



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE

SCHOOL NEWS—UPDATE

Tuesday 6th October 2020

Dear Parents and Friends of the School,

We are past half way through the first half term now, and I wanted to update you on a few things. The children have all settled well back into school and are used to the new procedures such as split lunchtimes, play-times and hand washing/sanitising. Thank you all for supporting us with this, and also remembering to send children in PE kits on Mondays and Thursdays.

We have had regular socially distanced visitors into school such as Cumbria Outdoors, Action Ants and our Art tutor, Alex. These are all going well and the children are enjoying all the different sessions they offer. Now that the weather is getting colder, please remember to send appropriate clothing and footwear for the Cumbria Outdoors sessions on Wednesdays.

We will be holding brief Harvest festivals in Church before half term. These will be for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 separately. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents and members of the community as in other years which I'm sure you will understand.

We are delighted that our mile track is now fully in use. The children have been making good use of it, and it's great that we can get out and exercise on it whatever the weather. Additionally, some children have suggested a sponsored '100' mile challenge. They are planning to run/walk 1 mile (over 17 times round the track!) every breaktime for a week (so 3 miles per day!) to raise money for the Macmillan organisation. We will be sending out further details in time, and we will be accepting monetary donations for the cause. Instead of food donations for Harvest this year, if you would like to donate money to the Macmillan organisation we will collect it all together.

We are hoping to offer parents evenings over two weeks this half term. Appointments will be available Monday to Friday from Monday 12th October for two weeks. As we are unable to offer the traditional face to face meetings, we are looking to offer a choice of a telephone meeting, zoom meeting or outdoor/garden meeting. A letter will follow later this week giving further details.

I have included a summary of events on the back page.

 Kind regards

Mr Karl Laithwaite
Headteacher

Date	Time	Event
Every Monday	AM	Ruth from NISCU working with each Class on our RE provision
Every Monday	PM	Action Ants
Every Tuesday	PM	Art with Alex
Every Tuesday	1.30pm	Guitar lessons for those that have signed up
Every Wednesday	PM	Cumbria Outdoors. Please remember to bring appropriate clothing and footwear each week.
Every Thursday	2.30pm—3.30pm	French lessons (KS2 only)
Wednesday 14th October	1pm—3pm	Eden Valley Sports Partnership Netball Challenge
Friday 16th October	All Day	Skipping Workshops—whole school
Tuesday 20th October	PM	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October		Half Term
Friday 6th November		National Skipping Day
Friday 18th December		Break up for Christmas

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Thanks to all of those that are pre-booking the breakfast club and after school clubs. If your requirements are ad-hoc, please ensure that you e-mail by a Friday lunchtime for the following full week to enable us to have relevant activities available. Please note that bookings are by e-mail or phone only to minimise people coming into school.

As previous, if you are stuck in traffic or running late for pick-up, please make sure that you ring us on 017683 61512. Your child will stay with the After School Club staff and will read quietly. If for any reason this is extended past 3.45pm, the normal charges will apply and your child will join the pre-planned activities.

If you do not require your child to attend After School Club and they are registered, please ring in and cancel their place by 12noon of the day required otherwise they will be charged for the full session.