



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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December 2019

Welcome to our December newsletter.

There are lots of exciting things happening in the run up to the Christmas holidays. We have our Christmas performances in Foundation and Year 2 and parties to look forward to, along with other festive events such as the 'Christmas sing-song and Decorations afternoon for the Year 1 parents. See the list of December diary dates to see when these are all happening. I am so proud of the children and the great things they have achieved so far! We are excited to begin our new Badgerbrook Curriculum in the Spring term. Watch this space for dates of parents' information evenings in January – you can find out all about our new curriculum on these evenings.

The Christmas fayre was a brilliant success. We raised in excess of £2900. Thanks so much for your overwhelming support. By sending in your kind donations and supporting us on the night, you contributed to our final total.

I would also like to thank the staff for their hard work in preparing for the fayre and holding their stalls. Also a big thanks to those children who donated or made items to sell. I have some Christmas Pudding Pom-Poms on order as they were so popular they sold out!

Lastly, I'd like to thank you for all your support as I approach the end of my first term as Headteacher.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Ms A Meyrick



Staffing

We would like to say hello Miss Marsham and Miss Hobill, Teaching Assistants in Foundation and Year 1.

Welcome to the team.

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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Bad Weather Information

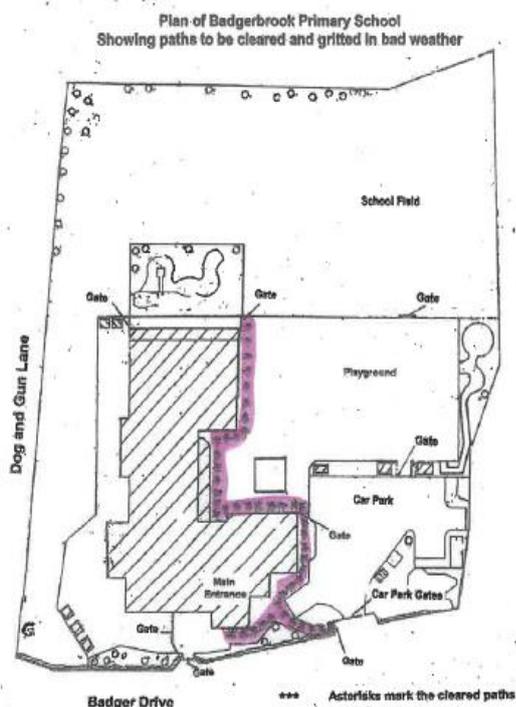
In the event of heavy snowfall or icy conditions it will not be possible to keep all routes and paths around school clear. Please find below 2 plans of the school grounds which shows the paths which will the Premises Officer will clear and grit. In most situations he will use **Option 1**. In these circumstances we will ask all children to use the entrances off the main playground. It may be necessary to fence off part of the playground if it has not been possible to clear or grit this area.

However, if the Premises Officer feels it is more appropriate, he will clear paths as in **Option 2** and we will ask all children to use the main entrances on the other side of the building. In this case school staff will be outside when you come to school to direct you to the appropriate route.

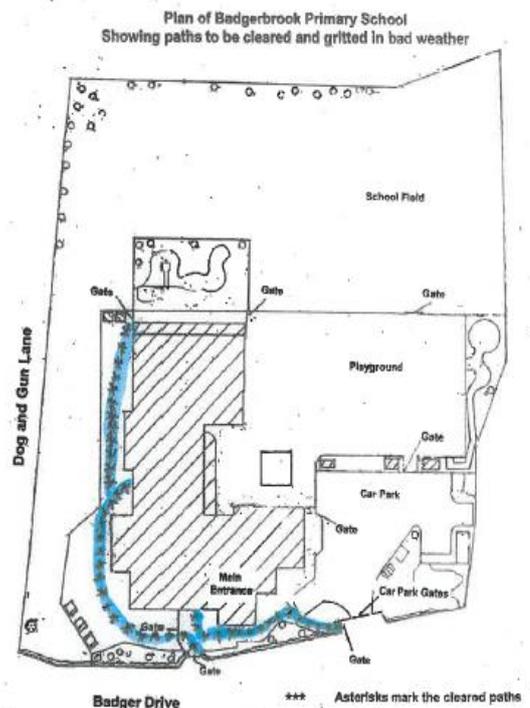
Parents are reminded to listen to BBC Radio Leicester bulletins (104.9 FM) or to look at the BBC Radio Leicester web site for details of school closures – <http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/Leicestershire> it is important to press F5 on your keyboard, refresh or close your internet browser and re-open the website to make sure you have the latest list. If the school is closed the information will also be on the Badgerbrook website by 8.00 am. www.badgerbrook.org.uk and we will use the text messaging service to send out information.

