



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and have enjoyed hearing what the children have been up to during their time off. We have a busy half term ahead in the run up to Christmas so we wanted to provide some further information on what's to come. Please also see the diary on the back (or the calendar on our website at <https://www.temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk>).

After School Clubs

Please contact Katie in the office if you would like to book any of the following:-

Mondays 3.30pm-5pm —Action Ants— Karate
Tuesdays 3.30pm-5pm—Action Ants—Indoor Curling
Wednesdays 3.30pm-5pm—Razzamataz Theatre Skills*
Thursdays 3.30-5pm—Art Club
Fridays 3.30pm-4.30pm—Band Club

The charges for attending after school clubs are Monday—Thursday £3.50, Friday £2.50 with an earlier finish time. Charges for After School clubs are added to your child's ParentPay account the following school day.

***Please note: Razzamataz will not be running on Wednesday 13th December, we are able to offer childcare for those who need it, please contact Katie in the office to arrange this.**

Children in Need

It is Children in Need day on Friday 17th November. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and bring along a donation to support the charity.

PE Lessons

Please can I remind all parents to ensure children have their **PE kit, including appropriate outdoor clothing and a pair of trainers**, in school throughout the week. This is particularly important during the winter months - we don't want children using their school shoes which then get wet and muddy, then having nothing else to wear for the remainder of the day.

Gold Green Trees School Award

We are thrilled to announce that we have achieved The Woodland Trust's Gold Green Trees School Award. All children, particularly those in Class Three, have worked very hard to achieve this both in their forest school sessions and in school. They have completed activities related to woodlands, trees, recycling and carbon footprints. We are very grateful to Acorn Bank for helping us achieve this by allowing us to use their woodland for our forest school sessions. The children are now very keen to work towards their Platinum Award - to achieve this they need to gain 15 more points, which is a big challenge. We will be sharing the news of our achievements on Facebook and in the local press in the coming weeks.

To continue our work on this and to build on all the work gardening club have achieved, Mrs Capstick will be running a lunchtime nature club in school. If your child is interested please could they let Mrs Capstick know?

Christmas Arrangements

We already have plans in place for a number of Christmas activities in school:

- Children in KS2 will be going to see 'A Little Princess' at Keswick's Theatre By The Lake (featuring one of our ex-pupils!) and KS1 children will be watching a puppet performance of Hansel and Gretel at the Upfront Gallery near Penrith.
- We will be hosting our school Christmas party on Monday 18th December and are hoping that, once again, Father Christmas will be able to come along with some presents (further information about this will be sent in the coming weeks).
- FOTSS will be running their annual 'Reverse Advent Calendar' where families are invited to donate items of food to support local food banks during the Christmas period. Further details of which items are required will be sent in the next newsletter.
- Finally, our end of term service will be held in St James's Church on Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm, featuring carols and our infants nativity performance - all parents are very welcome to come along. See the reverse of the newsletter or our website for all dates and times.

School Lunches

Please can we remind parents to ensure that school lunches are ordered via ParentPay by 8.30am on the day, as our lunches are brought in from another school, there often isn't many spare lunches. If you have any problems ordering lunches online, please contact Katie in the office by 9.30am that day so that a manual order can be put through.

Kind regards,



Mr K Laithwaite
Headteacher

Date	Time	Event
Every Monday	PM	Action Ants
Every Tuesday	PM	Guitar
Every Wednesday	PM	Forest School 8.11.23— Y1/2— School 15.11.23—Y1/2— School 22.11.23—Y1/2—School 29.11.23—Y1/2—School 6.12.23—Y1/2—School
Every Thursday	PM	French
Every Friday	9.15-10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Friday 3rd November	PM	KS1 Art Project in School
Monday 6th November	PM	Dental Hygienist to Visit Pre School
Friday 10th November	9.30am— 12.30pm	Basic Moves, Appleby Grammar School – KS1
Friday 17th November	All Day	Children in Need—Children to come in non-uniform for a donation to support the charity
Thursday 24th November	10.30am- 12.30pm	KS2 Visit to Theatre By The Lake—A Little Princess
Friday 1st December	10.00am— 12pm	KS1 Multi Sports Festival—Appleby Sports Hall
Monday 11th December	AM	African Choir
Wednesday 13th December	Lunch	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	10.30am- 12pm	KS2 visit to Eden Rock
Friday 15th December	1.00-2.30pm	KS1 visit to Upfront Gallery—Hansel & Gretel
Monday 18th December	PM	Christmas Party—Visit From Father Christmas
Tuesday 19th December	1.30-2.15pm	Nativity and Carols in Church followed by refreshments from the Friends of Temple Sowerby School