



# Badgerbrook Newsletter



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## May 2021

To all our Badgerbrook family and friends

The end of the school year is fast approaching. In this newsletter you can find out things that have happened in school recently and the exciting things that will be taking place before the end of the year!

We will be saying farewell to our Year 6 children at the end of this year and we have some exciting events planned to end their time here at Badgerbrook, read on to find out.

We are delighted to congratulate Mrs Price on her appointment as Headteacher at Thythorn Field Primary School from September. We are pleased for her but will be sad to see her go.

Congratulations to Mrs Toon on her appointment as Deputy headteacher here from September.

Thank you as always for all of your ongoing support. Have a wonderful well deserved bank holiday and half term break.

Take care

Stay safe

*Ms Meyrick*



### *School Reports*

You will receive your child's annual report of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

### *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:*

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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## *Sports Day*

We are hoping to arrange sports days for the end of the summer term. However, this depends on the latest Covid guidance as it comes through. When this is received and we know more, we will send out further information.



## *Snacks*

As we have a number of children with severe nut allergies, please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts such as Nutella, into school. Thank you



## *Year 6 End of Year Celebration*

With the end of another year fast approaching, our thoughts turn to how to mark the end of year 6's time at Badgerbrook Primary School and to wish them bon voyage on their continuing educational journey.

The plan is to finish regular school for Year 6 children only on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, as some secondary schools are having their transition days at different times.

An email has been sent out to the Year 6 parents with all the relevant information.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** End of "regular" school (Year 6 only) – clear drawers, sign shirts etc.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Badgerbrook Legends Tournaments: a series of challenges with a trophy for winning team. Afternoon picnic.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July: 4pm-6pm:** Grand re-opening of the Legacy garden, award giving ceremony.



## *Year 3 Battle of Bosworth Big Movie Premiere!*

On 11th May year 3 enjoyed a red carpet event in the hall for the premiere of their Battle of Bosworth Movies. The two classes each used their history and English learning to write scripts for the movies, which were then filmed and edited ready for the premiere. They also learned songs and dances and some children wrote extra material as we learned more and more about the Battle and Richard III. The teachers are incredibly proud of their hard work and we learned so much and used so many character muscles during our Movie Project. The children looked amazing dressed up as movie stars and all took a turn arriving in style on the red carpet. We even had pop corn!

#teamwork, #creativity, #enthusiasm

## 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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## *Outdoor Learning*

Outdoor learning is a fundamental part of a child's development. We are looking to update our outside areas and we need your help!

We are asking for donations to help us gain a covered seating area, to take the teaching outdoors. Picnic benches, spare wood and pallets, so we can become creative in our learning. We would be very grateful if anyone could donate or have any friends, family or contacts that can help us achieve this.

If you think you can help, please send an email to [office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk).

Thank you

Miss Bass



## *Tela ITT Event*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY ...

Achieve with TELA Teacher Training

**When:** June 10 2021 @ 6pm

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Jo Robotham 01455 283262 Ext 3206

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

**Summary of event:** Find out about teacher training in your community, we believe that children are at the heart of everything we do

Join us on 10 June 2021 at 6pm to find out about our school based initial teacher training in primary and secondary education.

We can answer the questions - Can I afford to train? What bursaries are available? Why choose TELA? What is the course structure? Ask our Primary and Secondary trainees what the course is really like? Find out how the course is structured during the training year? How have you managed as a career changer? A great opportunity to **any questions you may have.**



## *Parking outside school*

We have received several reports of dangerous and inconsiderate parking outside the school and in surrounding roads. Parking across driveways means that the local residents cannot get onto or off their drives. This also causes safety issues as they cannot see clearly when leaving their drives, due to cars being parked so close or half over the access point.

Please do not use the school car park entrance or the gateway to Holmes Park for turning.

We know that parking in the area is difficult and we encourage as many families as possible to walk to school. We do have permission for you to park in the bottom of the Co-op car park if you are able to walk from there.



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## A Big Shout out to .....

Dominic, Harrison K & Archie S in Foundation will be taking part in a Spartan 1k obstacle course raising money for a Leicester charity called 'Keep The Beat'.

Good Luck to you all #teamwork.

Max in Yr2 for his amazing English work and handwriting #concentration.

Dillon in Yr3 he raised over £300 for the NHS charity by completing the Captain Tom Moore Challenge.

Well done Dillon #kindness.

5RS The whole class for working extremely hard this half term #perseverance.

## *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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