



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Welcome to Spring term 2.

The days are finally getting longer and the weather is getting brighter. It is just what is needed after such a challenging time.

We are very excited to finally be having all our pupils back in school on March 8th. Details for full reopening have been sent to you.

With all our pupils back we will need to continue to be extra vigilant and keep to all our control measures on our risk assessment to ensure our whole school community is as safe as it can be.

Thank you for all your support and hard work during lockdown 3 and remote learning. Badgerbrook families have definitely shown our character muscles of resilience and kindness.

The senior leadership team



Parents Evening

Parent check in meetings will be during the last week of Spring term – week beginning 22nd March. Booking details will be sent out shortly. These will be short meetings to discuss how your child has settled back into school with all pupils returning.



Handy Tips For Re-Opening

We are excited for all our pupils to return on Monday 8th March but it will be a big change for them all.

We will work closely to ensure a smooth transition for all.

- Your child may be tired by the end of the day.
- Learning has been very different for a long time.
- They may be hungry at home time as have been eating when they wanted to.
- They may find suddenly being with a whole class challenging.

We are working on lots of social and well-being activities for our pupils.

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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World Book Day

We had a great day yesterday. Children in school and at home looked amazing and lots of you didn't get dressed!

Did you guess all of our masked readers?

4DN watched Michael Rosen live on Wednesday with thousands of other children around the country. You can watch him too here:

<https://youtu.be/lu5GDOYqorc>



Red Nose Day 2021

This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 19th March. The theme this year is superheroes. For a donation (suggested £1) why not dress as your favourite superhero or wear something red and / or your red nose. #teamwork #kindness.



Lunchtime Charter competition

Well done to Theo in 6TC for winning the competition to design a new look poster for our lunchtime rules! The competition happened in school during Autumn term when all children were in school. #creativity #amazing handwriting.



Can Collection

Mrs Carvell and Mr Archer-Dutton from the Year 3 team are in the process of setting up an aluminium can collection point within school. This is to assist the South Leicestershire Wombles- a litter picking group who do amazing work clearing Leicestershire grass verges of discarded litter- in their quest to collect crushed cans. These cans will then be recycled, with an aim of collecting and recycling enough to create a helipad for the Leicester Royal Infirmary so that the Air Ambulance has a location to land, should it need to, at the hospital itself.

All you need to do is crush your aluminium drinks cans (they are the ones that a magnet will not stick to) and put them in our school drop off point (preferably in a tied carrier bag).

It will be great for us to collect as many as we can towards this great scheme to support our local hospital and air ambulance!

Many thanks
Mrs Carvell and Mr Archer-Dutton

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....

Amelia, Anaya & Ryan from Year 1 have been kicking a football 100 times a day throughout February to raise money for Cancer Research. It has helped them concentrate on something positive, gets them out of the house and interacting, as they are sending videos to each other.

Well done to you all.

Nicholas in Year 2 for working hard particularly his writing. #Improving.

Class 5LC

Everyone in class for patience with our live on-line sessions.
Everyone at home for determination and perseverance with home learning, even on challenging days.

Mrs Jobey for exceptional cookie baking with 5LC

Class 5RS

Miss Stevens is proud of the whole class for their hard work during the last half term.

A special mention to Lucie, Olivia, Josh and Reece who have gone above and beyond in their home learning.

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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