

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

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School Plays

It was lovely to see the families of our Early Years children in today to watch the wonderful performance that the children put on. Many thanks to them and the staff for their hard work in coordinating the play. Photos of the performers will be available to view on the school website. There will also be some pictures on the WBS Facebook page. The remaining plays will take place next week in the following order:

- 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

Families are reminded that attendance is restricted to two members per child. Masks are also to be worn throughout the performance.

Christingle 2021

Another welcome return to the school calendar was the Christingle service held this week. We were very happy to welcome the new face of Reverend Sarah who is from St Paul's Holme Eden. Sarah and her team came to school in the morning and helped pupils create their Christingles. She then returned in the afternoon to lead our Christingle service. Look out for photos of this on our school website.

WBS Carol Concerts 2021

It was wonderful to hold two carol concerts this week. The first was for the Good Companions who came on Tuesday afternoon for a fun-packed performance from the choir and pupils who read poetry. The children were thanked by the Good Companions and given some chocolates to share. Our second performance took place in the evening on Thursday when children and families gathered to celebrate with carols and festive poetry.

Attendance

It was good to see attendance return to more of the usual figures. It was a close run thing between the Dragons and Phoenix classes with our Year 3/4 class edging their younger schoolmates into second place.

<u>3.12.21</u>	Little Trolls	<u>Gnomes</u>	Dragons	<u>Phoenix</u>	Griffins	<u>School</u>
	90.1%	94.4%	96.1%	96.3%	92.9%	94.4%

Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme

The <u>Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme</u> has launched its official winter offer. This offer will be opened up to encompass <u>all eligible children</u>, 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: <u>https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1342/10</u>. Holiday Activity Leaflet Carlisle.pdf/ Visit <u>cumbria.gov.uk/holidays</u> for further information about the programme and to search the range of activities on offer this Christmas time.

Help with childcare costs: information for parents and providers

HMRC have produced a toolkit to help inform working parents about the support you can get through Tax-Free Childcare. In this toolkit, you will find a series of <u>FAQs and myth busting facts about Tax-Free Childcare</u>. 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 <u>https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</u>

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Friends of Warwick Bridge School news

The Christmas Fair was held this week with Santa arriving to give presents out to all the children. After the visit to Santa's grotto, the pupils moved in to the hall to take part in the games there and to purchase items from the stalls. Later on, it was good to see people in the school hall enjoying the many stalls, challenges and prizes. In total the school fair raised a very considerable **£962. 61.** A huge thank you to all the FOWBS adults and school staff who made the afternoon such a success. They work really hard preparing events, staffing the events and then clearing up afterwards. The school really appreciates your hard work – thank you again.

Christmas Craft Day

All staff and pupils were very busy on Wednesday this week with the Christmas Craft Day. The pupils were divided into five groups and spent time making Christmas calendars, two decorations, Christmas cards and singing festive songs with a karaoke session. Thank you to Miss Hogarth for organising everyone and thank you to al the staff for putting together an excellent day of top-quality Yuletide enjoyment.

Reindeer Run for Jigsaw Children's Hospice

Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations for the Reindeer Run. All children ran today with Lee during their Action Ants PE lesson. Further donations can still be brought in or you can donate online. Warwick Bridge School has its very own page, with our logo, which families can find on the EVH website through the following link <u>https://jigsawhospice.org/support-us/fundraise/the-reindeer-run-donations</u>.

Poppy Appeal 2021

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy in aid of the British Legion appeal. The school has raised the grand sum of **£248.96** this year which is an excellent amount indeed. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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

Christmas Activities with CUFC

Carlisle United are running Christmas activities from 21-23rd December. Full details can be found on the school website at: <u>https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1363/12._christmas_activity_poster.pdf/</u> Details are:

Location- Harraby (3G) sports centre, Edgehill Rd, Carlisle, CA1 3SL. Dates Tuesday 21st December – is for children aged 7-8 years

Wednesday 22nd December – is for children aged 9-10 years Thursday 23rd December – is for children aged 11-12 years. <u>Time</u> - 10am – 1pm each day

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.

Have a great weekend

Mr M Ashton