

Badgerbrook April Newsletter

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Hello Everyone!

This is a different newsletter to the ones we usually write.

We hope you are staying safe and well and looking after one another. We haven't seen most of you now for over a month and you have been doing the schoolwork at home. Parents have become teachers as well as still parenting and working from home! We know what a challenge it is but believe me- we think you are doing an amazing job and we appreciate all the effort you are making.

I have heard from the teacher's feedback, what superstars the children are all being and how they have been mainly keen to complete their schoolwork. But please remember- if you don't complete everything, it's okay. The most important thing is that everyone in the house is healthy and happy. Parents keep communicating with your teacher through the class email, as they are here to support you when you need it.

Keep looking at the school website and our Facebook page for updates. If you haven't seen it already there is a big photo message for you all, from our staff!

The staff have written their own messages to you in this newsletter. We all miss you and look forward to a time when you can all come back into school. I definitely miss seeing you everyday!

We also have some wonderful news to celebrate! Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Cooper on the birth of their daughter Edie Florence. I'm sure you will join us in wishing them all the best.

Take care and best wishes

Ms A Meyrick

Headteacher

On-line Safety at home:

Thinkuknow have a new on-line activity for parents.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/>

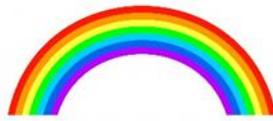
Click on the on-line safety at home activity packs and go to the age group you need.

Health for Kids

Leicestershire Partnership NHs Trust have produced a toolkit 'Looking after yourself' It is attached to the email with this Newsletter.

Badgerbrook Foodbank:

We are starting a food bank facility in our school hall. It is for anyone who needs to use it. During this testing and difficult time, financial difficulties mean sometimes there could be a food shortage in the household. Therefore, we want to do our bit to try to help and support those who need it. The success of the food bank will depend on a constant supply of donations. If you have any food to spare, could you leave it at our designated drop off point outside our school hall from tomorrow morning (Tuesday



28th April). The food needs to be non-perishables, such as, tinned and packet food. Eg; tinned baked beans, rice, pasta, biscuits etc.

I do not have a definite day when we will first open, as it depends on the amount of food donated this week. But we aim to open on Monday 4th May. We will send a text message out beforehand to all parents to confirm this.

It will be open daily from 9- 11 in the school hall. Entry and exit by the hall doors, with 2m social distancing.

We will continue to open as long as we have a supply of food, so we'll need the donations to keep coming in. All donations will be gratefully received. Thanks for your kindness and generosity in advance.

Free School Meals

For those of you who have children who are eligible for Free School Meals (not the Universal Infant Free School Meals) we are moving to providing eCode vouchers instead of lunches provided by the school's catering supplier. We are in the process of setting up the details with the Department for Education's supplier Edenred although this is currently taking quite a while! Please look out for a voucher, which will be emailed to you weekly.

The eCodes will be for £15 per eligible child per week.

The eCode is a 16 digit code which will be sent to you. You need this code to access www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk and choose your supermarket eGift card. You cannot use the eCode directly with the store – it must be exchanged for an eGift card. The eGift card will be sent to your email address and can be spent in store at the chosen supermarket.

Full details of how you use the eCode will be sent with the first email you receive.

If your child is not currently registered as being eligible for free school meals, and you now think you might now be eligible to receive these eCode vouchers, you need to register with Leicestershire County Council. There is an application form for you to complete

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Once your application is approved the Council will let us know and we will be able to apply for an eCode of £15 per week for you.

School Food Support:

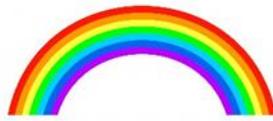
Unfortunately, we are unable to celebrate VE day as we wanted to this year. So, School Food Support would like to run a competition for the children as planned.

The children will have a chance of winning a cream tea for 4 at Beaumanor Hall (when reopened) and the winning design will be printed on to a tea towel.

Please find attached an entry form for the children to draw their design on to, incorporating VE day celebrations.

They would also really like to see any photos the children have taken and how they have chosen to celebrate the day.

Also attached is a recipe that parents and children may like to try, which was a typical dish served 75 years ago.



Here are some special messages to you...

