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The first half-term is complete. Children have now been back in school for seven weeks and the days have flown by. It has been a busy time with lots going on. We hope that you all had the opportunity to catch up with class teachers this week to see how your child has settled back into school life, or indeed begun their school journey. We all hope that you have a pleasant half-term break and do some exciting activities with the family.

Attendance

This week we have a tie at 97.7% between the Dragonflies and Grasshoppers. Well done to both classes for having a great attendance last week. Keep up the good work.

	<u>Bumblebees</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>	<u>Butterflies</u>	<u>Grasshoppers</u>	<u>Dragonflies</u>	<u>School</u>
<u>10.10.22</u>	93.7%	94.1%	93.1%	97.7%	97.7%	94.8%

Sports News

Football – Congratulations to both our football teams who took part in the Brampton Consortium of Schools six a side tournament last Saturday. The matches were played at William Howard School on both grass and astroturf. WBS A Team made it through to the semi-finals where they were beaten by the eventual winners Brampton Primary. WBS B Team also made it through to the semi-finals where they were narrowly beaten by Gilsland. All our players gave 100% in effort and showed great sporting reactions after each game. Thank you to our volunteer coaches who gave up their time to run the teams. A great morning was had by everyone.

Netball – Good luck to our netball team who are playing at the William Howard tournament on Tuesday 1st November. The squad have been practising and are looking forward to the day. We hope that they have a great time.

Open Afternoon

On **Thursday 10th November**, we invite you all to come in to school for the afternoon to see what the children are doing at Warwick Bridge. The Open Afternoon will start at 1.30 pm until 3.00 pm. All classes will be taking part. Come and join your child/ren in class and see what they have been learning. We are especially keen to see the families of the younger children and those parents/carers of children not of school age. Come to see how the Warwick Bridge School Nursery and Reception classes work and the exciting activities they take part in. We look forward to seeing you there!

More information at: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1496/Open_afternoon_10.11._2022_Final.pdf/

Friends of Warwick Bridge School News

FOWBS has organised two Autumn Discos in the new half-term. Both discos will take place at Downagate Community Centre here in Warwick Bridge on Thursday 3rd November. The times are as follows:

- 4.00-5.00pm Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. (N and R pupils to be accompanied by a responsible adult)
- 5.15-6.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Children will be able to have a drink and something to eat at the disco. Tickets will go out in the new half-term.

Toddler Come and Play

We are very pleased to invite families of children 0-4yrs to our new Toddler Come and Play sessions. The first one of these takes place at 1.30-2.30pm on **Thursday 3rd November**. Miss Brough will be leading the sessions with other Warwick Bridge School staff in attendance. We plan to have these sessions in the Nursery where there is the space and resources for the children to play and explore. These sessions are free and children will have a drink and biscuit during the afternoon. The next Come and Play session will take place on **Thursday 15th December**. We look forward to seeing you and your child/ren at these afternoons.

Year 5/6 Dragonflies Assembly

We really enjoyed the Y5/6 assembly this week. The children have been learning a lot about the Vikings and presented their findings in an excellent way. The dance that they have been working on in PE was also well presented and performed. Well done to all the children.

Fancy Dress Day

Staff and pupils are invited to wear fancy dress on **Monday 31st October**. The school always has a fancy dress day around this time to welcome in the darker nights. We look forward to seeing who you come as on the first day back.

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

Boxes of Hope

Once again the school is participating in the Christmas Boxes of Hope Cumbria Christmas shoebox appeal. Children are asked to bring in a shoebox wrapped in Christmas paper. Please make sure the box is filled with appropriate items for either a boy or girl aged 4-11yrs. Boxes should come in by Friday 4th November. A leaflet was sent home this week and you will need to enclose £2.50 to pay for the transportation costs. Further details are to be found at: <http://www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk/>.

RotaKids News

The RotaKids had a cake, biscuit and juice stall at this week's Consultation Evenings. Thank you to everyone who supported the stall as all donations will go towards Jigsaw Children's Hospice in Carlisle. The stall made a grand total of £83. Thank you everyone.

Governor Vacancy

Warwick Bridge School invites applications from all eligible adults for the post of School Governor. The role of a School Governor enables people to become involved in the life of the school and help in achieving the best for the whole school community. The Governing Board is a friendly team and at present has vacancies for two governors. These vacancies are not Parent Governor vacancies. Please contact Mrs Ridley in the school office for more information. We also have a poster on our website at: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1475/Recruitment_Poster.pdf/

Free School Meals

The Local Authority have contacted school in regard to making sure that everyone who is entitled to a Free school Meal (FSM) is getting one. To this end, the LA have issued an FSM letter with details about how to apply. You can find this letter on the school website at https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1497/Encouraging_Parents_to_Apply_for_FSM.pdf/

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

When we return to school on the 31st October, children and staff will be able to purchase poppies for the annual Remembrance Day Appeal. We will be selling poppies plus other Remembrance Day items up until the 11th November. Children can also purchase reflectors, snap-bands and other items priced £1-£1.50.

Upcoming Events at WBS

<i>Monday 31st October</i>	Whole school fancy dress day
<i>Thursday 3rd November</i>	Toddler Come and Play sessions in WBS Nursery – 1.30pm
<i>Friday 4th November</i>	Boxes of Hope to be returned to school
<i>Friday 4th November</i>	RotaKids Bonfire Biscuits Sale

Mrs Ridley has put together all the diary dates for the autumn term plus a few more into 2023. You can also see these on the school website at: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1488/Diary_dates_Autumn_2022.pdf/
If you would prefer a hard copy, see Mrs Ridley in the school office.

All the best for the weekend and half-term

Mr M Ashton