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**Christmas Cards in school**

We now have two weeks of term left. It is amazing how quickly the time has flown since September. It is now the time of year when everyone in school turns their thoughts well and truly to the festive season. The tree is up in the hall and class teachers have been busy with decorations in the classroom. Children will be bringing in Christmas cards for their classmates and teachers. In order to ensure that we do this as safely as possible, class teachers will ask the pupils to hand in their cards – all marked with the first and last names of recipients please – and put them in a storage area for at least 72 hours. In this way we can make sure the cards are delivered in the safest way possible. We therefore ask for all cards to be in school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December so that we can carry this out. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

**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.

**Blood Donations**

We have received the following communication from Holly Billington at the NHS Blood Transfusion Service:

***NHS Blood and Transplant needs your help this winter. We have upcoming blood donation sessions at the Shepherds Inn, Carlisle Mobile Donor Centre on Tuesday 29th December, with lots of available appointments. You could help by booking an appointment to donate blood today!***

***What better gift to give around Christmas than life saving blood?***

***We are working closely with the rest of the NHS to keep supplying lifesaving blood to hospitals during the coronavirus pandemic and we need people to keep donating as normal. Please be assured that during the national lockdown in England all blood donation sessions will continue to run. We have extra safety measures in place and every precaution is being taken to eliminate the risk of Covid-19 transmission at our blood donation sessions. Having an appointment to give blood is classed as essential travel and will be exempt from any local or national travel restrictions.***

***Black, Asian and minority ethnic donors are also specifically needed right now, because:***

- ***Some patients who receive frequent blood transfusions need blood to be closely matched to their own***
- ***A number of blood conditions, like sickle cell disease which is treated through blood transfusions, most commonly affect black, Asian and minority ethnic people***
- ***The best match typically comes from blood donors from the same ethnic background***

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

*While people from all communities and backgrounds do give blood, fewer than 5% of our blood donors who gave blood in the last year were from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities. This is despite BAME communities representing around 14% of the population. We want to try and readdress this balance.*

*Whether you are a new or regular donor, please visit [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) or call us on 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment today.*

*Thank you for helping us to save lives.*

### **Warwick Bridge School Food Bank**

Thank you for all your donations of food and toiletries for the WBS Foodbank. All items will be available for collection once again on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you or any relatives and friends would rather collect on another day, please let us know and we can make the necessary arrangements. We understand that people may want to collect the food in a different way – please let us know if this is your wish. Any food that is left over will be taken to the foodbank in Carlisle during the last week of term.

### **Attendance**

Well done to all the children in our youngest class. The Snowy Owls returned to school with a fantastic attendance rate. This is very good indeed – well done to all of you.

<b><u>27.11.20</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>
	99.1%	93.3%	98.2%	96.2%	90%	<b>95.3%</b>

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

Today's film afternoon went really well. It was great to see the children settling down to watch a film with their hot chocolate. We hope that they enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas – it's not every day that pupils can do that! Thank you to all parents and carers for helping with this – we hope the children had a great afternoon.

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

This weekend is your last opportunity to see the host of scarecrows on the Scarecrow Trail. There are over fifty scarecrows to view – one is even interactive. The scarecrows are situated from school all the way to Newby East with most of them in Little Corby and Corby Hill. Money raised from the sale of maps and entries will go towards buying new equipment for Down-a-Gate community Centre. You can buy a map of the trail for £2 from school, Sally's or Hill's BP garage.

### **Christmas Activities at School**

**Christmas Jumper Day** – this will take place on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Please come to school in an appropriate festive jumper.

**Christmas Craft Week** – this will take place from 7-11<sup>th</sup> December. Children will stay in their classes and create a number of seasonal craft projects with their teachers. It is bound to be a busy week.

**Christmas Dinner** – this takes place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December for all school dinner children.

**Class Christmas Video** – teachers will send out information about the class Christmas presentation via email or Class Dojo. Please look out for a message from the class teacher about this.

### **Brampton Action Group at Christmas**

BAAG have produced a help package for all families who may be struggling this Christmas. They aim to ensure that all families in need have a decent Christmas dinner and there are the opportunities for parents and carers to receive help with Christmas presents from the Salvation Army. Please look out for the email sent this week. It has an application form attached. You need to fill this in and return it via email to the address on the form.

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton