



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE

SCHOOL NEWS—UPDATE

Tuesday, 3rd November 2020

Dear Parents and Friends of the School,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely half-term break.

As you will be aware, although the country is due to enter a second lockdown on Thursday, primary schools will remain open. At present, the government guidelines for schools have not changed and therefore we will be carrying on as before the half term. However, it is more important than ever that we remain vigilant with regard to Coronavirus and we will continue to promote regular handwashing, hand sanitising and minimising contact between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 as much as possible. We will also be keeping windows and doors open to ensure there is a flow of fresh air in school, so please can all children make sure they are appropriately dressed with jumpers and coats, particularly as the weather becomes cooler in the coming weeks.

Unless guidelines change, there will be no significant change to the school day. Breakfast and After School Clubs will carry on as before, and essential visitors (such as external teachers) will continue to attend but will be required to wear face masks in school.

This week:

- Parent evenings are continuing this week. If you haven't managed to book an appointment, please get in touch with Angela to arrange a convenient time to chat with your class teacher.
- We have a number of activities and events this half term, starting tomorrow morning with Eden Valley Sports Partnership coming into school to run Hockey sessions for the whole school. Please can children come to school wearing their PE kit with warm layers. Additionally, on Wednesday afternoons the Cumbria Outdoor sessions will continue for 3 more weeks. Again, please bring weather appropriate clothing and footwear as these will be outdoors if the weather permits.
- The library bus is due to visit tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday 5th November). Please could you send in any outstanding library books. Please note that children won't be able to go onto the bus as usual due to social distancing. A member of staff will select a range of books for them.

Healthy snacks - I would also like to remind parents that children are encouraged to bring a snack for their morning break. However, please can you ensure that it is healthy; fruit, vegetables and cereal bars are ideal, (no sweets or chocolate).

If your child displays symptoms - As previous, please be vigilant for any symptoms in your children and family (new, continuous cough/high temperature or fever/loss of taste or smell). If you are seeking a test or advice, then please let us know and if your child needs to stay at home awaiting any test results, we have some teaching resources for each year group on our website, which the children can complete from home. These can be accessed in the parents section of the website, under 'Coronavirus and Home Learning' (<http://temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk/home-learning/>).

Finally, please see overleaf for an exciting opportunity to join the schools governing board as a parent governor. If you have any queries at all, please either contact Angela (as Clerk to the Governing Body), or myself.

Kind regards,
Mr Karl Laithwaite, Headteacher

Parent Governor Election

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy that has arisen on the school governing board for a parent governor. Details of the process to fill the vacancy are as follows:-

THE NOMINATION OF PARENTS AS CANDIDATES

Each parent of a pupil attending the school is to be given to opportunity of putting their name forward with a view to becoming a parent governor. If you want to submit a nomination on your behalf you should do so, in writing to the Clerk. Letters of nomination, must be countersigned by two sponsors, who must also be parents of children currently attending the school. The closing date for the receipt of nominations by the school is 16th November 2020. Please note that incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

In the event of there being no more than one nomination, the person nominated will automatically be elected, unopposed as a parent governor.

The Election Procedure

If the school receives more nominations than vacancies, an election by secret ballot will be held as soon as possible. Each parent of a child who at the time of the election is a pupil at the school will be entitled to vote.

In the event of an election, the Clerk will issue all parents with further details concerning the way in which the ballot (which will be entirely secret and as foolproof as possible) is to be organised and supply the official ballot papers.

Following an election, parents will be told the name of the successful candidate.

Term of office of Parent Governors

An elected parent governor will hold office for a period of four years.

Parents Participation

It is very important for the efficiency and effectiveness of schools that parents should be encouraged to have an active involvement in their children's education. Consequently, parents are encouraged to participate and take an interest in the election process whether as candidates or voters.

If you have any queries at this stage regarding the subject of parent governors, would you please contact the Clerk, who will be pleased to try and help you.

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