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End of Term

The spring term has now finished and we are embarking on the two week Easter holiday. It has been a truncated term with the vast majority of pupils learning at home from January to 8th March. The end of the spring term will give us all an opportunity to recharge our batteries so that we can approach the summer term with the enthusiasm and keenness we expect from the whole of the Warwick Bridge School community. Let us hope that the slow return to the normalisation of life continues and we can all enjoy schooling as it is meant to be.

Starting School with Warwick Bridge

With the final term of school upon us, we are looking towards the start of the next academic year and opportunities for more children to start their education at Warwick Bridge in September 2021 and beyond. If you have, or know anyone with children of Nursery age, please contact school for more information about starting at the Warwick Bridge School Nursery. Children can start at the WBS Nursery the term after their third birthday. We are taking applications now. For more information call Mrs Ridley in the school office on 01228 560390.

Arriving at School from Monday 19th April

All pupils arriving at school from Monday 19th April 2021 must arrive with their cohort. If you need to bring your child early to school please use Breakfast Club. We will still have to adhere to strict social distancing measures when the summer term begins. All children need to be arriving at the following times:

Siblings – 8.30am

Nursery/Reception – 8.40am

Year 1/2 – 8.50am

Year 3/4 – 8.40am

Year 4/5 – 8.50am

Year 6 – 8.40am

Thank you to all parents and carers for your cooperation in this. It is important that everyone adheres to these timings.

Carlisle Cathedral Competition

Carlisle Cathedral is running a new children’s competition during the Easter holidays which might be of interest to our pupils. The staff at the cathedral are challenging families to decorate eggs inspired by the Cathedral for a chance of winning a Carlisle Cathedral jigsaw. Stained glass windows, starry ceiling or flowers in the precinct, whatever their favourite part of the Cathedral is, they would like to see it on an egg! Entries can be from individual children but they encourage the whole family to enter together- the more eggs the better. **Deadline is 4pm, Monday 19th April.** Terms and Conditions and how to enter can be found on the website- <https://carlislecathedral.org.uk/families/>. We hope this is a way to inspire families to get creative together at home this Easter.

Attendance

The Reception Snowy Owls did very well last week and had the best attendance. A few classes were affected by a sickness bug so their attendances were lower than usual.

<u>26.3.21</u>	<u>Snowy Owls</u>	<u>Polar Bears</u>	<u>Arctic Foxes</u>	<u>Arctic Wolves</u>	<u>Narwhals</u>	<u>School</u>
	96.7%	94%	88.8%	86.6%	91.4%	92.2%

Letter for parents and carers on rapid testing for household members

Cumbria County Council's director of Public Health, Colin Cox, has written a letter for parents and carers on how they can access twice-weekly rapid testing, to encourage more household members to take up this offer. To access this letter you can click on this link: **+ LETTER** The letter can also be found on the newsletter section of the school website. Go to:

https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1238/LFT_Testing_letter_for_parents_and_carers.pdf/

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

Sustrans Big Pedal 2021

This year's Big pedal from Sustrans will start on April 19th. This is the day we return to school after the Easter break. It is the first day of the summer term and what better way to celebrate the arrival of summer than getting active on our bicycles, feet and scooters. Children and adults are invited to use their bicycles, scooters or just walking, to travel to and from school each day. It's a great way to stay fit and active. There is an informative video for you to watch with the whole family from Sustrans at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQLGK_Ek_qY We hope that as many people as possible can join in this fun activity. Sustrans have also created an information letter for all families, which gives everyone the details of what is happening with the Big Pedal 2021 and how we are all keeping the Big Pedal safe during the Covid-19 outbreak. You can read this letter on the Warwick Bridge School website at: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1228/flexible-big-pedal-info-sheetv2_eng.pdf/

Easter Bonnet Competition – Nursery, Reception and Y1/2 Classes

All children in these classes are invited to decorate an Easter Bonnet/hat at home to bring in for judging on Thursday 22nd April 2021. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Have a fun time creating these and have a Happy Easter.

Messages from Cumbria County Council

Holiday activities & food (HAF) programme announced for 2021

Cumbria County Council has been given £1.2 million by the government to spend in 2021 to provide high-quality fun activities over the holidays for school aged children and young people eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals.

The programme will run over the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays with the aim being to provide fun physical activities, a nutritious meal and enrichment sessions around cooking, eating well and learning new skills for those young people who prefer a less active holiday.

The Easter holiday offer will be virtual due to Covid-19 restrictions still being in place and will include:

- A series of 'live' interactive exercise and fitness sessions delivered by Active Cumbria and CandoFM.
- A range of activities of which include cooking lessons, picnics, art/craft sessions and lots more, delivered by Our 0-19 Child and Family Support Services (CFSS) from Barnardo's and Family Action.
- An online activity programme in the second week of the Easter holiday delivering virtual stories, art & craft sessions provided by the Library service.

The plan for the summer and Christmas holidays will be to provide face to face sessions in local settings such as schools and Leisure/Community centres; allowing children and young people to choose from a wide range of activities which will include sport, outdoor activities such as climbing and canoeing, and a raft of enrichment sessions followed by a nutritious meal. Children and their families can find out more about the Easter activities by emailing HAF@Cumbria.gov.uk or can sign up to the activities on the links below.

Easter Exercise and Fitness Offer

Active Cumbria in partnership with CandoFM have organised a series of 'LIVE' exercise and fitness sessions for children and young people from Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, those pupils at risk of being NEET (Not in Education or Employment and Training) and those pupils with a SEND who are entitled to free school meals. To register, participants will need to visit the following link: <https://activecumbria.eventbrite.co.uk> so that they can access the zoom link to the activity session they wish to attend. The number of participants for each activity session is limited, so please do register early to avoid any disappointment.

Barnardo's Eden – 'Families Together' Time

Children and their families will be encouraged to look out for information which will be shared by schools and on our [Facebook page](#). In Eden, families can register their interest by using any of the following and then complete the booking instructions once confirmed to enable resources to be delivered and / or collected:

Telephone: 01768 899901 E-mail: enquiries.eden@barnardos.org.uk

Family Action – Families, Food and Fun (HAF-DfE)

Throughout the Easter holidays children, young people and their families will be invited to get involved with a wide range of fun activities - arts and crafts, nature detectives, fun food recipes, and much more. Find out more on our 0-19 district Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CarlisleSupport>

Carlisle United

Carlisle United have created a series of Wellbeing Days for all the family. These will take place over the next few weeks. View the full information click on: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1240/CUFC_Wellbeing_Days_2021.pdf/

Everyone at Warwick Bridge School wishes you a relaxing and peaceful Easter holiday. We hope that enjoy yourselves with the family. We will see you back in school on Monday 19th April. Happy Easter!

Mr M Ashton