Hello to all the brilliant children of Badgerbrook. I hope that you are all well and enjoying the beautiful weather we are having at the moment. It still doesn't quite seem real does it? Fingers crossed that it will all be over soon so that we can get back to school! Since being at home, my wife and I have welcomed our second child into the world; Edie Florence Cooper was born on the 4th April and is doing really well. Although, she has developed the sleeping pattern of an owl... she doesn't sleep at night! William is enjoying his new role of being a big brother and is no longer trying to feed her breadsticks! We have enjoyed going for a nice walk each day and we have even bumped in to some familiar Badgerbrook faces along the way which has been nice. Stay safe and I will see you ALL soon, Mr Cooper 😊

Really missing all the lovely children in 6TC. Hope you are staying safe at home, keeping up with the continued hard work you have put into year six so far and most of all enjoying the sunshine. Stay safe. Mrs Platts

Children and Parents in 3AW/HL– You are all doing such a fantastic job with your activities at home. Thank you. I really enjoy seeing your photos and videos on Seesaw. You are all amazing. Keep on enjoying your gardening, baking, building, writing, playing games and exercising. I hope to see you all soon. Stay safe and happy at home. Miss Lincoln.

Hi 5DN, hoping you and your families are all well, hopefully we will all be back to normal soon. Missing your smiley faces, it is certainly a lot quieter at home, but I am managing to get a lot of crafting done. Take care and see you soon. Mrs Madden.

Be silly, be kind, have fun. Mrs Wells

'We can't always choose the music life plays for us, but we can choose how we dance to it.' Mrs Bladon

3SW/LJ I hope everyone is staying safe and positive during this strange time. I miss seeing you all and hearing your news but will look forward to seeing you when this is over. Stay safe. Love Mrs White

2AS Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain. Don't worry be happy. Hoping you're all staying safe and looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Mrs Lyne

I just wanted to say stay safe everyone, I'm missing seeing all of you on the playground, I love my job and can't wait for us all to be back to normal again. Take care. Miss Ward

5LC Hi guys, hope you are all well and keeping safe. Missing you all and can't wait to see your smiling faces again. Keep up the good work, you're amazing. See you soon. Love Mrs Medland x

1EE/RG, I'm thinking about you all lots and really miss seeing you every week! It is lovely to see all of your hard work and I hope to see you soon! Love from Mrs Grant x

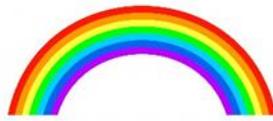
1EE/RG Hello children, I hope you're all enjoying the sunshine and are having lots of fun learning at home with your new teachers! You're doing a brilliant job, keep up the hard work. I'm missing seeing all of your smiley faces and am looking forward to seeing you soon. Love from Mrs Emsley

2AS I miss your smiling faces and helping you with your learning. See you all soon. Mrs Bedder.

FDL Hi Everyone, I hope you and your family are all well and enjoying the sunshine where you can. Missing you all and looking forward to seeing you all, as soon as we are allowed back. Take care. Love and Best Wishes from Mrs Rhodes.

2SW/VB Hello Year 2, I am missing seeing you in school but I am enjoying looking at all of the hard work you are completing at home. Thank you for all of your efforts during this time and thank you to the grow ups too!! Keep smiling and stay safe! Mrs Briers

FLB Hi everyone, I hope you're all ok and enjoying the sunshine! It's so strange not being at school and seeing your smiley faces. Sending a big high 5 and I hope to see you all very soon. Take care. Mrs Poor x



1PS Hi Badgerbrook. I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I have really enjoyed seeing all your beautiful art work in your windows during my daily exercise. See you all soon. Miss Dalton x

Hello Class 5LC! I just wanted to say that I hope you and your families are staying happy and healthy. Try to keep thinking positively during these peculiar times and remember all the wonderful things we have to be grateful for. I am missing seeing you all and look forward to us being back together again at Badgerbrook. From Mrs Charlton

3SW/LJ I hope that everyone is keeping busy and enjoying your time at home. Stay positive and keep smiling. See you soon. Mrs Jarvis x

3AW/HL Wowsers! What total superstars you all are. I have been so inspired by your fabulous work, drawings and letters. They are full of happiness, sunshine and such creativity. I feel so proud of each and every one of you. I know that you'll be missing our joke Wednesdays, so here is a joke for you to share; How does a cow do maths? With a cow-culator! Take care and I'll see you all soon. Mrs Hallick x

