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Hello everyone and welcome to the second half of the school year. Everyone at Warwick Bridge trusts that you had a very pleasant half-term break and you managed to spend some quality time with your family. Lots has been happening both in and out of school and there are a few changes to make you aware of - these will be included in this week's newsletter.

Miss Day's Baby

We are very pleased to announce that Miss Day gave birth to her daughter during the half-term break. Baby Chloe weighed in at 5lb 6oz. Miss Day and her daughter are now home and doing very well indeed. We hope to have a visit from them both in the coming weeks. Everyone from the school community sends all their best wishes to Miss Day and her family.

Staff Changes

There are a number of staffing changes to make everyone aware of. With the imminent return of all pupils to school in ten days' time, these will take full effect from Monday 8th March.

Snowy Owls (Nursery and Reception)

For the next few weeks Mrs McBride will be in school to work with small groups and individuals from the Snowy Owls Class as she prepares to go on her maternity leave. The day to day running of the Early Years class will be taken over by Mrs Douglass and Mrs Holliday. They will both look after the daily work of all EY children and staff. Mrs Holliday will be in school on Mondays and Tuesdays whilst Mrs Douglass will lead for the remainder of the week. Both teachers have a vast amount of knowledge in leading the Early Years classroom and they are both looking forward to working with all the children. Miss Marshall will also be working with the pupils as she continues her placement at Warwick Bridge School.

Polar Bears (Years 1 and 2)

Miss Hogarth continues to lead the Y1/2 class and she will be joined by Mrs Simpson who will be continuing her placement at school. The children, parents and carers of the Y1/2 class will be familiar with Mrs Simpson as she has been leading Zoom sessions online during this most recent period of lockdown. The class will also be joined each week by Miss Ryan who will take small groups during the week and then work as the class lead on every second Friday. We look forward to welcoming Miss Ryan in to school in the week that we all return to full-time education at school.

Arctic Foxes (Years 3 and 4)

As Mrs Douglass will be working from Wednesday to Friday in the EY class, Miss James will now become the class lead for those three days with the Arctic Foxes. Miss James has been working with the class all year and will continue her role as class support on Monday and Tuesday when Mrs Kelly will be working with the pupils. Mrs Tyrrell will also continue her work with the class on a daily basis

Arctic Wolves (Years 4 and 5)

Since Miss Day has been on maternity leave, Miss Stobbs has become the full-time class teacher with the Year 4/5 Arctic Wolves Class. This will continue for the rest of the spring and summer terms.

Staff changes in any class will bring a new individual to some of the pupils. We know that the staff at Warwick Bridge School have great experience in working with children of all ages in a Primary School setting, so we are sure that the pupils will become used to these changes and work well with the new class lead in all cases. We are all looking forward to seeing all staff and children back in school in the coming weeks and know that they will continue to work together for the good of the whole Warwick Bridge community.

Return to School – March 8th 2021

This week the government announced that there will be a full return of all pupils to school from Monday March 8th. This date is now just over a week away. WBS will follow government guidelines in all respects and open the school safely for all pupils and staff. The health and safety of everyone at Warwick Bridge School is paramount at all times, so the school will ensure that social distancing as far as is practicable will be carried out for all concerned. We will encourage hand-washing and the use of alcohol gel to maintain cleanliness. Staff and pupils will use disinfected wipes to ensure all surfaces and handles are clean. Risk Assessments

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that were put in place from the start of school in September 2020 will be reviewed and followed throughout school. If you have any concerns about the return to school from March 8th please do not hesitate to get in touch and we can hopefully allay any fears or apprehensions you or your child may have. A separate letter about the return to school will be sent out on Monday 1st March.

Footballs for Fitness – the video

We hope that each child in school likes their football and is looking forward to carrying out the exercises and tasks that are going to be set by staff over the next few weeks. Thank you to all families who have contributed to this and special thanks to Mr Walsh for editing this all together. You can watch the film at: <https://youtu.be/BOIHy3OKqno>

Vaccinations Update – news from NHS North Cumbria

At the end of last week we released a **short one minute video** of our Pharmacy and Medicines Lead Helena Gregory explaining how people can 'help us to help you' in north Cumbria. The video is available here: <https://youtu.be/cejPjYbvLPk>
Or feel free to share this from our social media on [Twitter here](#) or [Facebook here](#).

