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### Word of the Week:



**gorgonise – meaning ....**

**To petrify or scare or to hypnotise**

Children love new words please mention this word with your child and see what fun you can have adding it into conversation this week.

### PTA NEWS

The Nearly New Sale will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10AM-12PM in the hall. Good quality toys, clothing and equipment for babies and children will be for sale. Half-Term is a great time for a clear out, so get the kids to sort out their toy boxes with the incentive of earning some real cash! To get a seller's code or to find out more information please go to the 'St. Mary's PTA Kirkby Lonsdale Nearly New Sale' Facebook page and send a message or email the PTA.

Can everyone please check the lost and found cupboard in the entrance to school as it is full of uniform and PE items that need to be reunited with their owners. The lost and found will be emptied in the week after half term and all unclaimed items will be given to charity. The PTA will try to return anything with a name in it, so please ensure you label every item of clothing that is sent into school.

The PTA have teamed up with The Northwest Air Ambulance Charity in Kirkby Lonsdale. They will be selling second hand uniform items, so if you have any donations please drop them off there. The PTA will still be selling good condition uniform items that have the St. Mary's logo on it (Sweatshirts, cardigans, polos, coats...) If you want to donate emblomed items only to the PTA, please put them in a bag marked PTA and place them in the lost and found cupboard in the entrance to school.

**Save the Date: Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> is the Christmas Fair!**

## Cross Country - Sedbergh Prep, Casterton



We done to all those children who took part in the invitational event at Sedbergh Prep. The children ran some personal bests and worked hard both individually and as teams.

For some children this was their first event running for their school at these distances. Hopefully this will have inspired our children to get some endurance training in for both the area competition and our cross country competitions.



## Homework Club

Just to confirm that everyone who has emailed to say they would like their child to attend homework club is able to attend. The club will start on Monday after half term and end at 4:15pm. Pupils can be picked up from the main entrance at 4:15pm.

## Attendance

Well done to **Year 5** who achieved the highest attendance this week! As a reward they get to look after Attendance Super Dog this week.



## Uniform Letters

Please note that uniform order forms have been sent out on paper tonight. Please make every effort to return these if you need a new order.

## Maths event

We held our parents meeting to support Maths on Wednesday evening. We shared information about mental strategies from Nursery to Year 6 and our calculations policy for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. A copy of the handout will be sent after half term to all of our families.

## Prince Charles



We have recently received a letter on behalf of Prince Charles who commented that,  
*'It was lovely to see so many children at the show and your pupils are, indeed, a credit to you and the staff of St Mary's Church of England Primary School'*

Well done Year 4 and 5 and especially those who were able to meet with him.

Have a great half term break.