



12th January 2024



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy first week of term. We have been focusing on our school value of 'Be resilient' in our assemblies and reminding children that it is okay to make mistakes.

In reception, children have been working on capacity and putting containers into size order. The children have been using mathematical vocabulary to explain their reasoning. This learning can be continued at home, using everyday containers you have in your kitchen.



In year 1's Art lessons they have been looking at the artwork of Max Ernst, who used rubbings to create his pieces of art. The children have been doing their own rubbings on different materials and surfaces and using the patterns to create their own artwork.

This week year 2 have been learning about money in maths. For many of the children this has been a difficult topic as they are not as familiar with coins as children have been in the past. We would encourage parents to spend some time at home reinforcing this learning to enable children to become more confident using money.



Best Wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### School Attendance

**School attendance is currently 94.9%**

Attendance letters for Autumn term will come home with your child today. If your child's attendance is a concern you will receive a more detailed letter next week or be invited for an attendance meeting at school.



Please ensure that your child does not bring any products into school containing nuts, including cereal bars, cakes and sandwich fillings etc.



**This also includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella.** We have staff and children with severe nut allergies. Thank you

Click on the School Money icon above to book your child's dinners.

Orders must be placed by:

**Meals for week commencing 22nd January needed to be booked by 9am Wednesday 17th January.**

**Please ensure to click PAY on the app to ensure that the meals are sent through to us.**

Please note that if your child has a meal ordered and they arrive with a packed lunch, they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them. Any changes to your child's meal choices are to be made by parents by 9am Wednesday's for the following week to ensure that your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate that children can change their preferences.

### Tissue Boxes

We would be really grateful if you would be able to donate boxes of tissues again. Please drop them into the office if so. Many thanks.



### **Breakfast Club Reminder**

#### **Booking for this half term is closed on School Money**

If you haven't booked and need sessions you will need to call to check availability and book/pay over the phone. Please do not send your child into Breakfast Club if you have not pre-booked.

**Please ensure if paying for sessions with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so funds can clear in time.**

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs Spring term**

Extra-curricular clubs started this week and finish w/c 18th March.

Reminders: If your child has a place in any of the clubs after school, please ensure that they bring in clothing suitable for the activity and that they are not wearing earrings (unless they can remove them themselves).

Please do not pack snacks for your child to have during the club.

It is parents responsibility to discuss with the club providers any medical conditions that they would need to be aware of.

All clubs after school finish at 4.15pm, please collect your child promptly from the front entrance where the club provider will hand over children one by one to their adult.

Please ensure that all items are clearly named so that is easier for the club providers to assist if a child cannot find their belongings.

Parents may not park in the staff carpark when collecting their child at any time. It is not safe for children to be in the carpark.

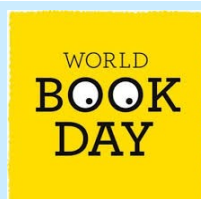
### **Sponsored Read Week and World Book Day**

World Book Day will be on **Thursday 7th March** and children may come to school wearing a costume or clothing that represents their favourite book or character. This is purely optional and we don't want parents to be concerned with spending a lot on a costume. Perhaps your child could make their costume? (please, no football kits, heels or open toed shoes)

To correspond with World Book Day, we will be doing a sponsored read week again which will commence **Monday 26th February** and will end **Sunday 3rd March**.

Last year we raised £1609.85. This was a fantastic achievement and the children accumulated an impressive amount of reading hours too which we were very proud of. The money raised helped to purchase phonics resources and reading books for the children.

More details regarding the sponsored read will be sent to parents nearer the time.



### **PSA Fundraising**

The PSA are already planning and organising events that will take place this term and new events will be advertised on the newsletter when they are finalised.



The PSA have also nominated our junior school to take part in the Tesco blue token scheme. If you do shop in Tescos, please pop a blue token in the box for Baddow Hall Junior School. Thank you.

### **Please name everything**

Could you please ensure that items that your child brings into school are clearly named. This includes lunch boxes and water bottles. Hats and coats. We have children that have the same items so this can cause confusion, for staff also.

We have a large amount of lost property in our lobby area that is unnamed and unclaimed. If you think you are missing anything, please come and have a look.

### **Stikins**

If you are needing name labels for your child's uniform, water bottles etc we recommend Stikins. If you do order from them, please quote our fundraising number **1081** as the school will receive a small commission for each order placed.

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### **FINAL REMINDER: Reception and Junior school places for September 2024**

**Monday 15th January 2024** is the deadline to apply online via the local authority for your child's primary (reception) or junior (year 3) school place.

**If your child is in year 2, you must apply for a year 3 place for your child.**

Applications received after the **Monday 15th January 2024** are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.