



# Badgerbrook Newsletter



Tel: 0116 2752353

Email: [office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk)

# April 2021

To our Badgerbrook families,

Welcome to our April Newsletter...

I hope you are all happy, safe and well. I am inspired by the amazing strength and resilience that you have all shown during these strange times! Here's to hoping that we will continue to be able to return to a sort of normality over coming weeks and months.

It feels good to be back together with you, as we start this new term. The weather is warmer, the nights are getting lighter and it feels like Summer is just around the corner. It has been really lovely to catch up with lots of you over the past 2 weeks.

We have been celebrating a most positive start to the final term. Lots of character muscles being exercised so far... our 5 core Character Muscles: #Determination #Courage #Resilience #Respect #Individuality - as well as many others!

There are certainly going to be lots of Headteacher Awards given out in coming weeks!!

Take care and stay safe.

*Ms Meyrick*



## *Playground Safety*

If your child comes out of school at 3pm and you are waiting on the playground for their sibling please can we remind you children are not to be left unsupervised on the school field or play on the adventure playground,(we are currently looking into replacing this).

Please can we also ask you, that whilst on the school grounds to remember to wear facemasks (unless exempt) and to keep a two-metre distance from others who are not in your household.

### *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 – via email to the school office.

### *Academic Year Overview:*

<b>Academic Year 2020/2021</b>	
	<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.**



*Learning, achieving and celebrating together.*



### *Year 2 Penpals*

We have partnered up with a school in Antigua called Island Academy.

Our year 2 pupils will be writing letters to children in Grade 2 and Grade 3. The children are really excited to find out more about their pen pal and about life on an island.



### *Spelling Shed*

We have signed up as a school to the Spelling Shed website. This is a great resource to support our pupils when learning their spelling rules. The site includes various games and the teachers can set assignments for the children linked to word patterns etc. If your class haven't started looking at this site yet they will do soon, so look out for it coming home!



### *Dogs Trust*

Thank you to everyone who has continued to give me used stamps in support of Dogs Trust. Our recent donation has contributed to a current total of £2229.06 being raised by this method this year. Please do carry on letting me have any used stamps rather than throwing them away – they will be safely quarantined before being passed on to help Dogs Trust further.

Many thanks again

Mrs Charlton



### *Daily Boost at Badgerbrook*

This term the children and staff at Badgerbrook are taking part in an initiative, recently launched by Leicestershire and Rutland Sport, that involves completing an extra 15 minutes of organised physical activity per day at school. This can be through any physical activity, from running or walking a mile, skipping outside, or taking part in 3 x 5 minute 'mini boosts' dancing or exercising with a pre-recorded work out in the classroom.

The children are loving the extra activities! It is great to see them enjoying themselves and learning about how exercise is great for their physical health as well as their mental health!

A special shout out to the members of staff who are also undertaking their Couch to 5k running journey, after school this term!

Mrs Kirk

### 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>



*Learning, achieving and celebrating together.*



## *Sun Policy*

Now that we are in the summer term and the weather is hopefully getting warmer, please may we remind you of our sun policy:-

- Please ensure that you send an extra drink for the afternoon break and that the container is named. This drink is particularly important during the summer term.
- We would like to stress the importance of sending a protective hat (named) during the summer months. The children spend quite a lot of time outside, especially at lunch time.
- Please apply sun lotion/cream at home before school. (There are products widely available that last for up to 12 hours.)
- Please may we also remind you to continue to send a coat or jacket with your child to school each day. The weather is often changeable and the children often get cold during playtimes and the lunch hour, especially in areas of the playground where there is limited sunshine. If it is a hot day, they will be allowed to leave their jacket on their coat peg.
- Children may wear sunglasses if you wish but unfortunately, we are unable to accept responsibility for loss or breakage.



## *Dogs outside School*

Please can we remind you that dogs may not be brought or carried onto the school premises for the health and safety of our children.

If you walk your dog to school at drop off / pick up times please could you not leave them unattended, tied up outside near to the school.



## *Can Collection*

Thank you to everyone who has been donating their crushed aluminium cans to support the Helipad scheme for LRI. I have already made a drop-off of a large quantity of these to a local coordinator of this appeal, who was very grateful. Some children in Yr3 have really enjoyed helping to crush and sort these with me! A reminder to place any crushed aluminium drinks cans in a tied carrier bag in the collection bin which remains outside, under the school hall window. This is an ongoing appeal and it is great to see so much support.

Many Thanks

Mrs Carvell



## *Mobile Phones in School*

Can we just remind you that mobile phones are not allowed in school. In the event that your child needs to bring one in ie for when they walk home after school, a disclaimer form needs completing and the phone handed into the school office each day.



*Learning, achieving and celebrating together.*

## A big shout out to....

Lucas in Yr4 has recently passed his Karate Grading and is now a purple with a white tag belt. He has worked so hard over lockdown to train virtually #Determination.

Rita in Yr5 is donating her hair to the charity, Little Princess Trust to make a wig for children affected by cancer #Kindness.  
You can make a donation if you wish, please see our facebook page for link.

All of Yr3 for providing boxes of cereal for their giant domino run and then donating the cereal to the Lutterworth & Village Foodbank #Kindness #Teamwork #Empathy.



Thank you to Mrs Roberts and her work colleagues they have been raising money to donate tablets for school. So far over £1000 has been raised #Kindness.

Thank you to Luke St Clair of Knightsbridge Estate Agents who kindly donated and arranged a delivery of a large quantity of bark chippings, needed to rejuvenate the raised bed area of the school garden. This area is used by all year groups in school, as well as the gardening club and the donation helps to make the area tidier and more easily accessible for everyone #Teamwork.

Thank you to Mr Cartwright & Ms Costa for their help with getting our Yr5 gardening area repaired and ready to grow #Kindness.

## 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).



Learning, achieving and celebrating together.