



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



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### Warwick Bridge Primary School Newsletter No 13 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The Autumn term has now finished and it is time for the Christmas break. There has been a lot of uncertainty surrounding school life and the effect of Covid in the population. As a school, we have all done our utmost to carry on as normally as possible and I thank the staff at WBS for their dedication to their jobs and the welfare of all pupils here. Everyone at school would also like to thank parents and carers for their support and understanding during these times. We trust that you are all looking forward to the festive break and will spend some quality time with the family.

#### School Plays

All the school plays have been completed and the pupils have done a fantastic job. Staff have worked hard to ensure that each play was a success and the performances have borne that out. To see photos of the plays you can visit the school website or click on the links below:

Nursery and Reception - **Whoops a Daisy Angel**

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/classes/class-1/Whoops-a-Daisy-Angel-production-Dec-2021/25/>

Years 1/2/3 – **A King is Born**

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/classes/class-2/A-Star-is-Born-Christmas-Play-Dec-2021/25/>

and <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/classes/class-3/A-King-is-Born-Christmas-Play-Dec-2021/25/>

Years 3/4 - **Straw and Order**

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/classes/class-4/Christmas-Play-Straw-and-Order-Dec-2021/25/>

Years 5/6 - **Primary School Christmas Musical**

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/classes/class-5/Y56-Primary-School-Musical/25/>

#### FOWBS – a Thank You

Many thanks to the Friends of Warwick Bridge School for their hard work not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. Their efforts help pay for many things including the school trips to the pantomime and the Theatre by the Lake. All Early Years and KS1 pupils enjoyed a visit to the pantomime at the Sands this week. KS2 will be going to see *Tom's Midnight Garden* in January. All these generous actions are very much appreciated by the whole school. Thank you very much.

#### Attendance

Well done to all the pupils in the Phoenix class. You have done very well and achieved the highest weekly total. And during the whole of the term, the best attenders were the Gnomes class. This is a great effort

<b>10.12.21</b>	<b>Little Trolls</b>	<b>Gnomes</b>	<b>Dragons</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Griffins</b>	<b>School</b>
	93.5%	95.6%	91.6%	98.3%	92.5%	<b>94.7%</b>
<b>Autumn</b>	93.5%	94.1%	93.9%	93%	89.7%	92.8%

#### 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 [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/>

#### Reindeer Run for Jigsaw Children's Hospice

Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations for the Reindeer Run. The final figure is in and the school has raised an amazing £1100 for the Jigsaw Children's hospice in Carlisle. This is a fantastic effort and we want to thank all the children who took part and all those who have donated to this very worthy cause. The staff at Jigsaw want to pass on their thanks and congratulations to the school for raising such a sum of money. Well done all.

#### Parking and dropping off at school

All parents and carers are kindly reminded that the yellow zig-zagged lines at the front of school denote no-stop zone. Cars are not allowed to stop to drop off or pick up pupils at any time here. There is a wealth of parking spaces up at Down-a-Gate and these should be used at all times. At one point this week cars were backed up to the A69 as one car was dropping children off in the yellow zone. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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### **Christmas Activities with CUFC**

Carlisle United are running Christmas activities from 21-23<sup>rd</sup> December. Full details can be found on the school website at: [https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1363/12\\_christmas\\_activity\\_poster.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1363/12_christmas_activity_poster.pdf)

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.

**Time** - 10am – 1pm each day

### **Term Dates**

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

### **Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme**

With spaces still available for the winter [Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme](#), families are reminded of the free activities they can access over the school holidays.

Please click on the links below to see what is available in the different areas of Cumbria.

Leaflets:

- [Allerdale](#)
- [Barrow-in-Furness](#)
- [Carlisle](#)
- [Copeland](#)
- [Eden](#)
- [South Lakes](#)

Visit [cumbria.gov.uk/holidays](http://cumbria.gov.uk/holidays) for further information about the programme and to search the range of activities on offer.

With spaces still available for the winter [Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme](#), schools have an important role in ensuring that children and families are aware of the free activities they can access over the school holidays.

***On behalf of all the staff at Warwick Bridge, I would like to thank all families for their very kind gifts that have been brought in during the past week or so. It is very kind of you all and much appreciated by everyone. Thank you all very much indeed.***

***All the best for a peaceful and happy Christmas with your friends and family. And all good wishes for the New Year. We look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.***

Mr M Ashton

