



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

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**Mrs Ridley**

At the end of the spring term 2023 Mrs Ridley will be retiring from her post here at Warwick Bridge School. Mrs Ridley has worked here for thirty years this summer and in that time has known hundreds of pupils and dozens of staff members. She has a vast wealth of knowledge and experience about the school and will be a hard act to follow. Mrs Ridley’s last day at school will be Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and we hope that you will remember all the great work she has done in her time at school. She is a friend to so many people and will be sorely missed by everyone.

**Administration and Finance at WBS**

With Mrs Ridley leaving we have started the recruitment process to find both an Administrator in the office (three days a week) and a Finance Officer (two days a week). Full details of the positions with salaries etc will be posted next week on the school website at: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/welcome/vacancies/warwick-bridge-school-privacy-notice/>

**Industrial Action**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February the school will open its doors to children in Year 5 and Year 6 only. This is because members of the NEU will be staging a day of industrial action. A letter has gone out this week. This can be found on the school website at: [https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1561/Strike\\_Action\\_spring\\_2023.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1561/Strike_Action_spring_2023.pdf/). School will only be open for Y5/6 pupils. These pupils will be able to attend Breakfast and After School Club as normal. Pupils will also be having school dinners as usual. Teachers will not be setting work during this time. The letter explains where you can get access to educational resources on line. Further strike action by the NEU is planned for the end of February and mid-March. We will keep you updated with how this will affect school.

**Trip to Carlisle United**

Our trip to see Carlisle United v Harrogate Town is getting closer. All pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4 5 and 6) who wanted to go on the trip will be receiving the letter to confirm their attendance. Parents and carers are reminded that if your child is attending this match you need to drop them at the ground for 1.15pm and pick them up again at 5pm. Details of this will be in the letter. We have 36 children who have signed up for this and we are all looking forward to a great afternoon out.

**Attendance**

This week’s attendance figures show excellent results all round. The whole school average is excellent at nearly 97%. Well done to our older children in Y5/6 who have wrestled the cup away from the Y4 children. Well done, Dragonflies!

	<u>Bumblebees</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>	<u>Butterflies</u>	<u>Grasshoppers</u>	<u>Dragonflies</u>	<u>School</u>
<b>20.1.23</b>	93.3%	97.6%	96.7%	95.6.%	98%	<b>96.7%</b>

**Toddlers Come and Play**

Thank you to all the visitors who came for the ‘Come and Play’ session held in the Nursery this week. The staff enjoyed having the younger children in and a great time was had by all. We are having another session on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. Put that date in your diary so you can look forward to another great session. The one after this is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**.

**Half term Football Training**

Elite Football Academy are running football camps during the half-term break. These are to be held at Caldew School Dalston. The dates are 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February from 9.30am – 2.30pm. They are suitable for boys and girls aged 6-14 and cost £20 for one day or £30 for two days. You can find out more by contacting Elite football by email at [info@elitefootballcarlisle.co.uk](mailto:info@elitefootballcarlisle.co.uk) or telephone on **07932 659482**.

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### Accessing Free school Meals and Pupil Premium

## **IMPORTANT** Free School Meal Updates!

In the last week, the Government have updated the funding to families on Free School Meals. Eligible families will now receive...

**£50** Uniform allowance per pupil, per year (was £25)

**£15** Food allowance per child, per week for the summer holidays (this didn't even exist before!) - **that's £90 per child for the summer holidays!**

Any successful application, will also ensure further funding comes into school each year to help us with your child's education—**£1385 per child, per year!**

*Please check and apply today if you haven't already done so!*

**You could be an eligible family. Apply as soon as possible.**



...with one eligible child could receive £140 !

...with two children could receive £280 !

...with three children could receive £420 !

**Access the Pupil Premium registration form at:**

**[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/534/Model\\_Registration\\_Form\\_for\\_Schools.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/534/Model_Registration_Form_for_Schools.pdf/)**

### NSPCC

Our Year 5/6 class enjoyed a visit from representatives of the NSPCC this week. The children explored how they should speak out and stay safe at all times if they have a problem. Children were reminded to speak to parents and carers if they have an issue that is worrying them. They should also look to speak with any trusted adult both in and out of school if they want to let people know what is bothering them. Children were also taught how to remember the NSPCC contact number **0800 11 11 11**.

### Author Visit

We were pleased to welcome the local author Chris Proudfoot to Warwick Bridge School today, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Chris discussed his work *Ria, the Anxious Hermit Crab* with the children in Y2. He talked about feelings and emotions that the children may have with the help of the class teacher. Chris ran a creative writing workshop with the children during the afternoon. This was a very good afternoon for the pupils and they enjoyed it immensely.

### Talkin Adventure Half-term Activities

Darren Morgan and his staff at Talkin Tarn Adventures are putting on a number of activities in February half-term. To access these activities go to:

<https://www.independentadventure.co.uk/clubs/adventure-days/2187-9-14-adventure-day-2>

### 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.

### Booking Breakfast and After School Club (BASC)

Please make sure you book as early as possible for BASC. Staff prepare food in advance for the numbers they have on the system. Please book through Lunchshop to let us know if your child/ren will be at BASC. Thank you for your cooperation.

All the best for the weekend

Mark Ashton