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**Warwick Bridge Primary School**  
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### **Year 6 Bubble**

This week, we had to close our Year 6 Bubble due to a positive case of Covid-19. We have been able to identify the exact dates of this and working with Cumbria County Council Covid-19 Call Centre and Public Health England, the school has put all the correct protocols in to place. Certain members of our staff team were not in contact with the Year 6 Bubble in the days leading up to the case so they have been able to continue at work. The rest of the pupils and staff will be returning on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December and we will be very happy to see them in school for the last week of term. Please read the information below if you have any queries about what to do when a member of your household develops Covid-19 symptoms.

### **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.

### **Department of Education Announcement – end of term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Mid-afternoon on Tuesday, the Department for Education released information to schools suggesting that it would be possible to move INSET days scheduled for January or later to the 18<sup>th</sup> December. This was touted as being a generous offer to teachers and families – reducing the risk to groups or individuals. This information is now being shared in the press and on social media. After discussions with staff and our Governing Board, Warwick Bridge Primary School is continuing with the existing holiday arrangements. A single day will make no difference if a class or classes are isolated before this point, nor does it help families who have already arranged childcare from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Cumbrian schools do not have the option of moving an INSET day easily either, for these days are set countywide to minimise inconvenience to parents. The most effective thing that we can all do is to follow the instructions and guidance on keeping safe. This means washing hands, avoiding unnecessary contact with others and booking a test if you or your children experience any symptoms. School will still finish on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at our normal time.

### **School Dinners**

After looking at the provision for school dinners for the coming months and the results of the recent survey. We have had to increase the daily charge to £2.62 per meal. This will be reflected in the amounts you are paying on the school Lunchshop system. This change will take effect in January 2021.

### **Scarecrow Trail**

We are very happy to report that the recent Scarecrow Trail around the local area raised over £830. Thank you everyone for your support. The money will go towards buying new equipment at Down-a-Gate so the whole community can benefit from this.

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### **Attendance**

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 children in the Arctic Foxes Class. To achieve 100% attendance is a great effort and you all deserve the trophy this week. Well done.

<b><u>4.12.20</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>
	96.4%	97.3%	100%	98%	84%	<b>95.1%</b>

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

Thank you once again for all your donations of food and toiletries for the WBS Foodbank. All items will be available for collection today, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Remember that we do not ask for identification or proof of need. You are welcome to take food and toiletries for any people you know who are in need at this time. You may also take these items if you know anyone who has difficulties in getting to school. As this is the last week of the WBS foodbank, any food that is left over will be taken to the foodbank in Carlisle during the last week of term.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Well done to all the pupils and staff who took part in today's Christmas Jumper Day. We saw a wealth of colours and styles from so many children and adults. It was a great way to end the week and we now truly realise that Christmas Day is exactly two weeks away. We hope the festive spirit is alive and well with you all.

### **Christmas Craft Week**

This week was a very busy week for all the pupils who took part in Christmas Crafts. A wide variety of articles were made and so many children enjoyed the making, the sticking, the cutting and the gluing. Children in Years 1 and 2 will be making lots of craft items next week as they have been so busy during the past week. We hope that everyone at home will enjoy the fruits of the children's labours.

### **Christmas Dinner**

We hope that all the children who had a Christmas lunch enjoyed themselves and the food. Thank you to the kitchen staff and all other adults who worked hard to make this a success. The school also looked very good with all the festive jumpers and clothing that was worn today

### **Class Christmas Videos**

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. The Early Years Class Nativity was filmed this week and we hope that you will be able to enjoy the video very soon.

Have a great weekend

Mr M Ashton