



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



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### Warwick Bridge Primary School Newsletter No 20 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Welcome back to school everyone – we hope that you had a great half-term break despite the various storms we have had to put up with. We are looking forward to the second half of the spring term with lots of exciting and fun activities to do. All staff and pupils are looking forward to the better weather when we can be outside a lot more.

#### **Brampton Area Action Group – Do you need help this Winter?**

The school has been contacted by the Brampton Area Action Group (BAAG). They may be able to assist households who are experiencing hardship this winter by providing help with weekly groceries and heating. Please note that you do not need to be on benefits to get help. You can get help from the Helpdesk at 016979 27005. If you have difficulties leaving a message, you can also get in touch with them at [www.bramptonareaactiongroup.co.uk](http://www.bramptonareaactiongroup.co.uk).

#### **Attendance**

Well done to the Little Trolls in Nursery and Reception. They have done very well during the last week of half-term with a combined total of over 97%. Congratulations to all of you.

<b><u>11.2.22</u></b>	<b><u>Little Trolls</u></b>	<b><u>Gnomes</u></b>	<b><u>Dragons</u></b>	<b><u>Phoenix</u></b>	<b><u>Griffins</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
	97.5%	94.1%	89.7%	96.6%	93.9%	<b>94.2%</b>

#### **Fostering News**

We have received the following message from Claire Crisp who is the Fostering Communications and Engagement Officer for Cumbria. If you know anyone else who may be interested in fostering, please pass on the information.

*We have an urgent need to recruit more foster carers for vulnerable children across the county. There are events held throughout the county to recruit more people into the field of fostering. Our events are scheduled on the following dates:*

*Friday 4 March - Fostering drop in at the round House Hub and Café, Walney from 12pm to 2pm*

*Friday 11 March - Carlisle fostering drop in at Costa Coffee in The Lanes Shopping Centre - from 12pm to 2pm*

*Tuesday 22 March - Fostering drop in at Costa Coffee in Steelman's Walk, Workington - from 12pm to 2pm*

*Thursday 31 March - Fostering drop-in at Costa Coffee in Hindpool Retail Park, Barrow (next to Subway) from 12 to 2pm*

#### **School Clothing and Attire**

Please can all parents and carers ensure that children are wearing the correct clothing for all school activities. This means that all footwear should be suitable school shoes and not trainers. PE kits must have the regulation sky-blue WBS t-shirt with a school sweatshirt and plain, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms. Hair accessories should be small, discreet and navy blue. We also want to remind you that jewellery is limited to stud earrings that can be removed for PE (or taped up). No hooped earrings at all and no rings are allowed in school.

#### **Toys in School**

Parents and carers are reminded that children should not be bringing any toys in to school with them. If a child has a toy, please take it off them before they enter school. A small number of pupils are bringing toys in to school, including different types of collecting cards, and this is not allowed. Sometimes these items are lost, damaged, lent and borrowed and this can cause a number of problems for staff. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

#### **Big Pedal and Walk to School**

This year's Big Pedal and Walk to School runs from 21<sup>st</sup> March to the 1<sup>st</sup> April. More details will be sent out nearer the time. Please get bikes and scooters ready and roadworthy if you are participating this year. We look forward to a large number of participants this year.

#### **Cricket News**

We welcome back Fraser Conn from Carlisle Cricket Club to Warwick Bridge School. Fraser is very enthusiastic in teaching cricket. He works with each class throughout the day and will do this each Monday for the rest of the term. Fraser also runs a free after-school cricket club on Monday which is open for all children in Key Stage 2. If you would like your child to join in, please contact your child's teacher.

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### **Toddler News**

**Toddler Group Session** – We had a very good Toddler Group session this week at school. The next session is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March starting at 1.30pm. Toddlers aged birth to four years are welcome and the cost for the session is £3.

**Action Ants Session** – We had an excellent afternoon with Lee from Action Ants on Thursday this week. Lee set up a range of exercises and trails for our toddlers to explore. Everyone had good fun and we look forward to seeing Lee back with the Toddlers in the summer term.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

We will be celebrating World Book Day all week next week. Each class will be looking at stories and authors from all over the world. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, children are welcome to dress up as their favourite character from a book. The children will also have the opportunity to visit the book fair on Thursday. This will be Laura from Eden Book Worms. All books are £2.50. If your child would like to buy a book from the book fair, they are welcome to bring money into school in a named envelope. Parents are invited in after school from 3:15pm to 4:00pm to visit the book fair. Eden Book Worms are still running their special offer for schools. *For every 5 books bought - 1 book will be donated to school.*

### **Latest Covid Advice from HM Government**

#### **Self-isolation**

From 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. School staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) published [updated guidance](#) on 24 February.

#### ***Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?***

If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. If they test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice.

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton