



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Hi everyone,

We have just completed a first at Badgerbrook a week of virtual parents' evenings! Thank you so much for your support and patience in these unusual times. The staff were really pleased to be able to meet with you face-to-face to discuss your child and how they are progressing. As we have said previously, the children are showing so many of their character muscle strengths and are really working hard as a team. If you wish to learn more about our character muscles through our Route to Resilience work, there is now a short video in the new starter section on the website. There is also a video there about our 'No Outsiders' work in school.

Thank you to all the parents of Year 1 & 3AW/HK who have supported us when we have had to ask your child to self-isolate. We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times.



Staffing

We have new staff at Badgerbrook:

Mr Creese and Miss Smith, Teaching Assistants in Year 5 and Year 1.

Miss Thorne, Midday Supervisor.

Welcome all to the team.



Parent Governor

Congratulations to Mrs Mistry who has been elected as our new Parent Governor.

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 a leave of absence request - including those for exceptional circumstances - in writing to the Headteacher.

Academic Year Overview:

Academic Year 2020/2021	
	Autumn Term
School Opens	Tuesday 1 st September 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd October 2020
School Closes	Friday 18 th December 2020
	Spring Term
School Opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Mid-Term Break	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February 2021
School Closes	Friday 26 th March 2021
	Summer Term
School Opens	Monday 12 th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Mid-Term Break	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021
School Closes	Friday 9 th July 2021

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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Badgerbrook Breakfast / Afterschool Club

Rosie still has places available. For further information please call her on 07930869670.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week runs from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November 2020.

Children will be asked to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November to show their support that everyone is different and there are no outsiders at Badgerbrook. (No donations are required for this).



Flu Immunisation

The annual flu immunisation will take place Monday 7th December, the consent forms have been sent out to parents and guardians this week.

If you have not received the consent form via email, please contact the school office.



School Council

A big congratulations to the following children who have been democratically elected onto our School Council for the academic year 2020/2021.

2AS	Angelina & Oscar
2SW/VB	Nicholas & Tazmin
3AW/HK	Amelia-Rose & Stanley
3SW/DC	Ella & Lewie
4DN	Eva & Jake
4NW	Imogen & Finlay
5LC	Kieran & Isabelle
5RS	Max & Lucy
6TC	Charlotte & Olivia
6NH	Lottie & Jack



Work During Lockdown

We have not forgotten how hard everyone worked during lockdown. Please keep your work safe, if it is on paper or in your home learning books. As soon as we can bring more things into school we will share and celebrate all the children's achievements in classes.



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Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on Friday 11th December.

All donations to Save the Children.



Christmas Parties, Foundation Stage & Year 2 Christmas Productions

We will still be holding our Christmas parties for the children this year. Dates are in the diary section.

Teachers in Foundation Stage and Year 2 are looking at ways the children can deliver their annual Christmas production to parents. Keep a look out for further details.



Christmas Lunch

We are still hoping to organise the annual Christmas lunch, though it may be a little different this year. As soon as we receive any further information we will let you know.



Healthy Snacks

We are encouraging children to choose and eat healthy snacks during their breaktimes. Please see our healthy snack list for ideas.



Outdoor P.E

All P.E for the time being will be carrying on outside. Please ensure your children bring in a spare pair of trainers to change into on their P.E days.



ROUTE TO RESILIENCE
IN SCHOOL | AT HOME | FOR LIFE

Route to Resilience

Just to remind everyone we are still focusing on our Route to Resilience work and we still promote developing our character muscles. Our five core values are:

Detemination, Respect, Resilience, Individuality & Courage

If you would like a shout out for your child or would like to nominate someone else, please send your shout outs to the office with a short description of the character muscles you have seen they have developed. This will feature the 'Shout Out' section in our next newsletter.



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Yoga Balls

If anyone has any yoga balls they no longer use, Mrs Toon would be grateful to add them to the Beanbag room (wellbeing/chill out room).



Birthdays

If your child wishes to bring sweets in on their birthday, we ask that they are individually wrapped sweets. If they could also be brought into school a few days in advance in order for them to be quarantined before giving out.

Thank you



Wet Play & Lunchtimes

It is that time of year again where the weather is against us. We are looking for donations of board games. They will be quarantined / cleaned / sanitised before used.

Thank you

COVID 19 –

Whilst on the school grounds we ask that you remember to:

- Wear a mask.
- Keep a two-metre distance from others who are not in your household.

Please stay at home and do not come onto the school grounds if you are feeling unwell, have any symptoms or are waiting for test results.

Please stick to the staggered collection and drop off times to help us ensure social distancing can be maintained during these busy times.

IN THE EVENT OF YOUR CHILD TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU GET THE RESULTS OUT OF OFFICE HOURS PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL ON:

office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk.

Please label the e-mail - 'Positive Covid-19 Test'

You must include the following information:

- Date when symptoms started.
- Date of test and result.

Emails will be checked at regular times over the weekend and evenings.

Parenting in a Pandemic:

Click on the link below for top tips to help you parent during a pandemic. There is a free course and other links parents might find useful to support them.

<https://www.schudio.tv/courses/parenting-in-a-pandemic>



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A big shout out to....

The whole of Year 1 for having a good go at Times Table Rock Stars.
#Determination #teamwork

Callum in Year 3 for showing great enthusiasm for learning and humour. #enthusiasm

Kaiya in Year 3 for independence and creativity. #creativity

Seb in Year 4, He raised over £700 for charity by running 5km to support his Nana. #courage

Lillymae in Year 5 raised lots of money by organising a pony ride for the Ride out Racism campaign. The co-founder of the charity was so impressed they have asked her to be an official ambassador for their campaign. #kindness

Emilie in Year 5 for turning up to school every single day with an enormous smile on her face and a positive attitude for the day ahead.
#enthusiasm

Jack in Year 6 made poppies to sell. #creativity

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, Mrs V Toon & Mrs C Webb.

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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Bad Weather Information

In the event of heavy snowfall or icy conditions it may not be possible to keep all routes and paths around school clear. The Premises Officer will try to keep both routes round school open if possible to allow for social distancing. If we have to make any changes to entry and exit points for classes, we will try to let you know as early as possible by text or email, and school staff will be outside when you come to school to direct you to the appropriate route.

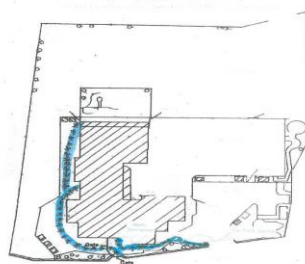
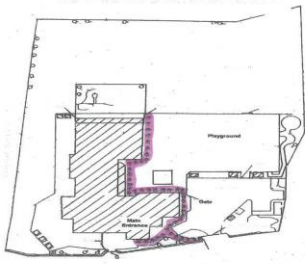
The plans below show the paths which the Premises Officer will clear and grit if possible. It may be necessary to fence off part of the playground if it has not been possible to clear or grit this area.

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 we will use the text and email service to send out information and we will update the Badgerbrook website www.badgerbrook.org.uk

Please ensure that we have up to date contact numbers in case we need to contact you during the day.



Diary Dates

November 2020	
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks to School
December 2020	
Monday 7 th December	Flu Immunisation
Friday 11 th December	Children Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Monday 14 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas party (during school)
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 1 Christmas party (during school)
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 2 Christmas party (during school)
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 3 Christmas party (during school)
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 4 Christmas party (during school)
Thursday 17 th December	Year 5 Christmas party (during school)
Thursday 17 th December	Year 6 Christmas party (during school)
Friday 18 th December	School closed for the Christmas break



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