

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

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# Warwick Bridge Primary School Newsletter No 14 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

The first term is now complete and we are all ready for the Christmas break. We hope that everyone has had a good autumn term and is looking forward to returning to school in two weeks. Please ensure that you all take the time to relax with family and friends over the festive season and recharge the batteries ready for 2023.

#### **Attendance**

Well done to the pupils in the Grasshopper class as they not only win the weekly award but also the term award. This is a fantastic effort by all these pupils – congratulations!

<u> </u>	<u>Bumblebees</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>	<b>Butterflies</b>	<u>Grasshoppers</u>	<b>Dragonflies</b>	<u>School</u>
9.12.22	86.5%	94.4%	88%	97.7%	85.3%	91%
Autumn 2023	88.8%	92.3%	94.6%	96.7%	95.3%	94.1%

## Cost of Living - Support for Parent/Carers and their families

<u>Household Support Grants</u> - Cumbria County Council has committed 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the councils 'Ways to Welfare' website. Parents and families can access information support at:

https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp

<u>Warm Spots</u> - Many venues across Cumbria – including libraries, community centres and village halls – have registered as 'warm spots' to help people in the community stay warm this winter. Please click on this link for an interactive map where you can search for warm spots nearby: <u>Warm Spots</u> | <u>Cumbria County Council Alpha</u>

 $\underline{0-19}$  Child and Family Support Service: Christmas support for Families - The Christmas Holidays can be a very difficult time for some people and we know that this year, more than ever, many families are struggling financially. The 0-19 Child and Family Support Service is here to help those who may need extra advice and support. There may be some changes to open times, so please see the information below:

<u>Useful Links</u> - Barnardos, Eden - <u>Christmas Open Times</u> - <u>Eden</u> <u>2022 Christmas Opening Hours Carlisle</u>

#### Carlisle Cathedral Light Up A Life Service

Well done to all the choir members who sang at the Eden Valley Hospice 'Light Up A Life' service at Carlisle Cathedral on the evening of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. It was a wonderful service with many excellent carols sung. Thank you to all adults who came to help on the evening. The whole event was very memorable.

#### Experience Christmas at St Paul's Holme Eden

Thank you to Reverend Sarah and her team of volunteers who organised the Experience Christmas activities at the church. Children from Y1-6 walked down to the church along the frosty roadside. Along the way we looked at the frozen river with ice floating down. All classes were reminded of the dangers of icy rivers and lakes at this time of the year. The Experience Christmas session were very enjoyable. The children thanked Reverend Sarah and gave her some cards to wish her all the best for her new post which starts in January. Sarah has been a wonderful asset to WBS and we wish her all the best for the future.

## **Holiday Activities**

Cumbria's Activity and Food Programme have announced a series of activities for the Christmas holidays. The Holiday Activity Programme is aimed at all school-age children and young people (age 5-16).

- Places are FREE for young people who receive benefits-related Free School Meals and eligible children in particular circumstances. All children who attend will also be provided with a meal.
- Some places are exclusively for eligible young people, please contact the providing organisation for more information.
- Visit cumbria.gov.uk/holidays to book holiday activities now! Or use the booking information provided.
- The HAF email for enquiries: HAF@Cumbria.gov.uk

The leaflet is now on the school website with lots of information. To access it go to https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1507/Holiday Activity Leaflet Carlisle 1.pdf/

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## **School Christmas Performances 2022**

Well done to all the children who took part in this year's Christmas performances. The costumes were marvellous and the singing was of the highest standard from so many of our pupils. The acting abilities of the children is also very good indeed. We also had a visit form the senior citizen group called the Good Companions. They enjoyed carols with the Year 1 children who also sang a selection of their favourite tunes from their nativity play *Born in a Barn*. The RotaKids took a collection after the performances and raised a total of £150. Thank you everyone for your wonderful donations to Jigsaw Children's Hospice.

On behalf of all the staff here at Warwick Bridge, I would like to thank all of you for your very kind gifts to us all this Christmas. It is very generous of you to give presents to us all and they are most appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

All the best for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Mr M Ashton