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Covid Update

It is great to have all children back in school after the disruption of the previous two weeks. The day to day routines have been re-established which is a great relief for both staff and pupils alike. The most recent guidance from the DfE in relation to mask wearing has reinstated the request for staff to wear a mask in communal areas at school. Staff will not be wearing a face mask when teaching the children. Pupils are not required to wear a mask whilst they are at school. The full guidance is available on the school website at:

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1360/Schools_guidance_update_for_Omicron - 29 Nov.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1360/Schools_guidance_update_for_Omicron_-_29_Nov.pdf/)

Attendance

Another week with low numbers due to the isolating pupils from last week. We hope that everyone is feeling much better and we can raise the attendance figures accordingly. Well done to the Little Trolls for their great attendance last week.

<u>26.11.21</u>	<u>Little Trolls</u>	<u>Gnomes</u>	<u>Dragons</u>	<u>Phoenix</u>	<u>Griffins</u>	<u>School</u>
	91.7%	86.2%	82.3%	60%	69.2%	77.5%

Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme

The [Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme](#) has launched its official winter offer.

From this week, the offer will be exclusively open to children with a Free School Meal entitlement. Children with a Free School Meal entitlement will be able to book activities for FREE using the code **HAF 1**. From the 25th of November onwards, the offer will be opened up to encompass [all eligible children](#), with some activities also being available to book (for a cost) for non-eligible children / young people. There is a leaflet available that explains all the parts of this holiday programme and you can access this by clicking on this link: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1342/10_Holiday_Activity_Leaflet_Carlisle.pdf/ Visit cumbria.gov.uk/holidays for further information about the programme and to search the range of activities on offer.

Help with childcare costs: information for parents and providers

HMRC have produced a toolkit to help working parents about the support you can get through Tax-Free Childcare. In this toolkit, you will find a series of [FAQs and myth busting facts about Tax-Free Childcare](#).

Parents and providers can see the government childcare website, which helps parents view our range of offers, and identify which is suitable for them at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Friends of Warwick Bridge School news

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Monday 6th December**. Children will be meeting Santa in the afternoon in school and then we hope to see as many people as possible in school from 3pm when there will be lots of activities for everyone to take part in. Thank you to all the FOWBS parents and carers who are arranging the Fair. All adults will be asked to wear a mask for the fair. The entrance will be via the front of school. Everyone will need to exit via the community door at the back of the hall. Due to the fantastic number of raffle prizes, the draw will take place after the fair with all prize winners notified as soon as possible.

Reindeer Run for Jigsaw Children’s Hospice

WBS is proud to support the fundraising campaign by Jigsaw Children’s Hospice in Carlisle. All our children are able to take part in this. They will be invited to wear festive reindeer antlers and run a short distance at school. We have received the following message from Vicki Lesley, the fundraiser at Jigsaw: *Jigsaw is a place of fun and laughter where children and young adults can stay and create memories which will last a lifetime. We provide one to one care for children and young adults with life limiting illnesses, with the facility for up to five children and young adults for day support, with two able to stay for overnight and respite care. Our home from home environment allows the nurses to match the children and young adults home routines as closely as possible, ensuring a smooth, relaxing and peaceful transition between home and hospice environments.*

The children will each receive a sponsor form but we understand that you may prefer not to deal with cash, so we have created an online donation page specifically for our Reindeer Run! Your school has its very own page, with your logo where provided to stand out, which families can find on our website through the following link: <https://jigsawhospice.org/support-us/fundraise/the-reindeer-run-donations>.

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Christmas Performances

At the time of writing, all Christmas performances are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

- Carol Concert – Thursday 9th December at 5pm
- Early Years Nativity (Nursery and Reception) – Friday 10th December at 9.15am
- Griffins (Y5/6) – Monday 13th December at 1.45pm
- Phoenix (Y3/4) – Tuesday 14th December at 1.45pm
- Dragons and Gnomes (Y2/3 and Y1 combined) – Wednesday 15th December at 1.45pm

To allow required spacing between the audience, only two family members per child will be allowed to watch the performances.

This is not the ideal way to do this, but in doing so we can minimise the risk of close-contact transmissions.

Please be aware that the safety of our students, staff and wider school community is of the upmost importance to us, therefore we may have to change or cancel the events at short notice if we are advised to do so by public health.

School Footwear

Please can all parents and carers make sure that all children have the following correct footwear for school:

- Polishable school shoes or plimsolls for indoor use
- Wellies or walking boots for the grass
- Trainers or plimsolls for PE

Good Companions Christmas Fair

The Good Companions Christmas Fair takes place tomorrow, **Saturday 4th December** at Down-a-Gate Community Centre.

The fair opens for members at 12.30pm and at 1.30pm for the general public.

Guitars with Mr Draper

Mr Draper will be in on Tuesday 7th December for his guitar lessons at the usual time. This will be the last lesson of this term.

Please remember to have guitars for Tuesday.

Term Dates

A reminder that all pupils at Warwick Bridge School finish the Autumn Term on Friday 17th December at 3.15pm. Pupils are expected back in to school on Thursday 6th January 2022. This is because WBS is taking the 5th January as the Platinum Bank Holiday to celebrate Elizabeth II's 70 years as Queen.

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton