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Happy New Year

Everyone at Warwick Bridge School hopes that you had a great Christmas break and a very good new year. We are looking forward to 2023 and all that it brings. Staff have already been busy planning for the new term and have many ideas and activities to keep the children learning. The KS2 children have also enjoyed the trip to Keswick Theatre today to see *The Borrowers*. There is a lot going on in the spring term and we will make sure that every child has the opportunity to start 2023 with enthusiasm and zeal.

Attendance – a recap

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>Bumblebees</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>	<u>Butterflies</u>	<u>Grasshoppers</u>	<u>Dragonflies</u>	<u>School</u>
<u>9.12.22</u>	86.5%	94.4%	88%	97.7%	85.3%	91%

Public Health Notice - Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

As children, pupils and students return to school and early years settings following the Christmas break, we are reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

[Press release from UKHSA:](#)

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities. Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

'It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved'.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent. Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.

Toddlers Come and Play

The next 'Come and Play' Toddler session will take place on **Thursday 26th January** from 1.30pm here at school. Miss Brough and staff look forward to welcoming as many people as possible to this event. Please let as many people as possible know about this event, especially if they have children of pre-school age.

Y3/4 Swimming

All pupils in Years 3 and 4 will start their swimming lessons at the Sands Centre on Friday 13th January. Please ensure that your child has a swimming kit, goggles and towel. Pupils will leave school at 12.15pm after lunch and return by 2.30pm.

Class Dojo Messages

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

The main purpose of *Class Dojo* is for teachers to communicate key information with parents. Messages regarding your satisfaction with the school should be directed to Mr Ashton at head@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk Absences, or if your child is running late, should be directed towards the school office on 01228 560390, Scholarpack App or via email to admin@warwickbridgeschool.cumbria.sch.uk . Staff are under no obligation to reply to all messages through *ClassDojo*.

Esafety Newsletter January 2023

The Esafety newsletter for January 2023 is now available to view on the Esafety section of the school website. There are some very interesting articles on Minecraft, age eligibility for WhatsApp and a new social network site called Wizz. You can read all the information at:

https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1546/5_Online_Safety_Newsletter_Primary_January_2023_Warwick_Bridge.pdf/

Nicola Ivinson's School of Dance

Nicola Ivinson has been in touch with school and has said that her dance classes are available to book. She runs these classes at Brampton Community Centre on Monday evenings and Saturdays. You can contact her on 07970 609811 or email her at nicolaivinson@hotmail.co.uk.

Warwick Bridge School Fish Tank

We are looking for someone with a knowledge of fish to volunteer and help to keep our fish tank in good working order. Wendy, our previous 'Fish Tank Minder' has now moved away from the area after looking after the fish for many years. If you are keen to help us with this please contact school. Alternatively, you may know someone who has a knowledge of looking after fish and is prepared to maintain the tank once each half-term. We look forward to hearing from you.

Angela Alderson

Our school cook, Angela Alderson, will be leaving Warwick Bridge School on Wednesday 11th January. She will be taking up a new post at a school in Carlisle. Everyone at Warwick Bridge would like to thank her for everything she has done for the school and wish her well for the future.

All the best for the weekend and 2023

Mark Ashton