



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Hello everybody,

We just wanted to share with you that your children have been amazing and have shown lots of resilience and positivity whilst adapting to our new routines around school. A special thank you to our Foundation Stage children who have settled into Badgerbrook brilliantly. We have some really nice staff news. Miss Whitmore gave birth to a healthy baby girl during September, mother and daughter are doing well. Congratulations to the whole family.

We are proud to be a 'No Outsiders' and a Route to Resilience accredited school. We are constantly looking to develop the children's character muscles in all that they do throughout the school day. There will be more information shared regarding this during parents' evenings.

We really appreciate your ongoing support with social distancing and wearing face masks around school.

Please can we ask you not to congregate outside along Badger Drive as it is becoming congested.

We realise that congestion around the school can sometimes cause difficulties. However, we need to mutually respect parents, adults and children at these difficult times and as always, our main priority is the safety of the children and our community.



Parents Evening

Parents' evenings are being held on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November. These will be hosted virtually over Teams. More information will follow.



Class Emails

Class emails are still in use for you to have direct communications with your child's class teacher. Please remember that they will not reply out of school hours and that there are many extra demands on them at this time.

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 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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Drop off and Pick up times

Please can we remind parents and guardians, that to minimise contact and keep social distancing possible, year groups have been given specific arrival and pick up times.

Year 6	8.45 am - 3.15pm
Year 5	9.00 am - 3.15pm
Year 4	9.00 am - 3.15pm
Year 3	9.00 am - 3.15pm
Year 2	8.45 am - 3.pm
Year 1 1EE	9.00 am - 3.pm
Year 1 1PS	9.00 am - 3.pm
FS FDL	9.15 am - 3.pm
FS FLB	9.15 am - 3.pm

Entrances as below;

Year 6	By their normal door via main playground
Year 5 5RS	By their normal door (Badger Drive)
Year 5 5LC	Entrance by their normal door (Badger Drive). Exit at the end of the day by the main hall door.
Year 4	By the normal door via main playground
Year 3	By their normal door via small playground
Year 1 EE/SH	Through the door into their cloakroom via main playground
Year 1 1PS	Through their normal classroom door via main playground
FS FDL	Through normal classroom door via main playground
FS FLB	Through normal classroom door via small playground

Thank you



Covid-19

If your child is off school and it is Covid-19 related, please contact the school office as soon as possible and leave a message if it is out of school hours.



Breakfast / Afterschool Club

We are really pleased that breakfast and afterschool club has now been able to start again. Thank you for supporting Rosie and her team during a difficult time. This has been especially challenging as Badgerbrook is only the venue provider. We will continue to work closely together to support each other.

There are still some spaces available please call Rosie on 07930869670 for further information.



Bringing things into School

Please can we ask that children refrain from bringing in things to show or swap. We are trying to minimise what comes in and out of school. Your child can share achievements, trophies etc either on SeeSaw or on the class email.



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After School Club



After School Clubs

As you are aware, due to the current situation there are no afterschool sports and activities. This is to minimise the mixing of bubbles. We will continue to review the situation in line with guidance.



School Admissions to Secondary Education - Year 6 Pupils

Parents of children in Year 6, the closing date for the completion of applications online for Year 7 is 31st October 2020 www.leics.gov.uk.



First Time School Admissions Autumn 2021

If your child will be four years old before 31st August 2021 (eg born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 inclusive), the closing date for applications is 15th January 2021. You need to apply to the local authority for a place. www.leics.gov.uk.



Lost Property

As there is no lost property box at present, please can we ask that you put your child's name and class on everything that comes into school. This gives us the best chance of returning items to your children.

Thank you



Contact Numbers

Please could you let the office know if you have changed your address, email address, telephone or mobile numbers during the last few months so that we can keep our records up to date.

Thank you



Flu immunisation

The annual flu immunisation will take place in December, with the consent forms going out to parents and guardians in November.



Amazon Wishlists

As we are unable to have fundraising events please ask your class teacher about their Amazon wishlists.



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A big shout out to....

Isla in Foundation for being a kind and caring member of the class. #kindness.

3AW/HK to the whole class for returning to school with such enthusiasm for learning. Also for starting off with such wonderful effort in their first few weeks of homework. #teamwork

Maisie in Year 2 has been showing lots of character muscles inside & outside of the classroom. #resilience, #perseverance, #focus, #friendship, #creativity.

Imogen & Oliver in Year 4 for gaining their Blue Peter music badge while home learning. #creativity #determination.

Ebony in Year 3 for always having a smile on her face and doing the right thing. #positivity #kindness.

Allana, Brakken & Chloe in Year 5 for helping Mrs Price. #kindness.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support and helping us to make this half term successful. #teamwork.

Thank you to our amazing staff team in these challenging times. #teamwork #resilience.

Mrs Carvell and Mrs Holland for a successful half term as they start their teaching careers. #determination.

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 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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Diary Dates

November 2020	
Tuesday 10 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 12 th November	Parents Evening
December 2020	
Monday 7 th December	Flu Immunisation



Academic Year 2020 -2021

Please find attached the Terms and Holidays for the Academic Year 2020 - 2021



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