



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year.

We have reached the end of the most challenging year and I want to say a massive 'thank you' for the support you have given to us throughout!

I am so disappointed that I cannot be in school for the last days of the academic year. I tested positive for Covid-19 yesterday and my isolation period takes me beyond the end of the school term. It is a real blow that I won't be there to see the children in their last week in school and say goodbye to our leavers.

Our pupils, through the lockdowns made such effort to attend remote lessons and upload work. It was a pleasure to hear from you about how the children were adapting so well to the pandemic. I am really proud of the ways that everyone; staff, children and parents have pulled together. We will continue to update you on any changes that need to be made for the start of the Autumn term as guidance is released, but it would be lovely to think that we can begin moving back to something a little more 'normal'. One thing that we will continue next year, is that children can keep wearing PE kit on PE day. It worked so well this year and removed the changing time, giving longer for PE sessions.

This newsletter is full of the usual shout outs, celebrations and updates. But I would like to take the opportunity to wish those who are leaving us, good luck on their new journeys!

Mrs Price, Miss Bardill, Mr Human, Mrs Taylor and Mr Cooper, we wish you all the best on your next adventures. Please stay in touch! You will be greatly missed by us all here at Badgerbrook. Thank you to you all.

We also welcome 2 new teachers after the summer: Miss Farbon and Mrs Wale. Some of you may remember Mrs Wale from when she worked here previously.

From the Autumn Term Mrs Charlton will be changing her name to Mrs Morgan.

Last but not least, I would like to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 leavers. Next Tuesday we are holding an awards ceremony for the year 6 leavers and their parents on the field. Details of which have been emailed out this week. We look forward to welcoming you! I sadly, will not be able to attend, but I would like to wish all the Year 6 children the happiest of times on their new journey through high school and beyond! You will be greatly missed by us all.

Stay safe over the summer!

Ms Meyrick

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	
	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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Class Structure 2021/2022

Foundation Stage	FDL	Mrs Little
Foundation Stage	FLB	Miss Bass
Year 1	1PS	Miss Salt
Year 1	1EE/CW	Mrs Emsley / Mrs Wale
Year 2	2AS	Miss Samuel
Year 2	2SW/VB	Mrs Wright / Mrs Briers
Year 3	3SW/KW	Mrs White (4 days) / Miss Whitmore (1 day)
Year 3	3ZF	Miss Farbon
Year 4	4DN	Mrs Newcombe
Year 4	4NW	Mr Williams
Year 5	5LM	Mrs Morgan
Year 5	5AW/HK	Miss Wolloff / Mrs Kirk
Year 6	6RS	Miss Stevens
Year 6	6DC	Mrs Carvell

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>



ParentPay® Year 2 Children going into Year 3

Just a reminder that parents of Year 2 children going into Year 3 will need to start paying for school lunches from the Autumn term. This can be done via Parentpay. Please can you ensure that your account is activated. If you need a duplicate activation letter, contact the school office.



School Meals

School Food Support will be increasing the price of the school meals from the Autumn Term 2021 to £2.35 per day.

School meals for pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) can be ordered daily and **should be paid for in advance or on the day they are taken.** Payments must be made through Parentpay and can be for individual meals or block payments in advance. Meals for Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 will continue to be free.



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Year 3

This week, the year 3 children were amazed and intrigued when their 'message in a bottle' request received a reply from Sant Carles School in Ibiza!

This term we have been learning all about the Mediterranean and what makes it so popular.

The children devised questions that they would like to ask to school children from a Mediterranean country and the teachers arranged for the message to be sent- in the hope that their letter would travel to a far-off destination and receive a reply! We were all very excited when a reply email unexpectedly arrived from the school in Ibiza, who had answered all of our questions in their English lesson, just before their end of term.

Amongst other things, the children found out all about the local area around Sant Carles School including the type of trips that they go on, what a typical school day is like and some of the sporting activities they get to learn, and importantly, how they cope with working in the heat!

We were thrilled to be able to bring this topic to life with this.



Can Collection

A huge thanks to everyone who has brought in their empty, crushed aluminium cans for the LRI Helipad scheme- we have been able to donate a large quantity to the appeal to date, and the local coordinator is very grateful for our efforts with this. The appeal is ongoing as they require a huge amount to create the Helipad with the crushed aluminium. Our donations, along with all others around the county are building up towards getting the Helipad up and running.

Mrs Carvell



Year 1

Year 1 are looking for any toy donations. Particularly small world toys like doys house toys, happyland, playmobil, little figures, animals etc. Also any construction toys would be gratefully received.



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A Big Shout out to

Yr1 For their brilliant writing of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
#perseverance #determination.

Y2 taking part in their sports day #enthusiasm #teamwork

Rory in Yr3 recently played in a golf tournament event run by the professional golfer Robert Rock. He won the under 12, 9 hole competition category #determination.

Evie in Yr6 and Cerys in Yr4 have achieved a Spring Challenge certificate and badge #creativity.

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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