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End of Term

Today is the last day of the Autumn Term. It has been a very challenging one in many ways for everyone in the country. Schools have had to cope with the change in operations whilst families are dealing with all the issues Covid-19 has brought to us. We hope that the Christmas break will allow us all to recharge our batteries and step into 2021 with renewed energy and drive. The situation around all the restrictions appears to remain unchanged for the foreseeable future. Everyone at school thanks all our parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation at this time of year. We are also very fortunate to have staff members at Warwick Bridge School who are dedicated professionals doing their work in difficult circumstances. Each member of the school team deserves a rest over the next few weeks and we hope that everyone finds time to enjoy the Christmas season with their loved ones.

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.

A site that you may find useful at this time to help with any mental health issues in young people can be found at Kooth. The link is: <https://www.kooth.com/>. This site aims to help young people through any mental health issues they may have. It is very user friendly and can be accessed by both primary and secondary aged children.

You can also find support for all in the family over Christmas by clicking on the following link:

- [Supporting Carlisle over Christmas.pdf](#)

Attendance

Congratulations to the Year 4 and 5 children in the Arctic Wolves Class. This is a very good performance indeed – well done. And a huge well done to the pupils in the Arctic Foxes class who have the best attendance for the term. A great achievement.

<u>11.12.20</u>	<u>Snowy Owls</u>	<u>Polar Bears</u>	<u>Arctic Foxes</u>	<u>Arctic Wolves</u>	<u>Narwhals</u>	<u>School</u>
	97.1%	96.9%	90.6%	98.1%	86.4%	95.6%
Autumn Term	97.8%	97.9%	98%	96.2%	91.2%	96.3%

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

Warwick Bridge School Food Bank

All Foodbank items that are left over have now been taken to the foodbank in Carlisle. We have had such generous donations from so many people. These have included many items of food and toiletries which will be so useful to all those in need at Christmas. Thank you very much for all your donations.

Christmas Tree Recycling in Support of Hospice at Home

If you would like your Christmas Tree collected and recycled after Christmas, Carlisle and North Lakeland (and other charities) will collect and recycle it for a donation. Collectors will call to the following postcodes:

-CA1 -CA2 -CA3 -CA4 8 -CA5 7 -CA6 4 -CA6 5 -CA7 9 -CA8 1 -CA8 9 -CA10 2 -CA11 7 -CA11 8 -CA11 9 -CA11 0

To arrange collection of your Christmas tree, give the volunteer collectors an email on:

www.charityxmastreecollection.com

All collections must be arranged before Tuesday January 5th 2021. After collection, 90% of monies raised will go to Hospice at Home. The remaining 10% will be shared between other charities.

Santa Claus visits WBS

On Thursday this week the children were very happy to see Santa Claus visit their classroom. With the day also being 'Party Day', Santa's visit added to the excitement. Each child received a gift from Santa and this really signals the start of the festive fun ahead. We hope that each child enjoys their Christmas gift.

Class Christmas Videos

Teachers will be posting the class Christmas presentation on the school Facebook pages. Presentations will soon also be on the class pages of the school website. You can also find a host of WBS videos on the school's You Tube page. Just go to You Tube and search Warwick Bridge Primary School or click on: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1FpR-5w4zUI9m8ChZodkzA>

Merry Christmas

On behalf of all the staff at Warwick Bridge School, I want to thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts that you have brought in for the staff – it is very kind of you indeed and much appreciated. The pupils are also thankful for the gifts they have received from generous members of the school community.

Everyone at Warwick Bridge School wish every staff member, pupil, parent and carer a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We hope that you will be able to relax and spend some quality time with family and friends over the festive season. As you are no doubt aware, there are a few restrictions on how we can spend the Christmas period – we hope that you are able to enjoy this time safely with those people you are close to.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

With all best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mr M Ashton

Three Eden Churches online events to watch

Go to Facebook.com search for "Eden Churches"

You do not need to be a regular Facebook user to watch

5pm Sunday 20th

Online Annual Carol Service

Followed by BBC Radio Cumbria from 6pm

They will broadcast 'Silent Night' at 6.15pm

for us to sing on doorsteps or out of our windows

6pm Christmas Eve

Online Crib Service for all the family

9.45-10.15am Christmas Day

All Age 'Come and join the celebration'

With the 'Shoebox Spectacular' theatre show.