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**Warwick Bridge Primary School**  
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**Coronavirus News Update**

The school is looking forward to next week when we will be welcoming back all the children and staff from the Early Years and Year 1/2 classes. The school has been quite empty without these classes in I am sure that the children will be excited to see their friends once again. During their time away Mrs McBride and Miss Hogarth have been setting work for the children online. We hope that everyone has managed to access this work and that you have been able to have conversations with the class teachers if you needed to.

We must all remain vigilant at this time to ensure that we are doing everything possible to keep one another safe and in the best possible health. Please read the information immediately below so that you know what to do if any of your household develop symptoms of Covid-19.

**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.

**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.

**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>

**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

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service to the local community. Please be aware that children are invited to bring a food item in to school from now. 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 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Attendance**

With our Early Years and Y1/2 children away for the past two weeks, attendance has been a bit difficult to put together. We have, however, managed some figures that reflect the attendance of pupils who are in school and those who are self-isolating. Well done to the Snowy Owls in the Early Years who had the best attendance on the day last week when everyone was in school.

<b><u>13.11.20</u></b>	<b><u>Snowy Owls</u></b>	<b><u>Polar Bears</u></b>	<b><u>Arctic Foxes</u></b>	<b><u>Arctic Wolves</u></b>	<b><u>Narwhals</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
	98.8%	98.3%	96.4%	92.2%	91.4%	<b>94.2%</b>

### **Zoom Assembly with EY and KS1**

All the pupils in Mrs McBride's and Miss Hogarth's class had the opportunity to take part in the Zoom assembly today. We enjoyed the *My Zoo* story and sang 'Happy Birthday' to all the children who have not been at school during this time. It was great to see all the staff who have also been at home for the past two weeks. We welcomed new pupils and said goodbye to Tilly and Chanté who are both moving on. We wish you all the best for the future – along with Bradlea and Leah who are also moving away next week. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Class Film Afternoon – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

As we are unable to hold our traditional Film Night this year, we have decided to give the pupils a treat at the end of assessment week. Teachers will show a film in their class on the afternoon of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils will be allowed to bring some evening wear in if they want to replicate that Film Nigh feeling. School will provide pupils with hot chocolate or juice as well as a sweet treat to enjoy the film with. Mrs Douglass will send a letter out next week with all the details. Pupils will be asked for a voluntary contribution of £1 for this event.

### **Scarecrow Trail – 29<sup>th</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **BBC Radio Cumbria Big Carol Sing – 20<sup>th</sup> December**

The Diocese of Carlisle is teaming up with BBC Radio Cumbria and other local churches to organise what it hopes will be Cumbria's biggest socially-distanced Christmas carol sing-along. The regional BBC radio station will broadcast a special programme at 6pm on 20th December, with residents being asked to sing the carol Silent Night on their doorsteps at 6:15 pm. We will be handing out cards in December that have a website you can visit to find out more about this event.

All the best for a peaceful weekend

Mr M Ashton