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**End of the School Year 2019-20**

The end of term is finally upon us. And with the end of term comes the end of the school year. It has been a school year that everyone in the Warwick Bridge Primary school community will not forget for many reasons. The year started in a very sad way with the death of Mrs Murray in September. She has remained in our thoughts throughout this year and will always be remembered every day by everyone at school. Michelle Murray was a wonderful educator, friend and mother – the mark she made on Warwick Bridge School will never be forgotten.

OFSTED came to visit in November 2019. The school made a great impression on the inspectors and earned a ‘Good’ rating. This inspection was one of the first in the new Framework so it was particularly challenging for everyone concerned. The result showed that all of us - WBS Staff, Governors, Parents/Carers and Pupils - work together for the good of the whole school community, thus providing education of a very high standard for all.

The past few months have been some of the strangest any of us have experienced, no matter which walk of life we occupy. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed so many parts of our lives that we took for granted. As a school, we have seen so much change – school life is so different and when WBS was the hub school for the cluster, we had to adjust to a very different way of working. Now that we have opened for some of our own pupils, the school has taken on more of a recognisable feel.

Thank you to all our parents, carers and pupils for the support during this time. We are grateful to everyone who has given staff presents – it is very kind of you and much appreciated. Now that we are closing the doors for the summer holiday, we are saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We wish them well for high school and hope that they take fond memories of Warwick Bridge with them. Mr Walsh has created a superb Year 6 Leavers’ video. Go to: <https://youtu.be/kgC1O1tZuo>

**Return to School – September 2020**

Everyone is looking forward to the return to school in September. As the government has said, all pupils from all years will be back at school from September 2020. This is no different for Warwick Bridge School pupils. The school term begins on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. We expect all pupils to return on that day. There will be differences to the school day and these are outlined below.

- **The School Day** – This will be different in many ways. Please refer to the table below for arrival and pick up times.

Group	Teacher	Arrival	Entrance	Pick up
Parents/Carers with more than one child in school		8.30am	(see below)	2.55pm
Nursery/Reception Snowy Owls*	Mrs McBride	8.40am	Left side of school to EY classroom	3.05pm
Years 1 and 2 Polar Bears	Miss Hogarth	8.50am	Left side of school to Y1/2 classroom	3.15pm
Years 3 and 4 Arctic Foxes	Mrs Douglass Miss Stobbs	8.40am	Class entrance at front of school	2.55pm
Years 4 and 5 Arctic Wolves	Miss Day	8.50am	Right side entrance to classroom	3.15pm
Year 6 Narwhals	Mr Walsh	8.40am	Main entrance	3.05pm

\*Parents/carers of new starters can arrive at 9am if you feel that your child will have issues separating from you. Under government guidance, adults cannot accompany children in to the classroom. Mrs McBride will be inviting new starters in to look around the class on the afternoon of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

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- **Breakfast and After School Club** – Mrs Hadley and Mrs Dutton are looking forward to welcoming pupils in to school. BASC will commence on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. This is because we need to ensure all aspects of school are functioning correctly before we organise wraparound care. Parents must book places on the online Lunchshop system or a telephone call to school. Adults other than school staff cannot enter the school premises. Children will be distanced by Bubble as much as possible.
- **School Clubs** – There will be no staff led lunchtime or after school run clubs for the first half term. This is because we cannot mix pupils from different Bubbles together. There may be opportunities for children to join clubs later in the term and we will keep you informed of this. We will listen to government guidance on this.
- **Breaktimes and Wellies** – All pupils should have wellies in school. This will enable them to access the grass if wet. The playground will be divided in to four ‘Bubble Areas’. The EY children will access the areas near their classroom whilst other pupils will have their own separate play areas. The Y3/4 class will also be able to access the play areas at the front of school.
- **Lunchtime** – All pupils will be eating in their classrooms with the Year 1/2 pupils using the hall at dinner time.

### **Monkey Class Video**

Mrs McBride has been busy compiling a video for the pupils in the Monkey Class. You can have a look at their Nursery and Reception activities by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boT5Y27JelA&t=2s>

### **Handwash Video**

Well done to everyone concerned with the handwash video produced during the period of school closure. We are very pleased to announce that Warwick Bridge school has been selected as one of the winners and will receive £100 to be spent on school equipment. Thank you to the time and effort of all who were involved in this project – well done! To see the video again go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHvHx1gwh-g>

### **Sports Day 2020**

Pupils in school took part in a number of activities this week. Children in Key Stages 1 and 2 did the high jump. Pupils threw the javelin, ran egg and spoon races and other individual races. They also took part in the Sock Olympics. Pairs of socks were thrown, caught, jumped over and used as projectiles to aim at targets. We hope that pupils at home were able to create their own obstacle course and do some of the sock activities.

### **Summer Activities**

Cumbria County Council have set up Summer Holiday Activity Directories to help families find various pursuits to keep them entertained during the summer break. The activities are spread out throughout Cumbria and you can find all the activity packs here at <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/childrenandfamilies/cfis/>. There are different packs for different areas. The packs give information on a wide variety of services such as: ***Childcare and Holiday Clubs, Food, Support Services, Activities and Events***. The activities are provided for all ages and have links to a whole host of providers.

### **Year 6 Virtual Leavers’ Disco**

BBC Radio Cumbria are presenting a Virtual Leavers’ Disco tonight. 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 tonight.

## ***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

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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!

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

Now the year is over, 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.

### **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.

Have a wonderful summer holiday with your family. Stay safe and enjoy the weeks ahead. Good luck to all our Year 6 leavers and we will see everyone else in September.

With best wishes

Mr M Ashton