



Badgerbrook Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Families of Badgerbrook

Welcome to our May newsletter. It has been a really busy half term since Easter and we have lots to celebrate! Our Jubilee celebrations are well under way and the children have been busy creating for our 'Best in Show' competition – organised by the PTFA.

The end of the school year is fast approaching and the summer is in sight. But, before then we still have lots of things to come, leavers ceremony and production for our Year 6 leavers. Sports day and trips. There is more information to follow in this newsletter.

This term there have been some staff changes. We would like to welcome some new staff to our team. Miss K Crookes and Mrs L Grant as Midday supervisors, Miss J Flowers as a Learning Support Assistant and Mrs P Horne as our new School Business Manager. Mrs Horne has had a wealth of experience working as a School Business Manager over the years and we are glad to have her on the Senior Leadership Team. Sadly we said goodbye to Ms Marks our Learning Support Assistant in Year 6.

Wishing you all a happy half term.

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Polite Reminder: We foster an ethos of mutual respect in our school. With this in mind, may I politely remind parents and carers to please refrain from speaking in a vexatious manner to staff in school or over the phone. This also includes vexatious emails. It will not be tolerated and staff deserve the same respect that they give to parents. Thanks for your understanding.



School Reports

You will receive your child's annual report on Friday 1st July. The children will then spend the day with their new class teacher on Monday 4th July.



Year 6 Production & Award Ceremony

The Year 6 end of year production will take place on Wednesday 29th June at 6.00pm and the Year 6 Awards ceremony to take place on Tuesday 5th July at 5.30pm. Further details will follow.

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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We value your opinion and views and we have been analysing your answers from the parent survey we sent out in the Spring term. As a result, we have made some changes and have ideas for improvements to make in the near future.

Lots of you wished to know more about our behaviour reward system...

Many of our children have been achieving Good to be Green and Good to be Gold stickers and awards this term. We are proud to say that behaviour in general is excellent at Badgerbrook and it is commented on by outside visitors who come into school.

We award Good to be Green certificates and stickers for those children who show this exemplary behaviour and a positive and caring attitudes towards others. A Good to be Gold sticker is given when a child shows an exemplary behaviour and attitude to their learning consistently over a sustained time. We are pleased to say that we more than doubled the amount of Good to be Gold stickers in the Spring term compared to the number in the Autumn term.

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We focus on the positive behaviours where we can, however, we know realistically that this is not always the case. Our behaviour management policy is followed through the stages of sanctions if behaviours displayed are not what we expect at Badgerbrook, within our framework of school rules and core values. We have zero tolerance on bullying and any form of discrimination towards others. We are proud to be a 'No Outsiders' school and the 'No Outsiders' work underpins our whole school ethos. We have been working with children over the year to recognise the difference between bullying and unkind behaviour. Certainly, neither of these are acceptable, however we have to make sure that unkind behaviour is not mistaken for bullying. Our children know that Bullying is 'Several Times on Purpose' (STOP). We continue to educate our children about the difference between the two. That aside, I am pleased to say that we have low incidences of both.

What your child will be learning next half term:

As a result of your views- every half term from now, we will send you a link to the school website, for you to access the half termly topic learning. The link below is for Summer 2 and before the Summer holidays we will send the link out for the first half of Autumn, so you know well ahead. You may wish to go on trips and visits linked to the topics.

<https://badgerbrook.org.uk/curriculum-map/>

From the Autumn term there will also be lots more opportunities for you to come into school to be involved in the learning process and find out more about how to support your child at home. We are in the process of planning curriculum evenings and parent workshops in a variety of subject areas across the next academic year. A year calendar will be given out for next year before the Summer holiday, to enable you to organise work commitments etc. There will also be a wider range of clubs linked to the school curriculum, such a Science club and more. Also as a result of your feedback, we are in the process of reviewing homework and you will see a change in this from the Autumn term.



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Year 2 Trip to Hunstanton

On Friday 20th May, Year 2 visited Hunstanton to help answer their big question 'What is it like to be beside the seaside?'

Our young geographers were able to identify human and physical features and photographed what they could see. They explored rock pools, built sandcastles and feasted on seaside chips and ice cream. Their behaviour throughout the days was exceptional and were a real credit to our school. #curiosity #independence #teamwork #respect.

A Big thank you to the parents of Scarlet, Jacob, Isabel, Finn, Seth, Noah G, Fenton, Hollie, Marshall, Lovell and Bodhi for the help and support on the Year 2 school trip to Hunstanton on Friday 20th May. Also a big thank you to Mrs Neal, Miss Marsham, Mr Truman and Miss Wright for giving up their time too.

