



# TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all after the October break. We're back into a busy half term leading up to Christmas.

### **This Week**

First of all, well done to all of the children who have been swimming this week. After a slow start, the children have been making some phenomenal progress and it has been fantastic to see them growing in confidence. The swimming instructors, in particular, have been amazed! I'd also like to say a huge thank you to all the parent helpers who have helped at the poolside and in the pool—we really couldn't have done it without you!

In other news, well done to some of the children in Year 6 who represented Temple Sowerby in an inter-school quiz at the end of school on Wednesday. Our team were fantastic and displayed some incredible general knowledge on subjects including history, Cumbria, national flags and capitals. In the end, we came 2nd out of 12 schools—only 2 points away from winning the trophy.

### **After School Clubs**

After School Clubs for this term include Action Ants, film club on Wednesday, art club on Thursday and homework club on Friday. Most are well attended, but we have temporarily put the Action Ants provision for Tuesdays on hold due to lack of numbers. If you do require childcare on a Tuesday, please get in touch to give us sufficient notice and we will make arrangements.

### **Forthcoming Trips**

We recently wrote to all parents of children in Years 3 to 6 regarding the Young Voices trip at Manchester Arena in February next year. Sadly, the confirmed take up for the event was less than 50% and, therefore, we won't be attending the concert in 2022. However, we are going ahead with our planned activities leading up to Christmas which includes the Class 2 and 3 trip to see 'Tom's Midnight Garden' at Theatre by the Lake, and the Class 1 trip to see 'Cinderella' at the Sands Centre. All consent letters have now been sent out—please let me know if you didn't receive yours. Also, the planned residential to Boggle Hole for Years 4 to 6 will still go ahead at the end of March / early April 2022—thank you to all parents who have confirmed interest.

### **Christmas Preparations**

We have started making preparations for events in school in the run up to Christmas. The children's Christmas Party in school is due to be held on the afternoon of Monday 13th December and the Christmas lunch will be in school on Wednesday 15th December. The Friends of Temple Sowerby School will again be organising a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' to collect donations for local food banks. We will provide further details of all these events nearer the time.

Also, our Christmas Nativity has been arranged for Wednesday 15th December at 9.30am in St James Church. As with our recent Harvest service, parents will be welcome to attend (restrictions permitting). As in previous years, Key Stage 1 will take the lead in the performance and be supported by Key Stage 2 pupils singing. Further details including parts and costume requests will go out nearer the time.

Finally, it's Children In Need next Friday 19th November! We'll be hosting a non-uniform day (with the option to wear something spotty), and a donation for the charity would be appreciated.

Kind regards

Mr K Laithwaite  
Headteacher

Date	Time	Event
Every Monday	PM	Action Ants
Every Tuesday	PM	Guitar
Every Thursday	AM	Dance
Friday 19th November	All Day	Children in Need Day—wear something spotty, donations for the charity appreciated.
Tuesday 23rd November	PM	Key Stage 1 Basic Moves competition—Appleby Grammar School
Wednesday 24th November	PM	NISCU
Wednesday 1st December	9.15am	Advent Church Assembly
Wednesday 1st December	PM	Class 2 and 3 trip to Theatre by the Lake
Monday 13th December	AM	Dress rehearsal for the Nativity
Monday 13th December	PM	Christmas Party
Tuesday 14th December	AM	Class 1 trip to the Sands Centre
Wednesday 15th December	9.30am	Christmas Assembly and Nativity in Church
Wednesday 15th December	12noon	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 16th December	3.30pm	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 5th January 2022		Return to School
Monday 7th February—Friday 11th February 2022		Swimming week
Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February		Half Term
Friday 25th March 2022	PM	Hunter Hall Cross Country event
Wednesday 30th March—Friday 1st April		Class 3 Residential to Boggle Hole
Friday 1st April		Break up for Easter
Monday 4th April—Tuesday 19th April		Easter Holidays
Monday 2nd May		Bank Holiday
Week commencing Monday 9th May		SATS week
Tuesday 17th May		Wheelchair basketball—whole school
Friday 20th May	AM	School photos
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June		Half Term
Wednesday 20th July		Break up for the Summer Holidays