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**Warwick Bridge Primary School**  
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### **News from School**

The four Bubbles in school have been busy working on a variety of topics and subjects in the classroom. We are pleased to see Mr Walsh and Miss Hogarth back in the classroom. They have been working with the Bubble pupils this week and carrying on the work with these children. We are preparing for the return of all pupils to school in September and can inform you that the plans for opening are outlined in the government's guidance for parents and carers, which seeks to give all the information necessary for a return to school in the autumn term 2020. We have put this guide on to the school website and you can read it on this link: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/weekly-newsletters/>

### **School Reports**

The end of year reports will be sent out by email this year. They will be sent today, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Due to the nature of the school year, these reports will be somewhat truncated, but will seek to give you the most up to date and relevant information as we can. Most pupils have missed nearly four months of being at school – this is nearly half of the school year. We have of course, set home learning that will hopefully give every child the opportunity to continue their studies. Teachers will aim to give the most honest and relevant detail to all the work your child/ren has done since September 2019 with reference made to the work done during the lockdown period. If you would like to receive a paper copy of your child's report, please contact Mrs Ridley in the office.

### **Home Learning**

It has been excellent to see the wonderful work that WBS pupils have been doing at home. There are some fantastic pictures on the school Facebook page. You can see these by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/WarwickBridgePrimarySchool>. There were some wonderful robots who were designed to deter attack from aliens – many pupils have been extremely imaginative and using a host of materials in their efforts. This week's challenge is to **Build a New Hospital**. Think of all the things a hospital needs and any extras on top of that would be great. Staff are preparing for less work to be sent home in the last week of term. Please ensure that your child has completed the relevant tasks and finish off any work that needs to be completed.

### **Year 6 Transition to William Howard High School**

Mr Anderson from WHS will be holding a Microsoft Teams meeting with all WBS pupils who will be attending there in September 2020. This meeting will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. All Y6 pupils from WBS will be at home at this time so should be able to access the Teams meeting. If you are unable to make this meeting Mr Anderson will follow this up with a separate telephone call. Mr Anderson also stated that he will be in touch with all WHS bound students to let them know their form groups for September 2020. Mr Walsh has also sent information out on the Class Dojo platform.

### **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Picnic – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 12noon**

This year's Leavers' Assembly will be very different from previous occasions. We are planning to have a socially distanced assembly and picnic outside on the school field. All Y6 pupils and their parents/carers are invited. **Please note that we cannot have more than two adults accompanying your child to this event, but the family group is welcome.** Markers will be placed on the ground and your family group will be expected to stay at that marker. The school staff will also attend with prizes and awards being given out to the pupils. We hope that this event will provide a valuable reminder of life at Warwick Bridge School for all those who are ready to depart. Please bring a picnic and we will have a socially distanced farewell lunch on the grass at the back of school. The weather has been ordered so it will be a fine day for this to happen.

### **Sports Day 2020**

This year's Sports Day will be held at your home. We have earmarked the afternoon of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July for this. Pupils at school will take part in various individual events in their Bubble. Year 6 pupils will be taking part in the high jump. We are asking parents/carers to organise an obstacle course at home for the afternoon. Plus you can take part in the **Sock Olympics**. Children can do a variety of exercises with a rolled up pair of socks such as:

- **Sock Throw** – how far can you throw your ball of socks?

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- **Sock Catch** – how many times can you throw and catch your socks in one minute?
- **Sock Keepy Uppies** – how many kicks can you keep your socks in the air for?
- **Sock Basketball** – throw your socks in to a target bucket or hoop
- **Sock Bowling** – how many skittles can you knock down with your socks?
- **Sock Jump** – how many times can you jump over your socks in one minute?

***Can you think of any other sock related sporting activities? Some schools have come up with some great ideas. There are plenty on this webpage: <https://www.lickhillprimaryschool.co.uk/sock-olympics-2020/>***

### **Year 6 Virtual Leavers' Disco**

BBC Radio Cumbria are presenting a Virtual Leavers' Disco on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – the last day of term. This disco will be broadcast from 7pm and will feature contributions from Warwick Bridge School. Two Year 6 children and Mr Ashton have recorded messages to be played on the air. The children have also requested songs to be played. As we are unable to have a leaving party as in previous years, we hope that you will be able to join in and listen to the event next week.

## ***Reading in the Summer Holidays***

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual event in Cumbria County Council's libraries over the school summer holidays. Aimed at 4 – 11 year olds, children are encouraged to read six, (or more), books of their choice during the summer holidays, with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate for every child who completes the Challenge. This year, with the disruption caused by Covid-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, an all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge is launching, earlier than usual, to keep children reading over the summer and to support parents and carers with children at home. The Challenge website [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk) is free to access and is a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage everyone at home to take part in the Challenge.

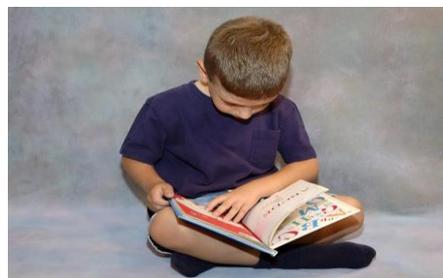
Free downloadable ebooks and eaudiobooks are available at:

[https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/online\\_resources/ebooks\\_audiobooks.asp](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/online_resources/ebooks_audiobooks.asp)

Free instant membership:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/services/membserv.asp>

Free Summer Reading Challenge website: [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk)



### **Summertime Reading Competition**

School Readers are launching a Summertime Reading Competition. You will have the opportunity to win books for school and yourself. All you need to do is read a few books and write a review. The templates for these reviews and all other information is to be found at:

<https://www.schoolreaders.org/summertime-book-review-competition>

Good luck and get reading!

### **Breakfast and After School Club (BASC)**

Following the announcement from the DfE regarding school opening in September 2020, we will be starting BASC once again. Mrs Hadley and Mrs Dutton are looking forward to welcoming pupils in to school from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. As the Covid-19 situation unfolds, there could be changes to all aspects of provision at school. However, we are planning for a full opening in September 2020 – this includes BASC.

### **Music at Warwick Bridge School**

As we approach the end of term, thoughts turn to the resumption of schooling in September and all the other activities we enjoy at WBS. Mr Hemingway is keen to recruit new musicians to the woodwind and brass instrument players. He will be in school during the first two weeks of September to hold trials for any pupil wanting to take up the challenge of playing an instrument. If you want any information about this, please contact Mr Ashton at school.

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### **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**

During this time, many families may have found themselves in financial difficulties and in need of support. You may be interested to know that families can apply for Free School Meals (FSM) through a Pupil Premium application to help spread the costs. You can find a form for this on our school website at

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/534/Model\\_Registration\\_Form\\_for\\_Schools.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/534/Model_Registration_Form_for_Schools.pdf/)

You can also find a Word version of this form at: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/pupil-premium/>

Free school meals and clothing vouchers are available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £16,190. Note: From 1st May 2009 where you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to Free School Meals, this may be extended
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- where possible all parents and guardians should **apply online** - you will receive an immediate response advising you whether you are eligible or not
- if you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team - telephone: **01228 606060**

If you receive working tax credits you may not be eligible for free school meals or clothing grants.

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton