



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and I hope you have all had a lovely Summer break. I would like to start by welcoming our two new members of staff - Katie Blenkinship, our new Office Manager and Mrs Wharton, our new apprentice Teaching Assistant. 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.

After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs start from next week—Monday 11th September. Costs will remain at £3.50 Monday to Thursdays, £2.50 on Fridays. Please contact the office 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) (sports to be confirmed next week)
- Tuesdays —Action Ants Multi Sports (3.30pm—5pm) (sports to be confirmed next week)
- Wednesday —Gardening Club (Limited spaces available due to health and safety) (3.30pm—5pm)
- Thursday —Art Club (3.30pm—5pm)
- Friday —Music Club (3.30pm—4.30pm) (commencing Friday 22nd September*)

**Please note there will be no Music Club on Friday 15th September but we can provide childcare until 4.30 if required.*

Temple Sowerby Tots

Our popular 'Temple Sowerby Tots' group will begin on Friday mornings from 15th September, from 9.15am to 10.30am.

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.

Fellwalking—Murton Pike

You may remember that last year the Junior children walked up Dun Fell. Despite a great effort, we were beaten by the weather and didn't quite reach the top. This year, we are hoping to take children in Years 3 to 6 fell-walking up Murton Pike in the week beginning 18th September. The hike will be led by Miss Winter and we will be keeping a close eye on the weather before choosing the best day to go. We will be in touch nearer the time, with details of when we will be going and what the children will need.



PE Kits

PE will continue on Mondays and Thursdays this year and it's been lovely to see many of the children in their new PE kits this week! 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. Also, as mentioned before summer, we have been looking into the availability of skorts for our school PE kit and a number of parents have already expressed an interest. Sam Scotts in Penrith are able to supply them, priced at £17 + VAT (£20.50). We will be placing an order at the end of next week so if you would like to order a skort, please let us know by the end of the week.

Forest School

The children will begin forest school again next week. We are lucky enough to be able to use Acorn Bank again this year. In the warmer months forest school will be held at Acorn Bank and in the cooler months we will have shorter sessions in the school grounds. Our sessions will begin with Year 5 and 6 children, who will have forest school for 3 weeks beginning Wednesday 13th September. The children need to wear long sleeved tops (so less skin is exposed in the forest), long trousers, suitable footwear such as wellies or trainers and a waterproof coat and trousers if you have them. Please do not buy any waterproofs especially for forest school as we are hoping to provide these later in the year. If the weather is nice, a sunhat and sun cream will also be needed.

Finally, we are still settling the children into school, as well as sorting out our daily routines and carrying out assessments. We hope to start teaching soon and will be in touch with more details of what the children are doing and learning about. In the meantime, there is no homework, but children in Year 1-6 have been given a reading book and will be bringing them home this weekend, so please can you encourage them to read regularly and start filling in their reading records. Children in Reception will start next week.

Kind regards,



Mr K Laithwaite
Headteacher

Date	Time	Event
Every Monday	PM	Action Ants
Every Tuesday	PM	Guitar
Every Wednesday	PM	Forest School 13.9.23—Y5/6—Acorn Bank 20.9.23—Y5/6—Acorn Bank 27.9.23—Y5/5—Acorn Bank 4.10.23—Y3/4—Acorn Bank 11.10.23— Y3/4—Acorn Bank 18.10.23—Y3/4—Acorn Bank
Every Thursday	PM	French
Every Friday	9.15-10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Monday 11th September	AM	Fire Crew to Visit to Class 1
Friday 15th September	AM	Artist to Visit KS2
Tuesday 19th September	AM	Library Bus
Wednesday 27th September	4.00—6.00pm	Helm Wind Tag Rugby tournament, Long Marton School
Saturday 30th September	TBC	Cumbria Junior Chess Tournament, Long Marton School
Monday 2nd October	AM	Tim Farron, MP - Visit
Tuesday 10th October	AM	Whole School—Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 16th October	TBC	Cross Country Championships, Hunter Hall
Week Commencing Monday 16th October	PM—all week	Swimming Week Please remember swimming costumes and towels—A letter will be coming home today to find out about your child's swimming ability, please check your child's bookbag.

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 14th September.