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Coronavirus News Update

Everyone will be aware of the latest news from Warwick Bridge School and the positive tests for Coronavirus. The positive tests resulted in the closure of two of the Bubbles at school. Children in the Early Years setting, (Mrs McBride's Nursery and Reception class) and the Year 1/2 children, (Miss Hogarth's class), have been asked to stay at home until Tuesday 24th November. Staff in these class settings will also be isolating at home too. Letters have been sent out to all the school community. You can view these letters on the school website:

Early Years: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1119/Positive_Test_letter_-_Nov_2020_EY.pdf/

Year 1/2: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1120/Positive_Test_letter_-_Nov_2020.pdf/

Whole School: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1121/Positive_Test_letter_-_Nov_2020_-_all_parents.pdf/

We would like to reassure all our parents and carers that the school is doing its utmost in following all the guidance from the government in terms of combatting the spread of Coronavirus. Staff are vigilant in their behaviour and we ensure that we impress upon the children the vital need for social distancing and handwashing. We will always keep the school community up to date with the latest guidance and directives. Thank you all for your support at this time.

When a member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19:

- When an adult or child develops one or more symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of/change to their sense of taste and smell), they need to get tested as soon as possible and **the whole household needs to isolate at home immediately.**
- If the test result comes back NEGATIVE, the household can end their isolation (i.e. leave the house and return to normal including attending work and school) as long as:
 - the individual with symptoms has not had a high temperature for 48 hours
 - No-one else in the household has symptoms (if this is the case they also need to get tested and the household isolate until the result is known)
 - Members of the household have not been told they need to self-isolate because they are a close-contact of a positive case from outside the household
- If the test comes back POSITIVE, the household should continue to isolate. The household should isolate for 14 days from the date that the person who has tested positive developed symptoms (or if they didn't have symptoms, the date they had their test)
- There is more information in the [Stay at Home guidance](#)

There are many places for parents and carers to find support at this time. Cumbria County Council are also offering advice to all at: <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/welfare/>. School will endeavour to help wherever we can in a whole host of areas.

Governor News

One of our longest serving governors, Mrs Eleanor Viney, is stepping down from her role on the Governing Board. Eleanor has been an excellent governor and has offered a tremendous amount of support and leadership for the school since becoming a member of the governors over five years ago. Everyone at school would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work as a governor and wish her all the best for the future.

Home Learning

During this time when some pupils in the school community are at home, staff will be organising Home Learning in a variety of ways. Work will be emailed home to you and your child/ren. If there are any issues about the work, please get in touch with the class teacher via Tapestry (Early Years) or Class Dojo. Work will also be posted on to the class page of the school website so you will be able to download it from there. All teaching staff will be receiving training next week in the school's new Virtual Learning Platform. Using the very latest technology, staff will be able to set and mark work online. We will let you know full details about this after the training session next week.

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Remembrance Day

Thank you for everyone who supported this year's Armistice Day poppy appeal. The school has raised a substantial amount of money for the British Legion appeal 2020. We were sorry not to have our usual commemoration of events in a school assembly, but we were able to hold the two minute silence as a school at 11am on Wednesday 11th. We all agree that children should be aware of the reasons why poppies are worn and that the money raised goes to a host of good causes.

Friends of Warwick Bridge School News

Raffle and Jackpot – All parents, carers, friends and family are invited to take part in the FOWBS **Raffle and Jackpot Draw**. You can enter this draw by contacting any member of the FOWBS committee or searching out their page on Facebook. Raffle squares cost £5 each with a first prize of £150, second prize £75 and a third prize of £50. Stalls from the virtual Christmas fair have all donated prizes for the raffle. All funds will be raised for the school and Eden Valley Hospice in memory of Mrs Murray. We hope that you can support this worthwhile cause.

Virtual Christmas Fair – FOWBS are running their virtual Christmas Fair online. A number of stalls are available to view with their merchandise and various Christmas wares. To view all the stalls go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/266734444708872>

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.

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 to help the community. As we have had a number of pupils out of school this week, we will be starting the foodbank collection from Friday 20th November.

Attendance

These attendance figures are from the first week of the half-term. A fantastic effort by the Arctic Foxes puts them in first place. Well done to the pupils in Mrs Douglass and Miss Stobbs's class.

<u>6.11.20</u>	<u>Snowy Owls</u>	<u>Polar Bears</u>	<u>Arctic Foxes</u>	<u>Arctic Wolves</u>	<u>Narwhals</u>	<u>School</u>
	96.6%	98.2%	99.4%	98.1%	90%	96.4%

Children in Need

All the pupils and staff had a non-uniform day on Friday 13th to raise funds for this year's Children in Need appeal. Thank you to all parents, carers and children who supported the appeal. The school raised a total of £99.11 which will go towards the appeal's host of good causes.

Scarecrow Trail – 29th November – 6th December

Members of the Warwick Bridge and Corby Hill community are holding a Scarecrow Trail from 29th November to 6th 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.

Have a relaxing weekend

Mr M Ashton