



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and I hope you have all had a lovely summer break. This half term is looking like it will be a busy one from the start, with lots of exciting activities planned in the coming weeks, including a range of sports tournaments and swimming week. Please see overleaf for dates and further information. Can I also remind parents that children are welcome to bring in items from home to tell the class about in our Friday afternoon 'Show and Tell' sessions.

After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs have started back this week and are busy as ever. Costs will remain at £3.50 Monday to Thursdays, £2.50 on Fridays. Please contact Katie if you would like to book or check availability. Throughout this half-term the clubs will be:-

- Mondays — Action Ants Multi Sports (3.30pm—5pm)
- Tuesdays — Gardening Club (3.30pm—5pm)
- Wednesday — Art Club (3.30pm—5pm)
- Thursday — Football Club with Cumbria Football Academy (3.30pm—5pm)
- Friday — Music Club (3.30pm—4.30pm)

**Please note there will be no Football Club on Thursday 19th September, please let Katie in the office know as soon as possible if you still require childcare*

School records

We hold records at school for consent for trips, publicity, next of kin information, medical and allergy information. **If you believe any of these have changed, please let us know.** As you will appreciate, it is really important that this information is up-to-date, particularly in relation to next of kin details, consent for publicity and any medical information and allergies. If you would like a print out of the information we have on file, please let me know and we will forward you a copy.

PE Kits

PE will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays this year and it's been lovely to see many of the children in their new PE kits this week! Please bring your child's PE kit to school on a Monday morning and leave it with them in school for the full week. We would also ask if your child enjoys playing football on the school field at playtimes, please remember to provide an old pair of trainers or shoes so their school shoes remain clean and dry.

Forest Schools

We are lucky enough to be able to use Acorn Bank again this year. In the warmer months, our Forest Schools sessions will be held at Acorn Bank and in the cooler months we will have shorter sessions in the school grounds. This term's sessions take place on Wednesdays and begin with the Year 5 and 6 children for the first 3 weeks. **The children need to wear long sleeved tops (so less skin is exposed in the forest), long trousers, suitable footwear such as wellies or walking boots and a waterproof coat and trousers if you have them.** Please do not buy any waterproofs especially as do have some available in school to use. If the weather is warmer, a sunhat and sun cream may also be needed.

Junior Dukes

The Junior Dukes award scheme is a great way for children to learn independence and responsibility. At Temple Sowerby, we have been running the scheme for the last two years and lots of children have completed their awards. However, it does take up a lot of our time in class, so we will be running it slightly differently from now on. In particular, we will only be running it in school every other year.

However, if any children would like to keep working through the awards this year, we will still purchase the workbooks for the children to complete independently at home with parents. As they complete their challenges, they can bring their books into school for Mrs Capstick to sign off. We will remind the children throughout the year but it is their responsibility to ensure they have completed the required number of challenges by next summer. If your child is keen to keep the award going this year at home, please let Katie know or email Mrs Capstick at emma@temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk and we will order the workbooks.

Please note: Junior Dukes has also changed this year and there are now 14 challenges in the book. It is suggested the children should complete 10 challenges to achieve their award, but we have been allowed for this year to keep the requirement to 7 complete challenges.

Kind regards,

Mr K Laithwaite
Headteacher

Date	Time	Event
Every Monday	PM	Action Ants
Every Tuesday	PM	Guitar
Every Wednesday	PM	Forest School Wednesday 18th September —Year 5 & 6 Wednesday 25th September—Year 5 & 6 Wednesday 2nd October—Year 3 & 4 Wednesday 9th October—Year 3 & 4 Wednesday 16th October—Year 3 & 4
Every Thursday	PM	French
Every Friday	9.15-10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Thursday 19th September	4-6pm	Morland School Football Tournament
Wednesday 25th September	3.30-4.15pm	FoTSS Meeting
Wednesday 2nd October	TBC	Harvest Festival
Monday 7th October	9-9.30am	Whole School Nasal Flu
Monday 14th October	1-2pm	Library Bus
Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October	1pm-3.30pm	Swimming Week For Reception—Year 6
Monday 21st October	4pm-5pm	Halloween Disco

Parent Readers

Our parent readers kindly come into school on a Thursday morning to assist with listening to the children read. If you feel that you could help, please get in touch.

Parent readers will re-convene in school on Thursday 19th September.