6KW A big hello from Miss Whitmore, I hope you're all enjoying (as best you can) this period of isolation and staying safe and well. I miss seeing you all and being in school so much but we are all doing the right thing- so let's keep going so we can get back to normal soon! A big well done (and thank you) to those of you who're continuing to complete your daily learning tasks- this will really help prepare you for when you do return to school so keep up the good work! On a positive note (and I'm sure I'm not the only one to feel this way) I have been really enjoying the quality time I've been able to spend with my family at home, what a great excuse it is to be together and do the simple things you wouldn't ordinarily be able to do when busy lives get in the way- try and appreciate this time and your loved ones before we're back to our busy schedules and think of something fun to do everyday to keep your spirits up! Keep smiling everyone! Miss Whitmore

3AW/HL Hello class - I hope you are all well and it has been a pleasure to hear so much from you on Seesaw this week in particular and hear about all your adventures and achievements. Your photos and videos really make us smile. We miss your enthusiastic faces each day, your stories for us, your jokes, your hard work and your talents (and I know you all miss my incredible drawings on the board 😊).

A huge thanks to all the mums and dads too who are doing a brilliant job of keeping home-schooling interesting and encouraging their children - fitting it in around all the other challenges they face at home right now. We are so proud of you all year 3 - Children and parents! Miss Wolloff

"It may be stormy now, but it never rains forever" Keep smiling, stay safe and I hope to see you all soon! Mrs Wright (Midday Supervisor)

4HH Hello everyone, I hope you are all well, and not missing school too much yet. It's very odd not seeing you here, or in the Co-op. I can't wait to hear of everything you have been doing. Take care, see you all soon. Love Mrs Buckley x

'Hi everyone, hope you're all well and staying active. How are you finding the Joe Wicks workouts? They really made me puff and pant to start with but I've got used to them now and I'm not aching too much anymore when I get up in the mornings!!

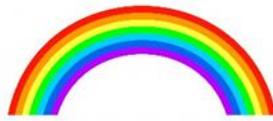
Hope you're making the most of the good weather in your gardens, whether you're racing your parents up and down, kicking a football around or playing keepy uppy with a bat and ball. I bet lots of you have made up games or found new activities you'd never thought you'd do before. I'd love to hear about them. Stay safe and stay fit. Mr Williams

Hi to all our great children in 6KW, I do hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. I am looking forward to when we can all be together again. Best wishes to you all. From Mrs Farrands

Hello class 3AW/HL I miss coming into school and seeing you all, nothing feels the same yet everyday feels the same. Look after yourself. Love Mrs Raithatha.

Hello everyone – I hope you and your families are keeping safe. I miss seeing you around school and look forward to seeing you soon. Mrs Webb

A BIG HELLO to everyone in 4HH. Just letting you know I miss seeing each and every one of you, seeing your smiles and saying good morning as you arrive in class and hope that it won't be too long before we're all able to be back in school together again. In the meantime, I hope that you and your family have been doing lots of



fun things together. I have made pom poms for our school fence which is looking amazing. Bye for now and look forward to seeing you all soon. From Mrs Jobey.

Hello 4HH! I hope that you are all staying safe and keeping yourselves busy at home. It certainly is strange not seeing you all at school but I have loved receiving some of the brilliant work that you have been doing; its put a big smile on my face! Keep up the amazing work that you are doing, remember to be kind to one another and do everything with a smile. From Miss Hutchings.

I love seeing all the creative rainbows and pictures as I walk around Whetstone village. Stay safe and hope to see you all soon. Mrs Riley.

