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Welcome Back

We are all very pleased to welcome back staff and pupils in our Early Years and Y1/2 classes. We have definitely missed you and hope that you managed to keep working hard with your school tasks during the time that you were away. It is so good to see everyone back in and we are very happy to welcome some new pupils in to school. It is always good to see new faces and if you know anyone who is looking to start their child at Nursery or Reception in September 2021, please let them know about the school and the WBS video. This is on the front page of the website and has been viewed many times over. The school is still open for 'virtual tours' and we are taking applications for the academic year 2021-22.

Reminders about 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](#). (Click for more information).

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.

Year 1 and 2 Virtual Farm Tour

All the children in our Polar Bear Year 1 and 2 Class enjoyed a virtual farm tour on Friday this week. Mrs Holliday had organised the event with Sarah (9a Cumbrian dairy farmer) at Beeches Farm who showed the pupils the journey of milk from the cow, to the dairy, to the shops and then onto our cereal or in a cup of tea. The children were fascinated to see this all happen and had lots of questions to ask. Thank you to Mrs Holliday for organising this and thank you to Farmer Sarah for taking time out of her busy day to provide pupils with a valuable insight into farm life.

Wellies and Coats

With the weather being much cooler and wetter, it is important that your child has the correct attire for going outside at breaktimes. We also are encouraging pupils to be outside as much as possible for learning when the subject allows. The grass at the back of school has become quite muddy in places so we are limiting the amount of time that the children can go on there. We are also using the area at the front of school for the Y1/2 playground during this wet period. Please ensure that you provide wellies and coats for your child/ren because we will go outside in very light rain and there will be times that we will go on the grass. Thank you for providing wellies and coats for the children.

Healthy Snacks at School

All children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 receive a healthy snack from staff during the morning session of the day. Children in Years 3, 4 5 and 6 can bring in a healthy snack such as fruit or cereal bar which they can have at break time. We have noticed that some pupils are bringing in sweets and crisps for this snack. Please do not send your child to school with a snack that is not fruit or a healthy one. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Friends of Warwick Bridge School News

Raffle and Jackpot – The draw takes place tonight for all the wonderful prizes. All funds raised are for the school and Eden Valley Hospice in memory of Mrs Murray. We hope that you can support this worthwhile cause.

WBS - Working, Believing, Succeeding – A Wonderful Bridge to Success

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 the festive season gets closer and closer, 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. 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 last week, we will be starting the foodbank collection from today, Friday 27th November.

Attendance

With pupils in isolation we still had good results for the attendance last week. Well done to the Arctic Foxes for having the best attendance during the week.

<u>20.11.20</u>	<u>Snowy Owls</u>	<u>Polar Bears</u>	<u>Arctic Foxes</u>	<u>Arctic Wolves</u>	<u>Narwhals</u>	<u>School</u>
	Isolating	Isolating	95.9%	90.1%	87.6%	91.2%

Class Film Afternoon – Friday 4th 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 4th December. Pupils will be allowed to come to school wearing suitable evening wear such as pyjamas and dressing gowns if they want to replicate that Film Night feeling. School will provide pupils with hot chocolate or juice as well as a sweet treat to enjoy the film with. Pupils will be asked for a voluntary contribution of £1 for this event. Please remember children will be outside for breaks and at lunchtime and make sure they have warm/waterproof clothing for this.

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 has been organised to ensure social distancing and only family Bubbles should walk around to view this. The school has created a scarecrow scene and it would be great to see many of the local families and households taking part. You can buy a map of the trail for £2 from Sally's or Hill's BP garage.

BBC Radio Cumbria Big Carol Sing – 20th 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.

Have a relaxing weekend

Mr M Ashton