



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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November 2021

Welcome to our November Newsletter!

I am really pleased to announce that we have a PTFA. We elected a committee at the AGM on the 4th November. I would like to thank all of the parents in the initial steering group, who gave up their time to support the school in organising the AGM, which enabled us to get to the stage where we now have a PTFA again. I know that you will be hearing from them very soon, about their exciting fund-raising ideas. As parents and carers you are all on the PTFA automatically, so any amount of support you can give will be greatly appreciated.

The festive season is almost upon us and you will see dates for Christmas performance for EYFS and Year 2 and parties later in the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support

Ms A Meyrick



PTFA Elected Members

Role	Name
Chair	Heather Roberts & Vicky Sibley
Treasurer	Sally Lay & Lindsey Goodger
Secretary	Aileen Laxton & Shoana Leal
Deputy Chair	Nnenna Isiadinson
Publicity Officer	Helen Cleaver
Ordinary Committee Members	Sophia Sexton, Emilia Machett, Rachel Wilkinson, Claire Perry-Brown, Emma Loach & Kerry Glover



Staffing

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Madden, Teaching Assistant in Year 3. After many years at Badgerbrook she is leaving us. However, many of you will still see her around as she has taken up a position at the Badgerbrook Breakfast/Afterschool Club.

We wish her all the best.

We have also welcomed two new members of staff;

Mrs S Keeling, Teaching Assistant in EYFS and Miss J Griffin, Cleaning Assistant.

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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Appointment of an Assistant SENDCo

As you know Mrs Toon is both our SENDCo and Deputy Headteacher. The need has arisen to appoint an Assistant SENDCo, in order to support Mrs Toon in her ever increasing and demanding role. I am pleased to say that Mrs Ellis, who knows our children well after working here for the past 12 months, has been successfully appointed. She is an experienced SENDCo and has the professional qualities to be a success in the post.



Flu immunisation

As per last weeks' email we still have not received a new date for the flu immunisation. As soon as we have any further information, this will be sent out to all parents and guardians.



'Zoom' the 'Daily Boost'

At the end of October Key Stage 1 children were excited to have a visit from Zoom the Daily Boost mascot. He came into school with Mrs Bird, the Assistant Sports Development Officer for Leicestershire and Rutland, to present Badgerbrook with an award for the most minutes of exercise completed by a school last year! #enthusiasm.



401 Virtual Mission

Well done to all those pupils continuing to complete their daily steps using their '401 Virtual Mission' passports! Years 5 and 6 are doing particularly well and have travelled over half way across USA!



Children in need

Children In Need will be on Friday 19th November 2021. The school council have decided that pupils and staff can dress in a sports or dance theme of their choice. Please hand all donations to your class teacher.

Also on the day children can pay 50p to play football at break time, money to be given to the teacher on the playground.



Dogs Trust

Mrs Morgan in Year 5 is still collecting used postage stamps in aid of the Dogs Trust. Please send in any used stamps into school.

Thank you



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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Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on Friday 10th December.

All donations to Save the Children.



Foundation Stage & Year 2 Christmas Productions

We are hoping to put on our Christmas productions again for our EYFS & Year 2 pupils, Covid restrictions permitting.

Please find below a list of performances that will take place during December. Each production performance is limited to two tickets per family, including children.

EYFS	Wednesday 8 th December 2021 at 9.30am Thursday 9 th December 2021 at 9.30am
Year 2	Tuesday 7 th December 2021 at 6.00pm Wednesday 8 th December 2021 at 2.00pm



Christmas Lunch

There are two dates for Christmas Lunch this year. Please make sure you have filled in your child's lunch request.

EYFS, Years 1 & 2	Friday 3 rd December 2021
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Friday 10 th December 2021

On Friday 3rd December, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are all asked to bring a packed lunch from home.

On Friday 10th December Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2, will be provided with a packed lunch from the kitchen, unless you wish to send them with their own from home.

Please can you ensure you have ordered your child's lunch (form sent via email last Friday 5th November) by Monday 15th November.

Thank you



Christmas Parties

Please find below the dates of the Christmas Parties for each year group, Covid restrictions permitting, which will all take place during the school day. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

EYFS	Monday 13 th December
Year 1	Tuesday 14 th December
Year 2	Tuesday 14 th December
Year 5	Wednesday 15 th December
Year 4	Wednesday 15 th December
Year 3	Thursday 16 th December
Year 6	Friday 17 th December



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Bad Weather Information

In the event of heavy snowfall or icy conditions it may not be possible to keep all routes and paths around school clear. The Premises Officer will try to keep both routes round school open if possible to allow for social distancing. If we have to make any changes to entry and exit points for classes, we will try to let you know as early as possible by text or email, and school staff will be outside when you come to school to direct you to the appropriate route.

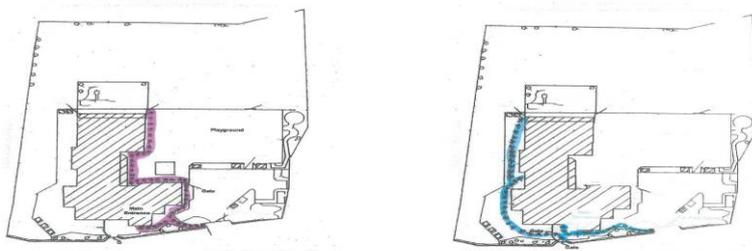
The plans below show the paths which the Premises Officer will clear and grit if possible. It may be necessary to fence off part of the playground if it has not been possible to clear or grit this area.

Parents are reminded to listen to BBC Radio Leicester bulletins (104.9 FM) or to look at the BBC Radio Leicester web site for details of school closures – <http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/Leicestershire>

It is important to press F5 on your keyboard, refresh or close your internet browser and re-open the website to make sure you have the latest list.

If the school is closed we will use the text and email service to send out information and we will update the Badgerbrook website www.badgerbrook.org.uk

Please ensure that we have up to date contact numbers in case we need to contact you during the day.



Vacancy

We are looking for an extra Midday Supervisor to join our lunchtime team. The hours are 11.20am to 12.35pm each weekday in term time until July 2022.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this job, please contact the school office for an application pack.



Extended Services Noticeboard

Please take a look at the Extended Services Noticeboard near the Hall entrance to find details about local clubs and sports teams.

We are always happy to display posters.



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A Big Shout out to

Maddison and Bobby Year 4 have recently ran in the Prestwold primary school races. They have both achieved excellent places #

Congratulations to our Rice Bowl football team, who beat Caldecote 5 – 2 in the first round of the County Cup #Teamwork.

A big thank you to Ebony Year 4 and Oliver's (Year 1) mums, Hannah and Madi who have given their time and talent to paint a beautiful reading tree in our school library. We look forward to showing photos of the tree once it is finished #creativity #kindness.

Staff Challenge Marathon in a month: well done to Miss Carter, Mrs Berry, Mr Creese, Mrs Kirk, Mrs Marsham and Mrs Turner, who all completed the challenge to either run, walk or swim the total distance of 26.2 miles over the month of October #Determination.

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

November 2021	
Friday 12 th November Monday 15 th November Tuesday 16 th November Friday 19 th November Monday 22 nd November	Dress Down Day – PTFA Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week Yr 2 SATs Meeting - Virtually Children In Need Yr6 Meeting with Parents – Virtually
December 2021	
Friday 3 rd December Tuesday 7 th December Tuesday 7 th December Wednesday 8 th December Wednesday 8 th December Thursday 9 th December Thursday 9 th December Friday 10 th December Monday 13 th December Tuesday 14 th December Tuesday 14 th December Wednesday 15 th December Wednesday 15 th December Thursday 16 th December Friday 17 th December Friday 17 th December	EYFS, Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Lunch Yr5 Anglo Saxons Visit Yr2 Christmas Production at 6.00pm EYFS Christmas Production at 9.30am Yr 2 Christmas Production at 2.00pm EYFS Christmas Production at 9.30am Yr 1 Carol Service at 2.00pm Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch EYFS Christmas Party (During School Hours) Yr 1 Christmas Party (During School Hours) Yr 2 Christmas Party (During School Hours) Yr 5 Christmas Party (During School Hours) Yr4 Christmas Party (During School Hours) Yr3 Christmas Party (During School Hours) Yr6 Christmas Party (During School Hours) School Closes for the Christmas Break



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