicks
- Abigail Innard
- Nikita Agatieve
- Elsa Nicell-Foster
- Daniel Borrett
- Lucy Bloomfield
- Lucas Richards
- Sam Joiner
- Isabel Edwards
- Obinna Madichie
- Grace Pither
- Skye Meekins
- Harley Hunter
- Liam Jarvis
- Emir Salim
- Rubie Mae McMinn
- Ellis Schulze
- Jamie Cooper
- Layla Hartgrove
- Abra Obeng-Anaafi
- Katie Ambler
- Isabel Edwards
- Zoe Tamegger
- Justy Obeng-Anaafi
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!
GET FIT FRIDAY

In aid of Sports Relief, we held our own Get Fit Friday on Friday 23rd March. As a school, our target was to walk the equivalent distance from Land’s End to John O’Groats and back again. We started our day with an active Collective Worship, where we learnt about the activities that we would be taking part in, including jumping over cones, skipping and doing the hula-hoop. Mrs Reynolds was joined by some glamorous assistants to demonstrate the activities we would be completing. A huge well done to Miss Sanders, Mrs York and Mrs Simpson for their wonderful demonstrations. We also learnt about how Sports Relief helps people all around the world.

After our morning of activities, we also had a trip to the church. Instead of just walking like we normally do, we side-stepped, skipped, hopped, jumped and jogged our way there. I think it is safe to say, the children (and adults!) were worn out by the day’s activities.

Thank you to everyone who came to school in their sports gear and donated to a fantastic cause. A huge thank you to Mrs Reynolds for organising our action packed day! Keep your eyes peeled for the total amount raised in the next newsletter.
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 receptionist@stmaryscebl.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.

PRAYER SPACE

In Prayer Space, the children have been learning about the Easter story. They discussed the true meaning of Easter and why the celebration is so important to Christians. The children engaged in a range of thought-provoking activities, including decorating their own cup to represent the last supper and writing their own prayers and reflections linked to their feelings around Easter. It is always wonderful for the children to have these thought-provoking opportunities to reflect on important occasions.

EASTER SERVICE

A reminder that the Easter Service for KS2 will be held at the church on Wednesday 28th March at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing all of the hard work KS2 have put in for what will be a lovely celebration!

PTFA CAKE SALE AND DISCO

Don’t forget to check the PTFA page for more information about the upcoming events.

TWITTER

Please check out our St. Mary’s twitter account to see all of the exciting things happening at school! Visit @st_primary for any updates.
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

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

Wednesday 18th April 2018—PTFA Meeting @ 7:30pm
Tuesday 24th April—Parents evening 5:30pm—8:00pm

Wednesday 24th April—Parents evening 3:30pm—6:00pm

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