



# Badgerbrook Newsletter



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## January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022!

We have made a really good start to the new year at Badgerbrook, with lots of exciting things happening so far. Please see our Facebook Page for more info in addition to this newsletter.

Even though we are still in challenging times due to Covid, everyone is showing great resilience and positivity! We really appreciate your support and patience. Hopefully, we shall be back to normal soon enough.

As you know, we welcome your views about our school, as we continually strive to improve. Soon you will receive a link to a parent survey, and we would really appreciate your valuable feedback. Your child/children will also be sent a link on Seesaw to complete their pupil survey.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Take care & stay safe

Ms Meyrick



### Staffing

Sadly, Mrs Dunning our Midday Manager is leaving us, for an exciting opportunity as a Vet's Receptionist. Her last day is next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Also, Miss Smith our LSA in Year 1 is off onto new adventures after half term. She is going to work with secondary school children as a Learning Mentor.

We are sad they are leaving but wish them well. Please come back and visit.

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

Mrs Edwards our Middy Supervisor did an amazing job of clearing all of the lost property at the end of last time. However, we are gradually getting more lost property that have no names in them.

Please can we ask that you put your child's name and class into everything that comes into school (remember pen disappears after a few washes). This way we have a good chance of returning the items back to your child.



### *Reading at Home*

Reading across the whole school continues to be a focus. Please can you support your child in reading at least 5 times a week at home and record in your child's reading diary.

#### **Top 10 benefits of daily reading with your child:**

1. Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive.
2. **They perform better academically.**
3. Their imagination can run wild.
4. Their creativity skills develop.
5. They develop empathy.
6. They gain a deeper understanding of their world.
7. Their concentration levels improve.
8. The parent and child bond improves.
9. Their cognitive development is supported.
10. Their social skills and interaction improve.



### *Roving Books*

We are excited to announce that the wait is over..... 'Roving Books' mobile bookstore will be returning to Badgerbrook on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Their visit in October was well received by both pupils and parents and we know that many children can't wait for the opportunity to buy the next book on their wish list! Perhaps in readiness for World Book Day in March, or to take part in our school readathon. The visit was also phenomenally successful in raising funds to re-stock our school library.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be sent near the time.



### *Music*

Years 5 & 6 are currently taking part in an exciting turntabling project as part of our Music Curriculum at Badgerbrook. They get to experience the versatile, exciting and dynamic art of turntablism on 30 top-of-the-range decks. It develops many musical skills including performance, composition, pulse and rhythm skills. We look forward to showing some videos of our skills on the school website in the future.



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## *The South Leicestershire Partnership*

The South Leicestershire have created some newsletters inserts for parents/ carers for each month of the academic year. The newsletters are designed to give parents a basic understanding of health and well-being. They include links to websites for more detailed information and helplines/further support. The newsletters based are on the following topics:

- 1. January 2022- New Years Resolutions
- 2. Feb 2022-Mental Health Newsletter
- 3. March 2022-Oral Health Newsletter
- 4. April 2022-Stress Newsletter
- 5. May 2022- Body Image
- 6. June 2022- Healthy Eating

To access the whole newsletter inserts folder please use the following:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iuc8Ot96U-sHxfBCCA1atkY8H8I1Wiwj?usp=sharing>



*TikTok*

TikTok is huge with children and teenagers right now. Read this factsheet (attached) to learn about steps you can take to help keep your child safe on TikTok."



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

Emma in Yr4 has achieved her gold rose award in classical ballet and with honours star, the highest award! #self-belief.

Well done Emma

A special mention to 2AS for impecable mannors, role models and behaviour when walking around school.

#respect, #teamwork

Well done, keep up the good work.

Logan in Yr 4 for showing both perseverabce & resilience in class, #self-Belief.

Well Done Logan

### *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](http://www.internetmatters.org).



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## Diary Dates

### February 2022

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Child & Mental Health Week  
Safer Internet Day  
School closed for half term  
School re-opens



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