An **updated overview** is available at: <http://northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk/covidvacnext>. The text from this web page has also been added into the e-mail below (for ease).

Some key points to note:

- People in cohorts 5 and 6 are being invited by the NHS to have their vaccine
- People in Cohort 5 may also receive a letter from the National Booking Service, providing an *alternative option* which invites them to book at a Large Vaccination Centre. However as you would need to travel further for your vaccination it might be more convenient for people to wait for their local vaccination service run by their GPs to get in touch. Everyone in the priority cohorts who wants to have a vaccination can do so from their local GP vaccination service.
- If you are over 70 years old and have still not been contacted (or refused but have since changed your mind) please now contact your surgery so they can advise you on when you can expect an appointment.
Our website has also been updated with **Covid-19 Vaccine leaflets in alternative languages and accessible formats**.

This is available at: www.northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk/covidaccessibleformats and features a **video of Naz who recently received her vaccination in Carlisle**. Naz explains to communities why she thinks it's important to have the jab and also how it's safe and won't compromise people's beliefs or cultures. The video is also available on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/-0ExSiEBJm4>

Lots of other information and resources are available at: www.northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk/covid.

Cohort 5 - all those 65 years of age and over

- *Cohort 6 - all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality*
- *Unpaid carers, including those in receipt of carers allowance, are also part of cohort 6 and are part of Primary Care's roll out. The NHS will be working with relevant partner organisations to ensure that the vaccine is delivered to unpaid carers as part of the cohort.*
- *Local GP vaccination services will be calling in both cohorts.*

Please note that 'local GP vaccination services' are your GPs working together in local areas as part of Primary Care Networks (PCNs). We have eight of these networks across north Cumbria who are delivering the vaccine from nine hubs.

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The nearest Large Vaccination Centres at the moment are located in Kendal, Ulverston and Lancaster. There are also sites in the North East at Newcastle's Centre for Life and the NHS Nightingale Hospital North East, Sunderland with a third Large Vaccination Centre location opening in Durham opening soon. **If you want to wait to be called by your local GP vaccination service then please do not respond to the national booking service invitation.**

The way the cohorts are being invited may result in a younger person with an underlying health condition being offered an appointment before someone in the over 65 year age group. This doesn't mean you have been missed so please wait until the NHS contacts you.

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In the meantime the message remains the same - the NHS will be in contact with you when the time is right for you to be invited for your vaccine. Please do not contact the NHS, please wait for the NHS to contact you.

Support for Children & Young People

If you are a young person who needs some support or you are working with a young person who needs some support here are some organisations you can contact:

- **KOOTH** – is an online counselling and emotional well-being service for children and young people, available free at the point of access. Chat and forums - it's safe and anonymous.
- **Young Minds** - is a charity providing online advice and support for children, young people, parents and professionals.
- **Papyrus UK** - Charity for the prevention of young suicide - hopefully they can provide support for parents in dealing with the young person's self-harming and suicidal behaviour and ways.

Click on the links to visit these homepages

World Book Day 2021

Warwick Bridge School will once again be taking part in World Book Day with a number of activities taking place over next week. Staff will be leading themed sessions and pupils will be encouraged to dress up as book characters. Children will be asked to wear book character clothing at both Key Stage Zoom assemblies next week. Look out for more information on Class Dojo.

Mrs Tyrrell

Mrs Tyrrell, our Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 2, is happy to announce that she is expecting her second child in August. I am sure that you will join with all of us in school in wishing her all the best during her pregnancy.

WBS Governing Board Letter

Mrs Gemma Reed, Chair of the Governing Board at Warwick Bridge School, has written a letter to all families of the pupils at school. This letter seeks to give information about the support given to everyone at this time. You can read the letter on the school website at: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1216/GB_Letter_to_Parents_Feb_21.pdf/

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton