



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Welcome to the November Newsletter

We are changing the way we run our Christmas Fayre this year and hopefully this will make it more accessible to parents, grandparents and friends to come and support us during this busy time of year.

It will be held on Thursday 28th November straight after school at 3.15pm until 4.45pm, every class will have a variety of different activities and games for both children and adults to have a go. How many rooms will you manage to visit?

In the hall, there will be hot turkey cobs and other food refreshments, chocolate tombola and more games.

We will be operating a 'pay as you go' system rather than tickets, please remember your loose change.

Please share this date with friends and families to come along and join us.

Ms A Meyrick



Year 2 Production

Unfortunately due to the General Election now being held on Thursday 12th December, we have to move the Year 2 Christmas Production. There now will be two performances on Wednesday 11th December one at 2.15pm the other at 6.00pm.



Children in Need Day!

School council have decided on the theme for this year as spotty or sporty.

Children can wear anything spotty or sporty on Friday 15th November for a voluntary donation to Children in Need.

This year Joe Wicks is supporting Children in Need. The whole school will take part in 'The Big Morning Move' with Joe Wicks, getting active to support a great cause.



Mad Hair Day

Mad hair day Friday 22nd November.

Children can come to school with mad / crazy hair with a donation of chocolate for the Christmas Fayre.

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 3rd April 2020
	Summer Term
School Opens	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 8 ^h 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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TikTok :- Everything you need to know about the video production app:

You may have heard of Musical.ly (think of it as a kind of karaoke platform). TikTok is the new name for the expanded version of the app, which enables users to upload, watch and create short videos of between three and 60 seconds.

More than 500 million people around the world – many of them children – regularly use the app Tik Tok to create, view and share 60 second videos.

Tik Tok can be a great tool for self expression and connect users around the world, so it's important that children are aware of the potential risks and learn how to use it in a safe way.

Read our Parent Guide, which is full of sensible advice about how families can make the most of the setting and tools available to them.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app>



Anti-Bullying

Anti-bullying week Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November 2019.

Children will be asked to wear odd socks (and odd shoes if they want to!) on Tuesday 12th November to show their support that everyone is different and there are no outsiders at Badgerbrook. (There will not be any money needed for this).

Classes will look at the theme of this year's campaign during the week #change starts with us – small change big difference,



Reading at Badgerbrook

We now have Year 6 librarians in school. They are doing a great job of deciding on our author of the month and book of the week. They are also supporting children with book choices and helping with organisation and the day to day running of the library.

Look out soon for our Badgerbrook book news, which will come out each term to keep you up to date with reading at Badgerbrook.



Staffing

Sadly, we have recently said goodbye to Miss Pepper and Mrs Hayward, both Midday Supervisors. We thank them for all they have done at Badgerbrook and wish them well for the future.

We would like to say hello to Miss Ward, Midday Supervisor. Welcome to the team.



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Christmas Tree Festival

A parent is taking part in the St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival.

They are creating a tree to raise awareness in plastic use and need to collect as many plastic bottles as possible. Please could pupils send any 500ml and upwards bottles (but no milk bottles) into school by Friday 29th November.

Thank you



Christmas Fayre

Year 5 are looking for donations of any unwanted books for their Christmas stall at the Fayre on Thursday 28th November.

Please can you send into Mrs Newcombe in Year 5.

Thank you



Stall at the Christmas Stall

Would you like a stall at the Christmas Fayre?

Please call into the office for further information.



Drama Club FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL 3.15 - 4.15



DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO PERFORM?

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS?

Join Friday Drama Club as we explore the fantastic books written by David Walliams.

Children will explore his stories using lots of imagination, storytelling, improvisation and drama skills. The fun-filled sessions allow children to retell stories completely of their own creation. Drama is a great way for children to explore their creativity, develop skills and make new friends!

'I have had the pleasure of teaching at Badgerbrook for the last 3 years with Future faces running these sessions for the last 6 years. This drama club provides children with a space where they can learn to be confident in themselves, develop their social skills and find a skill they never knew they had. Drama provides children with life skills that go beyond performing on the stage. I believe that all children should be encouraged to find their inner voice and become comfortable with their own identity. I ensure all children are able to develop at their own pace with sessions focusing on fun in a supporting environment'

Miss Cassie Sieling - Head of Drama at Future Faces



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School Council

A big congratulations to the following children who have been democratically elected onto our School Council for the academic year 2019/2020. They have already had 2 meetings and have lots of great ideas.

Year 2	Isabelle, Millen, Rio and Lola
Year 3	Theo, Amelia, Poppy and Jake
Year 4	Joel, Tom, Allana and Lucie
Year 5	Ellis, Oliver, Jaxon and Evie
Year 6	Poppy, Tyler, Reenie and Arjun



Academic Year 2020-2021

Please find attached dates for the next academic year 2020-2021.



School Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices

Our school attendance for the first half term was 97.8%.

You should be aiming for your child to have 96% or higher attendance. If your child's attendance drops below 94%, you will be invited in for a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss it, as poor attendance has a direct impact on a child's all round academic development.

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

No holidays during school term time will be authorised and from now fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absences will be issued.

I am sure that you will support us in ensuring that your child is in school, whenever possible.



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A big shout out to....

Well done to Finley in Yr6 for taking part in the National Band competition and being awarded his Gold drummers badge. #determination.

Thomas in Yr4 recently went on a trip to Rome, he brought back a book about Ancient Rome to donate to the school. He also told the class lots of interesting facts that he had found out about. #kindness.



Table Tennis

Congratulations to our girls A team, who have become Blaby and Blaby/Harborough champions with a 100% winning record. Also to our B team, who were Blaby runners up and a close 4th in Blaby/Harborough.



Cross Country

Another successful Blaby league season has drawn to its conclusion, with the following results:-

Year 3 girls – 3rd	Year 3 boys – 3rd
Year 4 girls – 1st	Year 4 boys – 2nd
Year 5 girls – 1st	Year 5 boys – 1st
Year 6 girls – 1st	Year 6 boys – 1st



Football

Success too for both our Year 5/6 girls and boys teams, who both triumphed in their Blaby Danone Cup competitions.

They now progress to the Leicestershire finals, which is the next stage of these national competitions.

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

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

November 2019

Wednesday 6 th November	FLB Book & Biscuit in the Library after school 3.20pm – 4.00pm
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks to school
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
Friday 22 nd November	Mad Hair Day – Donations of chocolate for Christmas Fayre
Thursday 28 th November	Christmas Fayre 3.15pm - 4.45pm

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
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 2 Christmas Production at 6.00pm
Thursday 12 th December	General Election NB:- School still open
Friday 13 th December	Years 3 – 6 Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
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	Year 2 SATS
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS



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