2SW/VB. Hello to you and your family. Firstly, a very big well done to you and your parents for all of the work you have done at home. It has been amazing to see all of your superb writing, photos, pictures and models on Seesaw. # hard work, effort, creativity and humour! It looks as though you are having lots of fun. I miss seeing you all in school but hope to see you soon. Keep well and stay safe. Mrs Wright

2AS Hi everyone, I hope that you are all well. It seems so long since I've seen you all in person. I've really enjoyed looking at what you've been up to at home; from learning to ride your bikes, baking, making pom poms, football skills in the garden and completing the learning tasks we've set for you. It brings a great big smile to my face to see you all so enthusiastic. Parents, you are all doing a fantastic job. We know it isn't easy to juggle everything at home as well as diving straight into your new teaching professions, so a giant gold star to you all! I hope to see you very soon. Miss Samuel

1EE/RG I hope you are all safe and well. I've heard that you're all doing brilliantly with your work at home, you're all superstars! I miss seeing you all and look forward to us being back in school together soon. Mrs Patience

To our lovely Badgerbrook children and parents. I hope your all keeping well and safe. I cannot wait to see your smiling faces. Keep persevering. Love Mrs Holland 🌈

FDL Hello everyone, I miss all your happy faces around school. Hope you are enjoying your time with family and the lovely weather. Take care. From Miss Marsham"

Hi everyone, we hope you are keeping well. I miss your smiley faces coming to the office. We have loved seeing the colourful poms poms growing outside the school. I look forward to seeing you soon and hearing about all the exciting things you have been learning at home. Miss Carter x

How many of you are doing the Joe Wicks sessions? I have done a few workouts. Can't wait to see you soon, until then stay safe and remember to clap for the NHS. Mrs Berry

FLB Hello children, I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Remember to keep smiling you're all stars! From Miss Bass

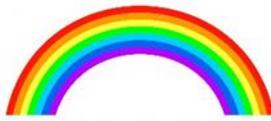
Hi 4HK/JS, We hope you and your family are all keeping well and safe. Mrs Styles and I are loving seeing all your fantastic work and reading your messages on Seesaw. Keep smiling and working hard for your parents. We miss you lots and hope to see you all really soon! Mrs Kirk and Mrs Styles

FDL Hello to all the children in Foundation. I hope you are all keeping well and safe. Thank you for sharing your work on Seesaw, I really enjoy looking at what you have been doing, some of you have been very busy. From Mrs Little x

FLB Hello everyone, do hope you are keeping safe and well. So looking forward to seeing you all again. Enjoy the sunshine and take care. Mrs Taylor x

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well and enjoying this lovely sunshine. I look forward to seeing all of the children back on the playground soon. Wishing you all well. Mrs Edwards

Hi Badgerbrook,
Just wanted to let you know that I can't wait to see you all again and hear about all the creative things you have done. I love seeing the pom poms growing in number on our hedge- they look amazing. Love Mrs Price



Hello everyone, I hope you are all well and staying safe. It has been amazing to hear about all the activities you have been doing at home. I loved coming into school and seeing all the pom poms on the railings they look amazing. I am missing seeing you all around school it is very quiet with out you all!! Hopefully we will be all back together soon. Keep being brilliant!! From Mrs Toon 😊

Hi 1PS! The last few weeks have been very unusual for us all, but I have been so impressed with how you have all taken to home learning. I can see you are all trying really hard and are creating brilliant work. I hope we can get back to school very soon, but until then keep smiling and doing your excellent work! Take care and enjoy the sunshine! Miss Salt

5DN What a lot of superstars you all are! I am loving seeing all the things you are getting up to at home via Seesaw. I hope you are enjoying our themed afternoon teas as much as me! I miss you all and I hope you are all keeping fit and following the 5 steps to well-being advice. Love Mrs Newcombe

3SW. I hope you are all doing well and not too much trouble. Miss you all, keep safe and I will see you all soon. Mr Archer-Dutton

Shout outs!!!!

Isaiah in Year 4 has learnt to ride a bike! This was a real challenge for him but he's extremely proud of himself and I asked if I could 'shout it out' in the school newsletter! Well done to you!!!!

Harry D in Year 2 for demonstrating lots of resilience in his home learning and for becoming a times tables whizz!

Shout out to the children in Foundation who are coming into school with a smile on their faces during this difficult and strange time.

Poppy in Year 3 for using technology to show us an amazing selection of activities. Your skills in animal care, model making and gardening are fantastic!

Lucas in Year 3 for showing lots of his fantastic art and craft work on Seesaw.

Bethany in Year 6 for an amazing advert she created to showcase her latest water bottle design.

Isaac in Year 2 for completing lots of work at home and trying lots of different ideas. You are showing determination and perseverance. Be proud of yourself.

Lillymae in Year 4 for coming 2nd in the Pony Club Easter bonnet competition and being put through to the regional championship.

