



# St Mary's Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter No. 21 February 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

Congratulations to our children who represented the South Lakes at the **Cross Country County Finals**.

The weather yesterday was just perfect for a cross country run. It was so wonderful to see so many children from St Mary's School represented at such a high level! Our children really had to work hard as the standard was very high. Everyone gave their all and ran well; very well done! I was so impressed with the children's determination, effort and competitive spirit. Thank you to Mrs Winnard for supporting and preparing the children and all of the parents and family who came to support the children.

Here is a selection of photos which hopefully capture the event.





This week our junior children were visited by Rachel Dodgson from the Houses of Parliament. She shared many facts in an assembly for Years 3-6. Afterwards she then delivered two workshops for Year 5 and 6 focusing on debating and voting. Well done to everyone who took part!



### Home Projects

Thank you so much for the excellent effort and creativeness that has gone into the wonderful projects this half term. All of our teachers have been bowled over by the effort, time and energy that have contributed to the children's work. I hope the projects have contributed to the children's understanding of the topics being studied.



**Here is an example of the Year 5 projects relating to farming.**

### Important Notices

- Parent Consultation Meeting letters are being distributed with the newsletter. Please return your appointment request slip to the school office no later than the 24<sup>th</sup> February.

- Due to the high demand for uniform this term we have decided to bring forward the Spring order. The order form will be emailed to you and if you wish to place an order please return the completed form with your payment to the school office no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> February.
- PTA Valentines Disco – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Half term begins – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb returning on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

determination



### **Family Talk Time:**

### **Word of the Week**

the quality of being determined; firmness of purpose.

"those who succeed because of sheer grit and determination"

Whether you are in nursery or Year 6, why not chat about this fun word? I would be even more impressed if you could squeeze it into your conversations and writing in school.