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A warm hello to you all after the return to school. We all hope that you managed to have a restful half-term break and the children are all ready to be back at school. At the time of writing, the country has just started its second lockdown phase. Schools remain open to all pupils and we will all continue to work towards the best outcomes for all concerned. We are ever mindful of the wellbeing of pupils, staff, parents and carers and want to let you know that the school will offer as much support as possible to every family during this time. Cumbria County Council are also offering advice to all at: https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/welfare/

Staff News - Miss Day

We are very pleased to tell you that Miss Day is expecting a baby in the new year. She is in the best of health and is looking forward tremendously to this happy event. This will of course mean a change of personnel in the Year 4/5 class. Miss Stobbs will become the class teacher in the Y4/5 Arctic Wolves class from the beginning of January with Mrs Kelly taking over her Monday and Tuesday teaching in the Year 3/4 Arctic Foxes class. We will keep you informed of all progress of this change over the coming weeks. We are sure that you will join with us in wishing Miss Day all the best for her pregnancy.

Virtual Open Day Video

We are very pleased with the school's new 'Virtual Open Day' video. We are unable to welcome parents and next year's pupils in to school at the moment so we thought that a tour of the school by video would be the next best thing. The video is available to view on the school website and it has been put on Facebook. To access the video simply click on the following link:

https://youtu.be/6CeQ7x8HnxY

We hope that you will share the link with everyone and they enjoy it as much as we do.

Remembrance Day

We are once again supporting the annual Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be on sale until Wednesday 11th November. There are a number of other items for sale too with the suggested donation prices of:

- Poppies 50p
- Pencil sharpener 50p
- Ruler £1
- Eraser 50p
- Reflector 50p

Please provide your child/ren with the correct money. Thank you for your cooperation.

Warwick Bridge School - Reverse Advent Calendar - Food for the Community

As we draw towards the festive season, all of us realise that there will be significant changes to what we take for granted. The children would normally be used to preparing for their Christmas play and both the orchestra and choir would be rehearsing for our concerts. As these events will not take place in their usual form, we have had the idea of providing a service to the local community. From Monday 9th November, children are invited to bring a food item in to school. We will then put these food items outside at the front of school to act as our very own foodbank. If you or anyone you know would appreciate additional food items at this time of year you are invited to take whatever items you feel are needed to help those who need it. This will take place on Friday each week when the food items will be placed at the front of school from 10am. People can then come and take any item they wish without having to provide any personal details or identification. We hope that you will be able to help us help the community.

Attendance

These attendance figures are from the final week of the half-term. A fantastic effort by the Arctic Wolves puts them in first place. Well done to the pupils in Miss Day's class.

<u>23.10.20</u>	Snowy Owls	Polar Bears	Arctic Foxes	Arctic Wolves	<u>Narwhals</u>	<u>School</u>
	98 4%	98.2%	97.8%	99.1%	91 2%	96.9%

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Fancy Dress and Children in Need

It was great to see all the pupils dressed up on the 5th November. The costumes were wonderful and a total of £40.65 was raised for the Friends of Warwick Bridge School. The dressing up day is good preparation for next week's Children in Need activities. It will be a non-uniform day on Friday 13th so children will be asked to wear their own clothes and bring in a donation. During the week, we shall be selling a limited amount of Pudsey merchandise too so please ensure your child has money if they would like to purchase a souvenir.

Consultations with Teachers

This term's consultation evenings will be conducted by telephone. Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we cannot have parents and carers entering school. Teachers will telephone parents and carers at a pre-arranged time to discuss the progress of your child. These consultations will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November. Telephone calls will be made between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Your booking form should have been returned to school this week. Teachers will send out appointment times today.

Scarecrow Trail - December 2020

Members of the Warwick Bridge and Corby Hill community are holding a Scarecrow Trail during the first week of December. All households are welcome to take part. The whole trail will be organised to ensure social distancing and only family bubbles should walk around to view this. The school is creating a scarecrow and it would be great to see many of the local families and households taking part. For more information contact Mrs Milner via school.

Coronavirus Measures

All parents and carers of pupils at Warwick Bridge School should be aware that we are all prepared in case there is another national lockdown that would include school closure. The current lockdown has left all schools open and you should continue to bring children to school at the appointed times. If the lockdown is extended to school closure, our Virtual Learning Platform will enable pupils to look at lessons online. Staff will set work and see that it is marked accordingly. This will only come in to force if another lockdown is declared that includes school closures. Pupils unable to attend school due to having to isolate will also receive work at home that will be set online. We will keep you fully informed of further progress and if your child is unable to come to school because of Covid-19 related matters, we will ensure that their educational needs will be met.

Please remember that if anyone in your household has symptoms or books a test, your children must not be sent to school and parents/carers and children should self-isolate immediately. This is very important indeed. Children or parents/carers should only return to school if the test is negative or the isolation period (14 days) ends.

Cumbria County Council has issued a very informative booklet that outlines a wide range of support networks. This was emailed out to all families this week. The booklet covers many points including: *Staying Safe, Shielding, Good Neighbours, Community Support, Financial Support, Food Projects, Stress and Anxiety, Preparing for Winter plus many more.* You can access this booklet by clicking on the link on the school's newsletter webpage at:

https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/weekly-newsletters/ It is entitled *Information for the Community – Nov* **2020.**

From Monday 9th November, we are asking all parents and carers who drop children off in the morning and pick them up at the end of the day to wear a face covering when you are on school premises. We realise that mask wearing is not compulsory, but we would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Staff who come outside at the start and end of the day will also wear a face mask.

There has been an updated publication for parents and carers issued by the DfE. This is called *What Parents and Carers need to know about EY providers, schools and colleges in the Autumn Term.* It was revised on 29th October 2020. To view this publication follow the link to the school website and the newsletter page:

https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/weekly-newsletters/

This is titled Parent Carer Information – Nov 2020.

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WBS Virtual Art Show

Have a look at your child's art work that was carried out in October as part of our Black History Month Art focus. Miss Stobbs has compiled all these pictures and put them in a Virtual Art Show. To look at these pictures click on:

■Virtual Art Exhibition Autumn 2020.mp4

You can also view the Art Exhibition on the school's YouTube channel at: https://youtu.be/w5ae60mMe8s

Crossing Patrol - Mr Hopkins

Mr Hopkins will be back on the crossing patrol from Monday 9th November.

Shoebox Appeal – Boxes of Hope Cumbria

There has been a good response to this year's appeal. The 'Boxes of Hope' will be collected here at school before being taken to the collection point in Brampton. If you wish, you can take your shoebox to Sylvia Hall at 38 Irthing Park, Brampton, or you can telephone Katy Potter on 016977 42440 to arrange collection. There won't be a church service send-off however, due to the problems caused by the Covid-19 response. The boxes will then be sent to Kendal for checking before they are dispatched on their journey to Romania. Please have your boxes back in to school by **Monday 9th November**. They will then be taken to the collection point at Brampton at 11am. Remember that boxes need to be suitable for children of primary school age. **Please enclose £2 in an envelope inside your box to cover transport costs**. You can find more information about the appeal by going to: www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk. You can also email: info@boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk.

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton