



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

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**Warwick Bridge Primary School**  
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## **Return to School – September 2023**

Welcome back to Warwick Bridge School. We hope that you and your child/ren have enjoyed the summer holiday and the first few days back in school. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Bone to Warwick Bridge. She will be teaching the Year 2 Lavender class. Miss Bailey is also joining us on Fridays to teach in the Year 5/6 class. We also welcome Mrs Weightman to school. She will be working as a Teaching Assistant in the Year 2 classroom. Another staffing change will see Mrs Reed working as a Lunchtime Supervisor. As the new school year starts we are conscious of the increased numbers in school so we are making sure lunchtime supervision is also increased.

## **Attendance**

<u>Bluebell</u>	<u>Sunflower</u>	<u>Lavender</u>	<u>Tulip</u>	<u>Poppy</u>	<u>Wisteria</u>	<u>School</u>
Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4/5	Y5/6	

*Full details of the attendance for the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 will be in next week's newsletter.*

## **RAAC (Reinforced, Aeriated, Autoclaved Concrete)**

RAAC has been in the news a lot recently. Here is a communication from Dan Barton, the Assistant Director at Cumberland County Council:

### **Re: Reinforced, Aerated, Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC)**

You will all be aware of the national news which has been talking about RAAC in schools in England over the last few days. This is a subject which the government have been aware of for some time and Cumberland Council has been working with the Department for Education to check which schools in our area have any RAAC in them.

We responded to a survey before the summer which confirmed that none of the schools which Cumberland Council is responsible for maintaining had any RAAC which would pose a concern.

Subsequently, a small amount of RAAC has been discovered at Cockermouth School, which as an academy also submitted a return to the survey in good time. Due to the increasing concern nationally caused by a RAAC failure in a school outside of Cumberland, just over 100 schools nationally have been mandated to close or partially close whilst mitigations are put in place.

There are no schools in Cumberland, other than Cockermouth which will open a day later than planned, where RAAC has been identified and therefore all other schools will be able to open as planned.

The council and relevant schools will notify parents and carers if the situation changes in the coming weeks and months.

## **Home/School Agreements**

The Home/School Agreements have been sent home today. Please ensure that you read them through with your child and talk about the expectations we have as a school. With the combination of work at home and the input of staff at school, we are sure that the whole school community will benefit from this cooperation. The Agreements have also been emailed out to everyone so you can keep a copy for your reference.

## **Breakfast and After School Club**

BASC will now be running from the school hall. Parents and carers should use the rear entrance to school, the Community Entrance, when dropping off and picking up children. Exceptions to this are on Mondays when the Gymnastic Club will be in the hall. On these occasions, After School Club will take place in the library.

## **Year 5 Cyclewise**

All Year 5 children need their bikes in school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September for the Cyclewise sessions that are taking place next week. Bikes must be in good working order and pupils need helmets.

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### **School Clubs**

All school clubs will start from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Staff will be running these clubs and look forward to some excellent experiences for all children. Please ensure that you have returned the clubs letter to school as soon as possible. This letter will come out on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Broatch will be sending out a separate letter for those children who are interested in joining the Gymnastics Club. The Key Stage1 Action Ants multi-sports club starts on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### **PE Kits and School Clothing**

As is clearly stated in the Home/School Agreement, all pupils must wear the correct attire for coming to school and during PE. Trainers are not acceptable footwear for school. They can be used in PE and during breaktime, but **black, polishable shoes** must be worn by both girls and boys. Please remember that no designer clothing should be worn for PE kit. **A school blue t-shirt and plain dark shorts are the required PE kit.** We request that no designer leggings or shorts are worn for PE – shorts must conform to the expectations of PE kit, that is just like the shorts that are worn for football or rugby, but must be plain black/dark blue. Children can also wear a school sweatshirt if the weather is not so warm. We would also like to ask all parents and carers to ensure that the bag children bring to school is of a suitable size and able to fit in their locker. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

### **Mrs Michelle Murray**

At this time of year, we ask you to remember our friend and colleague Michelle Murray who passed away four years ago this month. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, all classes will take part in an Art Day to remind us all how much Mrs Murray loved this activity. The children have been reminded about this in assembly and have had time to think about all the happy occasions they spent with her. She will always be in our thoughts here at WBS.

### **E Safety at Warwick Bridge**

This month's edition of the Knowsley E safety newsletter is now available to view on the school website at:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1661/1. Online Safety Newsletter Primary September 2023 Warwick Bridge 04-09-2023.pdf/>

There are excellent articles on a variety of matters including the W App and Threads.

If you would like a paper copy of this newsletter, please contact Mrs Reed in the school office.

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton