



# Badgerbrook Newsletter



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## February 2020

Welcome to our February Newsletter.

We are half way through the school year already. Our children have got off to a very exciting start learning about things in our new curriculum. The Year 1s are still talking about whether they'd be a Meercat or a Penguin and why. The Year 3s now, know all of the different ways in which the Earth is Angry. The Year 4s are all talking about what it would be like to live in London first hand.

We had our Spring 'Book Look' for parents and carers, which went brilliantly. The children were so proud to show off their books and talk about what they have been learning. We will continue to have these termly so watch out for the future dates.

Next week we have World Book Day to look forward to, which we are all getting so excited about. There will be many exciting things happening on the day – more info to follow.

And lastly, I want to thank you for your co-operation and support on our changes to the morning and home-time routine, especially in the rainy wet start to the week. We have received lots of positive feedback from parents and carers.

Thank you

The next newsletter will be the Easter one, at the end of March.



### World Book Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Come and join us in classrooms to read until 9.30am. Then join us in the hall for tea and cake and to talk about reading at Badgerbrook.

At 2.45 the hall will be open for parents to see all the 'book in a jar' entries. The children will have looked during the afternoon.



### Book Fair

A scholastic book fair will be in school from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March after school. Details to follow.

### 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	
	<b>Autumn Term</b>
School Opens	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
Mid-Term Break	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
School Closes	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
	<b>Spring Term</b>
School Opens	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
School Closes	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
	<b>Summer Term</b>
School Opens	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
School Closes	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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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## *Beat the Street*

Badgerbrook will once again be taking part in the 'Beat the Street' initiative being organised by Blaby District Council. This is a walking and cycling game that takes place between Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April and will see schools across the area competing against each other to win hundreds of pounds worth of prizes. Children and adults will be able to tap cards and fobs across the district on numerous beat boxes, including one outside our school.

You should have already received the pack which includes everything you need to participate. For more information about how the game will work please visit [www.beatthestreet.me/blaby](http://www.beatthestreet.me/blaby). The organisers recently visited Badgerbrook and the children enjoyed participating in an interactive assembly, asking lots of questions.



## *Year 4 London Trip*

Last half term Year 4 had an amazing trip to London. The weather was fantastic and we were able to see all the landmarks which we had been studying in class.



## *Art Club*

Art Club is going well, 16 children are wowing us with their talent and creativity. It is a six session club, look out for another opportunity in the summer term.



## *New Books for School*

A huge thank you to FOBS for funding new reading books for all book bands, from Foundation Stage up to black book band. (Year 6 readers).



## *Dogs Trust*

Thank you to all those families who contributed to our collection of used stamps to support fund raising for Dogs Trust. We have sent off a huge parcel! We think that this is a wonderful way to help a charity using items which normally end up being thrown away. So we have decided to continue our appeal on a permanent basis.

Please carry on sending in any used stamps as and when you have them and Mrs Charlton will forward them on to Dogs Trust, they will be very grateful.



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## A big shout out to....

Archie and Matthew in Year 6 for helping to clean the environment by litter picking in their own time, down by the brook. #Improving.

Lillymae in Year 4 on winning best individual out of 9 teams of 4 in the Pony Club Horse and Pony Care Camp. #Determination.

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

### *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](http://www.internetmatters.org).



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# Diary Dates

## March 2020

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1 History of toys workshop
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Book & Biscuit 1EE/RG
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip to Cadburys World
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book & Biscuit 1PS
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 trip to Warning Zone
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 Easter Performance to Parents 9.15am

## April 2020

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School closes for Easter
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## May 2020

Ongoing during the month of May	Year 2 SATS
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Police Crime Commissioner Elections – hall closed for lunches
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday (Changed from Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Yr 1 & Yr 5 Circus Skills – hall closed for lunches
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closes for half term

## June 2020

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 PGL
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Foundation Stage Sports Day (TBC)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 1 & 2 Sports Day (TBC)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 2 Trip to Tamworth Castle
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 3 & 4 Sports Day (TBC)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 5 & 6 Sports Day (TBC)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Trip to Beaumanor Hall

## July 2020

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 End of Year Production (TBC)
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