The Year 2 teachers couldn't have done it without them.



Sun Policy

Now that we are in the Summer term and the weather is hopefully getting warmer, please may we remind you of our sun policy:

- Please ensure that you send an extra drink for the afternoon break and that the container is named. This drink is particularly important during the summer term.
- We would like to stress the importance of sending a protective hat (named) during the summer months. The children spend quite a lot of time outside, especially at lunch time.
- Please apply sun lotion/cream at home before school. (There are products widely available that last for up to 12 hours.)
- Please may we also remind you to continue to send a coat or jacket with your child to school each day. The weather is often changeable and the children often get cold during playtimes and the lunch hour, especially in areas of the playground where there is limited sunshine. If it is a hot day, they will be allowed to leave their jacket on their coat peg.
- Children may wear sunglasses if you wish but unfortunately, we are unable to accept responsibility for loss or breakage.

Please be aware that there has been recent publicity regarding Nivea suncream. The new formulation contains Almond Oil and as the school has a number of children with nut allergies we kindly ask you not to use Nivea when your child is in school.



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Snacks

Children may bring in a healthy, mid morning snack and drink for playtime. As we have a number of children with severe nut allergies, please do not send any nut, or products containing nuts such as Nutella, into school. All snacks should be labelled clearly with your child's name.

Please find attached a list of our suggested list of snacks.



Sports Days

The dates for our Sports Days (weather permitting) are:-

Wednesday 15th June - Foundation Stage
Friday 17th June - Years 1 & 2
Monday 20th June - Years 5 & 6
Friday 24th June - Years 3 & 4



The Roving Bookshop

We are delighted to announce that the roving bookshop is coming back to Badgerbrook Primary on Tuesday 14th June. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Dog Mess outside school

Please can we politely remind you that dogs may not be brought or carried onto the school premises for health and safety of our children.

We have also received a number of complaints regarding dog mess outside the school gates. Please can we remind parents that if you do bring your dog please can you make sure you clear up after them

Thank you



Parking outside school

We have received several reports of dangerous and inconsiderate parking outside the school and in surrounding roads. Parking across driveways means that the local residents cannot get onto or off their drives. This also causes safety issues as they cannot see clearly when leaving their drives, due to cars being parked so close or half over the access point.

Please do not use the school car park entrance or the gateway to Holmes Park for turning. Also the dropped kerb opposite the school, we need access so that we can safely cross all children to Holmes Park.

We know that parking in the area is difficult and we encourage as many families as possible to walk to school. We do have permission for you to park in the bottom of the Co-op car park if you are able to walk from there.



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Shout out to



Joel C & Oliver S both in year 5 took part in a large football tournament and came 3rd out of 18 teams with their teammates #motivation #teamwork.

Isabelle L in year 6 took part in a swimathon to raise money for Cancer Research & Marie Curie, she raised an amazing amount. #kindness.



Oliver in year 5 being presented with his first prize of a turntable by Tim Clay of Leicestershire Music #Determination.

Scarlett W, Matilda, Macie, Peyton, Millie, Amelia, Eva, Ellie & Cerys all took part in the Leicestershire girls U10 league cup finals. They did a brilliant job #friendship, #teamwork.



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 Morgan & Mrs Little.

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

May 2022

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

May half term break

June 2022

Tuesday 14th June
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Wednesday 15th June
Wednesday 15th June
Friday 17th June
Monday 20th June
Tuesday 21st June
Wednesday 22nd June – Friday 24th June
Thursday 23rd June
Friday 24th June
Tuesday 28th June
Thursday 30th June

Year 5 secondary school experience
Roving books
Foundation Stage sports day
Musical Evening at 6.00pm
Years 1 & 2 sports day
Years 5 & 6 sports day
Year 1 trip to Playvillage
Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood

Years 3 & 4 sports day
Badgerbrook PTFA 'Pop up Circus'
Year 6 Production at 6.00pm

July 2022

Friday 1st July
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Monday 4th July
Tuesday 5th July
Tuesday 5th July
Thursday 7th July

School reports out to parents
PTFA Year 6 leavers party
Pupils to meet new teacher
Year 5 trip to Holdenby House
Year 6 awards ceremony at 5.30pm
School closes for summer break

Please find attached the Academic Year 2022-2023 term dates.



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