



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Welcome to our last newsletter of the year,

We have had an action packed first term and everyone has been busy working hard and learning lots. On our school website and Facebook page, you can get a flavour of what has been happening. You may even see some photographs of the Badgerbrook Staff Dodgeball team playing in a tournament. We won a trophy for our team spirit! It certainly wasn't for our dodgeball skills!!

Our Christmas performances were a great success. We were so pleased that we were still able to go ahead with them. We are grateful to those parents and families for supporting the children by being super audiences!! Thank you. Although I know from the lovely feedback that you enjoyed it just as much.

The PTFA committee have been working hard organising events in the past few weeks. They provided lovely refreshments at our performances, so a big thank you to them! Please see the Badgerbrook PTFA Facebook page to keep in the loop with all future events.

We have had a change to our Governing board in recent weeks. Mrs Moran our Chair of Governors has resigned from the position and we have a new Chair of Governors; Mrs Val Moore. She has written a letter to you all to introduce herself, which can be found later in this Newsletter.

In the new year we will be looking to elect a new parent governor. There will be more information to follow in January.

For now, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Best wishes and stay safe.

Ms Meyrick and all of the Badgerbrook team

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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Badgerbrook Wellbeing Ambassadors

Badgerbrook have appointed Cerys, Finlay, Ava and Jude as 'Wellbeing Ambassadors'. The children will be working with Mrs Kirk over the next year to help improve the wellbeing of all pupils at the school. They have already set their first targets which include reducing screen time of children in Years 5 and 6. Also ensuring all children at Badgerbrook are introduced to mindfulness with school and have at least one session per week.



The Trussell Trust Charity

To raise funds for The Trussell Trust Charity, 5AW/HK will be running and walking 40 laps of the playground – over 4 miles altogether. They have been training really hard all term by completing their weekly, 'Daily Boost mile' and are hoping to raise lots of money!



Children in need

Children, Parents & Staff raised £495 for Children in Need.

Well done everyone.



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.

To All Parents/Carers and Staff of Badgerbrook Primary School.

I just wanted to say hello, my name is Val Moore and I have been appointed recently to the school in the role of Chair of Governors.

I am a retired primary school teacher with extensive senior leadership experience. I have many years' experience as a Governor and in the role of Chair of Governors also.

I live in Narborough, have 3 grown up children and one grandson. I enjoy reading and going to the theatre, I also enjoy doing craft projects.

Badgerbrook is a lovely school, I have been given a tour of the school by Ms Merrick, all the children were very welcoming and polite.

The role of the governing body of any maintained primary school is strategic to oversee the standards in the school, by monitoring, questioning and 'Holding the School to Account'. If anyone is interested in becoming a governor, please give the office your contact details and I will contact you for a chat.

Thank you everyone. I'm looking forward to working with all the governors at the school.

Yours sincerely

Val Moore
Chair of Governors



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Big Shout out to

Well done to Ella In Year 3 she has passed her piano test with fantastic comments from her examiner #Confidence.

Veronica, Lucie, Henry & Miller all took part in an English quiz at Thomas Estley Community College #Teamwork.

Thank you to Isaiah and Kieran in Year 6. for decorating our Christmas tree in the reception area, with a little help from Mr Creese #Teamwork.

Well Done to Ms Meyrick, Mrs Toon, Miss Stevens, Mr Creese, Mrs Kirk, Mrs Holland, Mrs Pullen, Miss Scott-Wylie, Mr & Mrs Turner. They recently took part in a school staff dodgeball tournament and came 4th #Enthusiam

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

December 2021	
Friday 17 th December	School Closed
January 2022	
Tuesday 4 th January	School Open



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