We will try to give you as much notice of cancellations to after school activities etc but please ensure that we have up to date contact numbers in case we need to contact you during the day.

Option 1



Option 2



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There are two dates for Christmas Lunch this year.

Foundation Stage/Years 1 & 2
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 6th December 2019
Friday 13th December 2019

On Friday 6th December Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are all asked to bring a packed lunch from home.

On Friday 13th December Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2, will be provided with a packed lunch from the kitchen, unless you wish to send them with their own from home.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear their Christmas jumper to school on Friday 13th December.

All donations to Save the Children.



Pet Service

Mrs White would like to thank the choir for the support shown at the recent annual pet service at St Andrews church in October.

Many of the congregation said how beautifully the choir had sung.



Christmas post box

Children who wish to post their Christmas cards in the school post boxes need to write the FULL NAME and CLASS of the child they are sending them to. This helps getting the card to the right child.

The Key Stage 1 post box is located by Mrs Emsley's classroom and the Key Stage 2 post box is located outside Mrs Newcombe's room near Year 5. There is also a Foundation Year post box in the middle Foundation classroom.



Scooters & Bikes

Please can we remind parents and pupils to dismount from scooters and bikes when on the school premises.

Thank you



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Children in Need

The school council organised a Spotty or Sporty day to raise money for Children in Need. Pupils and staff raised £380 for the charity.

Well done everyone.



Dogs Trust

Mrs Charlton in Year 5 is collecting used postage stamps in aid of the dogs trust. Please send in any used stamps into school by the end of January 2020.

Thank you



School Council

School council are looking at ways to tidy up our school. They are starting with a weekly 'tidiest cloakroom' award. Councillors will be spot checking daily! Classes will be thinking of other 'tidy' ideas in class council lessons before the end of term.



Sun newspaper book tokens

Please keep collecting the books for schools tokens from the Sun newspaper. It continues throughout January.



Playground supervision in the mornings and afternoons.

Just a reminder that staff are on duty from 8.45 am each day on the playground. Please ensure children are not unsupervised before this time, the school is only responsible for children from 8.45 am.

After school, children should not be returning to the playground unsupervised,



Teachers2Parents

Some parents are have problems with either texts or email messages recently.

We have been informed if you have downloaded the app to your phone, please can you make sure your notifications are on, as text messages will go there and not directly to your phone as a message.

With regard to emails there have been issues with hotmail and gmail. Teachers2Parents are working on the problem however messages are being sent to your junk box please can you check periodically.



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A big shout out to....

A big thank you to Yvonne, Archie Year3, grandma for the lovely knitted donations to our Christmas fayre. They were a great success. #kindness.

Have you seen our poster outside the school?

There was a competition - design a poster to encourage children not to come in a car to school and this was won by Melissa in Year 5.

We are very proud.

Well done Melissa #creativity.

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

December 2019

Friday 6 th December	Foundation Stage, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Lunch
Friday 6 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at United Reform Church at 10.30am
Monday 9 th December	Recorder & Choir Performance to parents at 2.45pm
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 School hall closed for lunches
Friday 13 th December	Years 3 – 6 Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
Monday 16 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party (during school)
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 Christmas Singing Celebration at 9.10am
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1 Christmas Party (during school)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 2 Christmas Party (during school)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1 Christmas Decoration Afternoon at 1.00pm to 2.00pm
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)
Friday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas holidays



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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