



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Hello everybody!

This is our first newsletter in the new academic year. We are three weeks in and everyone is busy and productive and I am happy to say that the children are settling in well to their new classes.

This is to update you and give you any information we have for September and October. We are also including the dates for the Christmas productions and parties in this edition, so you can plan ahead.

We are getting positive feedback from teachers being on the playground, which we are pleased about. I will be out there too whenever possible, so that you can speak to me any time.

Ms. Meyrick



Survey Monkey

On the back of Beat the Street, Blaby District Council Health and Leisure Services are looking to increase their understanding and develop further support to help improve physical activity levels and air quality in your area. They are asking residents to complete a short survey regarding your journey to and from school. The point of view is from the person who takes your child(ren) to school. Active Travel means making your journeys physically active such as walking or cycling rather than using a vehicle.

The link for the parent survey monkey is:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9PHVBB>

Attendance:-

Badgerbrook and its staff regard the regular attendance of children at school as being vital to each child's education and development. It is for this reason that non attendances (however short or infrequent) are treated seriously. It remains the policy of the school to only sanction non-attendance during term time in exceptional circumstances.

Parents should submit all leave of absence request (Including those for exceptional circumstances), in writing to the Headteacher.

Academic Year Overview

Academic Year 2019/2020	
	Autumn Term
School Opens	Thursday 29 th August 2019
Mid-Term Break	Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th October 2019
School Closes	Friday 20 th December 2019
	Spring Term
School Opens	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February 2020
School Closes	Friday 3 rd April 2020
	Summer Term
School Opens	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 8 th May 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2020
School Closes	Friday 10 th July

The above dates are agreed locally with other schools in our area and are not the same as the generic published dates on Leicestershire County Hall Website.



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Parking

You may have seen recent coverage in the media about the camera car which is now being used in Leicestershire to enforce mandatory school keep clear markings. You will also have seen the newly painted School Keep Clear (zig-zag) markings on Badger Drive.

These markings are laid outside pedestrian entrances at schools to keep the area clear of stationary vehicles. This provides a safe area for pedestrians to cross. The markings outside Badgerbrook are now mandatory and the legal order for the School Keep Clear markings came into force on Monday 2nd September 2019. This means you must not wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers on the school entrance markings.

The markings are now legally enforceable and the no stopping restriction applies Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm, these markings will now be enforced by the Camera Enforcement Vehicle when it is the area.

May we remind you that the double yellow lines alongside the school are still applicable – this means no parking or waiting at any time and applies to the grass verges and pavements as well. You should also not park where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and within 10 metres of a junction. Our local PCSO Malik and the council's Civil Enforcement team will visit at times to check on parking to help keep our children safe.

We know that parking in the area is very difficult and we encourage as many families as possible to walk to school. We do have permission for you to park in the bottom of the Co-op car park if you are able to walk from there.



Pupil Photos

Photos for pupils will take place on Thursday 10th October 2019. Please could your child bring in their navy school sweatshirt/cardigan on this day. Photos will be taken individually and with siblings within the school.



Lost Property

Last academic year we had a record amount of lost property with a majority of it unnamed. In an attempt to avoid a repeat this year please could you ensure all items being brought into school are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes after school activities, snack boxes, drinks, glasses cases etc. This will give us the best chance of returning items to your children.

There are two Lost Property boxes situated in the main playground.



Contact Numbers

Please remember to let the office know if you have changed your address, email address, telephone or mobile numbers during the holidays so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.



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School Day Times

All children should arrive at school by 8.55 am. Registration takes place at 9.00 am. Although all children start and finish their day at the same time, they do not all have the same morning break or lunch hour.

Class teachers in KS2 will be on the playground from 8.45 each morning if parents want to see them.

Foundation Stage, Years 1 & 2	Playtime	10.10 am to 10.30 am
Years 3 & 4	Playtime	10.40 am to 11.00 am
Years 5 & 6	Playtime	11.15 am to 11.35 am
Foundation Stage, Year 1 & 2	Lunch	11.40 am to 12.40 pm
Year 3	Lunch	12.15 pm to 1.15 pm
Years 4 to 6	Lunch	12.45 am to 1.45 pm



After School Sports and Activities

Monday	Funky Fit	Years 1, 2 & 3 (3.15 pm – 4.15 pm)
	Football & Fitness	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 (3.20 pm – 4.20 pm)
Tuesday	Street Dance	Years 1 & 2 (3.15 pm – 4.15 pm)
Wednesday	Gym	Years 1 & 2 (4.25 pm – 5.15 pm)
	Gym	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (3.25 pm – 4.15 pm)
	Keyboard Lessons	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (lunch time)
	Multi Sports	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 (3.20 – 4.20 pm)
Thursday	Street Dance	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (3.15 pm – 4.30 pm)
Friday	Drama	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (3.15 pm – 4.15 pm)
	Rock School	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (during sch hours)
	Cross Country	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (3.15 pm – 4.15 pm)

If you would like further details regarding participation and who to contact, please call in at the office.



