



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Hello Everyone

Welcome to 2020 at Badgerbrook.

We are off to a great start with our new Curriculum. Please see our website to see what it is all about. You will find our 'Curriculum Statement of Intent' as well as the curriculum content for this half term, for each year group – these are called 'The Big Picture'. Our new school vision is on the website too. We are following research into the way in which children learn and make progress and we have followed advice and guidance to fit the new Ofsted framework, which came in from September 2019.

I will be holding a meeting for parents this term, to ensure that you all feel fully informed about our new curriculum and it will also give you an opportunity to ask questions too. More info will go out at a later date about that.

Keep looking at our website as we are updating it regularly.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Ms A Meyrick



Book Look

Parents are invited to come and look at their child's work and school books on Thursday 13th February after school, 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm.



Reading Volunteers

Can you spare one or two hours a week? If so, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for parents, carers, grandparents who can come and support our children to hear them read. Reading is the building block to all learning and we really value reading at Badgerbrook.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Mrs Price through the office email address, office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk

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 ^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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Fire Safety

Years 1 & 5 received a vital fire safety information from Firefighter Sophie. She outlined the importance of having a working smoke detector at home. The children saw a video of how quickly fire and smoke can spread.

The children also learned about the importance of only making 999 calls for real emergencies.



School Council

School council are looking at keeping our school tidier. We are monitoring cloakrooms weekly and awarding the 'School's tidiest cloakroom award' Class councils came up with some great ideas for us. Some to look out for will be a tidy school poster competition, looking at more bins and separating our rubbish and a whole school 'big tidy up day'.

Next class council will be children discussing what they want to spend their class money, from the Christmas Fayre, on.

Great fundraising – watch this space!



Parents Evening

Spring Term Parents Evening will be held on Monday 23rd March and Thursday 26th March.



Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day

The children and staff did an amazing job of raising £378 for Children In Need and £272 for Christmas Jumper Day.

Well done Everyone.



Beat the Street

Beat the Street will be back after the February half term. More details to follow,



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A big shout out to....

Emilie's mum in year 4 very kindly made the year 4 pupils some biscuits with Edgar the dragon on. The children were really excited and enjoyed eating them #kindness.

The following children represented Badgerbrook in a recent sportshall event:- Tyger-Lilly, Anna, Finley, Reyhan, Ellis, Brandon, Matthew and Liam. You were all amazing #teamwork.

3 of our pupils have been swimming at the first weekend of the county championships. Emerson got a PB in 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle and 200m freestyle in the 9/10 years age group. Jess made the final in 100m breaststroke and won a silver medal in the 100m backstroke in the 11 years age group. Darcie made 3 finals in the 12 years age group 50m breaststroke and 100m breaststroke and the 100m backstroke.

Well done and good luck in the next races #perseverance, #determination.

Edith, Violet, Renee, Bethany & Emily all took part and won the County Cup final with Cosby Tornados Girls under 11 football #resilience.

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

January 2020	
Monday 20 th January	Year 2 SATS Information Parents Evening
February 2020	
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 4 trip to London
Thursday 13 th February	Whole school 'Book Look' for parents 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term
March 2020	
Monday 2 nd March	Year 1 History of toys workshop
Monday 2 nd March	Book & Biscuit 1EE/RG
Friday 6 th March	Book & Biscuit 1PS
Monday 23 rd March	Parents Evening
Thursday 26 th March	Parents Evening
April 2020	
Friday 3 rd April	School closes for Easter
May 2020	
Ongoing during the month of May	Year 2 SATS
Thursday 7 th May	Police Crime Commissioner Elections – hall closed for lunches
Friday 8 th May	May Day Bank Holiday (Changed from Monday 4 th May)
Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 22 nd May	School closes for half term
June 2020	
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 6 PGL
Thursday 11 th June	Foundation Stage Sports Day (TBC)
Friday 19 th June	Years 1 & 2 Sports Day (TBC)
Wednesday 24 th June	Years 3 & 4 Sports Day (TBC)
Tuesday 30 th June	Years 5 & 6 Sports Day (TBC)
July 2020	
Monday 6 th July	Year 6 Sports Presentation Evening (TBC)



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