



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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September 2021

Welcome to our September Newsletter

Everyone has settled back into school life with a positive start. We ended our first full week of the new term with our sports days, which were such good fun. It was so lovely (and quite emotional) to see everyone together again. To get all the families together was something, which I had begun to wonder if it would ever happen- after the challenging past 18 months.

We have lots of other events coming up in the school calendar, which we will keep you updated on throughout the year. We also have events coming up on the sporting calendar too, which I know that lots of you will be pleased to hear. Our partnership with Blaby family of schools will continue as it always has done and we will keep you updated on those up and coming events as we go through the year.

Please see the dates for parents' evenings after half term and also the 'book look' for parents, which we are hosting the following week. That will be an opportunity for you to come into your child's learning environment and see what wonderful learning has been taking place. Our parents' evenings will be held remotely still for this term.

Lastly, I want to say a big thank you for your ongoing support to everyone here at Badgerbrook. We value your parent voice. If there is something you think we are doing well, please tell us. If there is something you think we could do better, please tell us. I am a phone call away or available for a face to face, by appointment.

Stay safe.

Best Wishes

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 2021/2022	
	Autumn Term
School Opens	Wednesday 25 th August 2021
Mid-Term Break	Monday 18 th October – Friday 22 nd October 2021
School Closes	Friday 17 th December 2021
	Spring Term
School Opens	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Mid-Term Break	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February 2022
School Closes	Friday 8 th April 2022
	Summer Term
School Opens	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Mid Term Break	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022
School Closes	Thursday 7 th July 2022

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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Covid-19

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.

Details of our current Covid-19 precautions, including plans for remote learning can be found on our website: badgerbrook.org.uk/newsletters.



Staffing

We have new staff at Badgerbrook:

Mrs Neal and Miss Thomas, Teaching Assistants in Year 2 and Foundation Stage.

Welcome both to the team.



Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held remotely again, on Tuesday 26th October and Thursday 28th October. More information to follow.

On Tuesday 2nd November, We invite you to come into school from 3.15pm to 5.30pm to have a look at your child's work.



Wellbeing

At Badgerbrook, wellbeing of all our pupils continues to be a focus. We have continued to run 'Relax Kids' sessions with Laura Jarvis, from 'Rainbow Learning and Wellbeing', for all classes across the school. Each class will have a session on a Friday, once a fortnight.

'Relax Kids' is a 7 step system to take children from high to low energy and promote wellbeing and relaxation.

Ask your child all about it.



Pupil Photos

Photos for pupils will take place on Wednesday 29th September.

Please could your child bring in their navy school sweatshirt/cardigan on this day. Photos will be taken individually and with siblings within the school.

Details of how to order copies will be sent out later.



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Contact Numbers

Please remember to let the office know if you have changed your address, email address, telephone or mobile numbers during the holidays so that we can keep our records up to date.

Thank you.



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.

Please try to keep snacks healthy where possible. We understand some supplies of food are affected by Covid.

Thank you



Flu immunisation

The annual flu immunisation will take place in school on Friday 8th October 2021.

Consent forms have already been sent out via email this week.



School Admissions to Secondary Education Autumn 2022

Just to remind parents of children in Year 6 that the closing date for the completion of applications online is **31st October 2021**. Please apply on line at www.leics.gov.uk.

Results will be made available on 1st March 2022



First Time School Admissions Autumn 2022

If your child is eligible to start primary school in September 2022 (born between 1st September 2017 and 31 August 2018 inclusive), you need to apply to the local authority for a place at www.leics.gov.uk by 15 January 2022.

Results will be made available on 18th April 2022.



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Queens Platinum Jubilee

Schools have been awarded an extra days holiday in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This is in lieu of the official holiday which falls during the May half term break.

The Local Authority has advised that we take Friday 8th July 2022 as our extra day, which is the last day of the summer term.

You may hear that other schools are taking a different day, but they are possibly academies.

Badgerbrook has taken the direction of the Local Authority. Therefore school will finish on Thursday 7th July 2022.



Term Dates for 2022 - 2027

School term dates for 2022-2027 onwards have not yet been set by the Local Authority. They carried out a consultation about when school holidays should fall earlier this summer.

All views are being considered and a final decision on when term dates for 2022-2023 through to 2026-2027 will hopefully be published later this autumn term.

After School Club



Job vacancy at Badgerbrook Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Badgerbrook breakfast and afternoon club are looking for a play worker to join the team. Experience in working with children is necessary. Qualifications are preferred but not essential.

For further information and full job description please contact Beth on 07713117089 and leave a message.

Thank you



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A Big Shout out to

Dominic, Harrison and Archie all from Year 1 raised £1000 for a local children's heart charity 'Keep The Beat', by taking part in a local Spartan race in the summer.

Well Done Boys #Teamwork

Jack in Year 2 and Harry in Year 4 competed in a midlands regional bmx series. Jack came 2nd and Harry came 1st.

Brilliant Achievement #Determination

Lewie in Year 4 raised £180 for 'Help The Homeless' during the summer by kicking a football into the goal 100 times every day for the entire month of July.

Fantastic #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 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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Diary Dates

September 2021	
Wednesday 29 th September	Individual Photographs
October 2021	
Monday 4 th October	Year 2 Dance Workshop
Friday 8 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 15 th October	School closes for October half term
Monday 25 th October	School opens
Tuesday 26 th October	Parents evening
Thursday 28 th October	Parents evening
November 2021	
Tuesday 2 nd November	School open for parents to look at pupil books 3.15pm to 5.30pm



Academic Year 2021 -2022

Please find attached the Terms and Holidays for the Academic Year 2021 - 2022



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