Attendance

Last year the following children achieved 100% attendance –

Jake B, Jacob B, Serena C, Lewie C, Rita D, Kobi D, Yousef, Lewis G, Isobel H, Max I, Cerys J, Jack K, Max K, Lara K, Reenie L, Bella, Viren, Jacob N, Kaitlyn N, Leah N, Aman P, Anaya P, Dylan P, Sophie, Ellie R, Milo R, Imajoy S, Nathaniel T, Clarissa W, Eva W, Ella W, Anaya W.

Congratulations to you all.



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School Dinners

School meals for pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) can be ordered daily and **should be paid for in advance or on the day they are taken**. Payments must be made through Parentpay and can be for individual meals or block payments in advance. Meals for Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 will continue to be free.



Snacks

As we have a number of children with severe nut allergies, please do not send any nuts, or products containing nuts such as Nutella, into school. Thank you



Flu immunisation

The annual flu immunisation will take place in school on Monday 21st October.



Aldi Stickers for Schools

If you shop at Aldi, remember that over £30 spent equals one sticker for school. We need to collect 300 stickers to be in with a chance to win £20,000.

Pupils will find the box for stickers in reception area by the office.



School Council

The School Council will be reformed on Wednesday 25th September. More information will follow about anti-bullying week 2019 (11th – 15th November) which includes odd sock day Tuesday 12th November.



Children In Need

Children In Need will be on Friday 15th November 2019. Details to follow in due course from the school council.



School Uniform

Please can we remind parents and pupils of the school uniform and attach a copy for your information.



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A big shout out to....

Tazmin, Sophie and Mia in Year 1 for always showing lots of positivity throughout the school day. #positivity

Archie and Tyler in Year 6 for showing lots of enthusiasm when designing sports ambassador certificates. #enthusiasm

Let us know if you have something to shout out about!

School Admissions to Secondary Education - Year 6 Pupils

Just to remind parents of children in Year 6 that the closing date for the completion of applications online is 31st October 2019.
www.leics.gov.uk.

First Time School Admissions Autumn 2020

If your child will be four years old before 1st September 2020 the closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. You need to apply to the local authority for a place.
www.leics.gov.uk.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our school, or you wish to discuss aspects of safeguarding, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Ms A Meyrick or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs C Price and Mrs V Toon.

Online Safety

Computers are everywhere. No matter where we go, there is no escaping their reach. Our children are growing up in a world where these devices are common in everyday lives. Unlike many adults, children are not fazed by computers and smart devices and accept them as part of their way of life. At Badgerbrook we acknowledge that computers, devices and of course the internet are all amazing technologies both now and for the future. However, we are aware of the necessity to keep our children safe. We would like to make you aware of CEOP, which is the government's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. If you wish to report some inappropriate content or behaviour online follow the directions on their pages.

We would also like to introduce you to a new industry backed website for parents which aims to provide a good understanding of issues affecting children today. Take a look here; www.internetmatters.org.



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Diary Dates

September 2019

Tuesday 24 th September	Foundation Stage Parents Evening 3.30pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 25 th September	Foundation Stage Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

October 2019

Sunday 6 th October	Pet Service at St Andrews Church Leicester
Thursday 10 th October	Individual Photographs
Monday 21 st October	Flu Immunisation

November 2019

Monday 4 th November	Parents Evening Years 1 to 6
Wednesday 13 th November	2AS ONLY Parents Evening instead of Thursday 14 th November
Thursday 14 th November	Parents Evening Years 1 to 6 (Not 2AS)
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need

December 2019

Friday 6 th December	Foundation Stage, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 10 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Production at 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Production at 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 2 Christmas Production at 2.15pm
Thursday 12 th December	Year 2 Christmas Production at 6.00pm
Friday 13 th December	Years 3 – 6 Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party (during school)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1 Christmas Party (during school)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 2 Christmas Party (during school)
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 3 Christmas Party (during school)
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 4 Christmas Party (during school)
Thursday 19 th December	Year 5 Christmas Party (during school)
Thursday 19 th December	Year 6 Christmas Party (during school)



Future Diary Dates for Next Year 2020

Ongoing during the month of
May 2020
Monday 11th – Friday 15th May

Year 2 SATS
Year 6 SATS



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