



# Badgerbrook Newsletter



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## December 2020

Welcome to our December newsletter

Even though this term has been challenging for us all, Christmas has arrived at Badgerbrook. We have enjoyed Christmas lunch this week and school is looking festive. Children are sending Christmas cards in their bubbles and we are so pleased at the resilience and creativity they are sharing.

Thank you for all your kind messages this term. Our staff team have been working incredibly hard to ensure children in school and at home can access their learning successfully.

On behalf of the SLT, thank you to all our Badgerbrook community, pupils, parents and governors for their support in these challenging times.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas.



### Staffing

We welcome Miss Foster, Mrs Holyoak, Miss Marks, Mrs Pullen and Mrs Turner as Learning Support Assistants.

Mrs Dilks as an Emotional Learning Support .

We also welcome back Mrs Jarvis who will be supporting our intervention in Years 5 & 6.



### Christmas Shoe Boxes

The Rotary Club are unable to transport shoe boxes of goodies this year due to the lack of a lorry.

We would like to invite you to take donations of dry goods / tins / chocolate / special treats to the large Co-op, Dog & Gun Lane. They are collecting for the local Enderby food Bank.

Thank you

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

Common Sense Media have put together a little guide to support you if your child enjoys using YouTube called 'Parents' Decision Guide to YouTube for 'Young Kids'. This guide talks you through the steps to take to ensure your child is safe whilst using YouTube and how to avoid them being exposed to unwanted adverts and pop-up links. Please see the link below if you would like to have a read of it.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parents-decision-guide-to-youtube-for-young-kids>



## Children In Need

All the children loved dressing up in spots for Children in Need and managed to raise £346.00.

Well done everyone.



## Christmas Jumper Day

We have had fun today wearing our Christmas jumpers and raising money for Save the Children. You can still donate via Parentpay.



## Interested in training to teach?

**New Year, New Career**

**Want to inspire young people?**

**Have you ever thought about training to teach?**

**Find out what it is like to teach in your community**

We have a virtual open event for anyone wanting to find out more about teacher training in primary or secondary in the local area.

**Join us at our virtual ZOOM event**

**Train to Teach with Achieve with TELA**

**Saturday 9 January**

**11:00 – 12:00**

We welcome all ages and experience, educated to degree level

**Please share with anyone who you think might be interested**

For a link to the meeting contact

**email: [tela@thomasestley.org.uk](mailto:tela@thomasestley.org.uk)**

**or call Jo Robotham at Thomas Estley CC**

**01455 283263 ext. 3206**

**[www.telaonline.co.uk](http://www.telaonline.co.uk)**

## 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](mailto: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....

To all those pupils who have had to access home learning remotely and done an amazing job. #Resilience #Positivity

4DN for amazing handwriting in their Christmas cards. #Creativity

6NH for showing resilience at a really challenging time.

Jacob in 1PS for showing creativity and courage when his class were at PE. #Independence #Bravery

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



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## Diary Dates

### December 2020

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Children Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Christmas party (during school)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas party (during school)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas party (during school)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christmas party (during school)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas party (during school)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Christmas party (during school)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Christmas party (during school)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closed for the Christmas break



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