



26th April 2024

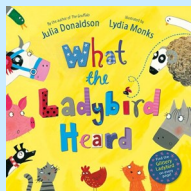


# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school we have been enjoying some sunnier playtimes. You may have seen that our reading den has arrived in the playground. Thank you to Mr Spencer, who worked extremely hard yesterday to relocate the tyres and build the reading den. School council will be writing to parents next week to tell you about a fundraiser they are organising to raise some money to decorate and furnish the reading den, ready for a grand opening.



In reception this week, the children have been reading, 'What the ladybird heard' by Julia Donaldson. The children have been using the story as a stimulus for other activities, including their writing. It is great to see how the texts used in class develop children's language. Children are using new vocabulary in sentences to enhance their writing.

In year 1, during their PSHE lesson this week, children have been thinking about how we can look after our school environment. Teaching children to look after and respect our school environment helps support their personal development in becoming responsible citizens of the future.



Children in year 2 have been learning about the Jewish festival of Passover and were able to share some of their learning in our assembly today. We learnt about the Seder meal and the reasons why Passover is celebrated.

Last term, children in year 2 wrote a story, with the purpose of having it published in a class book that we could share with each other in school. We are delighted that the books have arrived and we are now able to read their stories to other children in school. Congratulations year 2, on being published authors, you should be very proud of yourselves.



Have a great weekend.  
Best Wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### School Attendance

**School attendance for the academic year to date 94.8%**

Today in book bags, children will be bringing home attendance letters, to inform you of your child's attendance for the academic year to date.

If your child's attendance is a concern, you will receive further communication from the school and may be invited to attend a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve school attendance.



schoolmoney

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



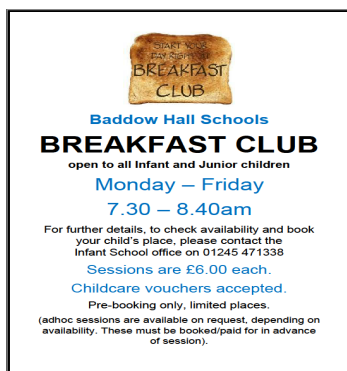
Click on the School Money icon above to book your child's dinners.

**Meals for week commencing 06.05.24 need to be booking by 9am Wednesday 1st May**

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

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to accept late orders for meals so if you do miss the deadline you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch that week.



### **Breakfast Club Reminder**

**Booking for this half term are now closed.** If you need sessions for next half term you will need to call and pay. Please note that some days are full.

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. **Only pay in what is needed for each half term to prevent building up a large balance.**

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list. **Thank you for all the resources that we have received from parents so far, it is much appreciated.**

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Clubs started this week. Just a reminder to please ensure that the days that your child has a club that they are not wearing earrings (unless they can remove them themselves) and that they have suitable clothing to wear. PE kit is fine if it is your child's PE day that day.

Please also ensure that you check the clubs time table because some extra-curricular clubs have different finish dates and some have dates where the club is not running. The timetable can be found on our website under the parent tab. It was also emailed to parents before Easter.

### **Class Photographs**

Parent were emailed this week a form to complete regarding consent for their child to be included in their class photos which take place in June. Please ensure that this is completed by **Friday 24th May**. Thank you.

### **School Trips**

Not long now until Receptions first school trip. Please ensure to read the letter as it states what the children should be wearing and taking with them. The letters for all the school trips can be found on our website.

#### **Reception**

**Tuesday 14th May**—Thorndon Park Gruffalo Trip. (letter gone out to parents)

#### **Year 1**

**Wednesday 15th May**—Danbury Park Habitat Day. (letter gone out to parents)

**Wednesday 12th June**—History Off The Page Seaside Day, in school. (letter went out to parent this week)

#### **Year 2**

**Wednesday 5th June**—Mini Games at CSAC. (letter went out to parents this week)

**Thursday 18th July**—Thriftwood Scouting Camp. (letter gone out to parents)

We do ask for a contribution from parents to help cover the costing of these events and trips which can be paid on School Money. You will be able to pay for Thorndon Park, Danbury Park and Thriftwood in installments to help spread the cost.

We are also able to use funds from the PSA fundraising or our Sports Initiative Funding to pay towards some of the overall cost.

### **School Calendar**

Please ensure to check the calendar on the school website regularly. Dates for events such as class photo's, Sports Day and end of year shows have been posted for a while, however we do update this when a new event gets planned.

PSA events are also on here such as the summer fair, one of the biggest events in their fundraising calendar so make sure to save the date.

### **Resources for Breakfast Club**

To have a little refresh of our Breakfast Club resources we are looking for board games, card games, any toys or drawing resources so if you have anything like this that you no longer need we would really love them for our Breakfast Club. Please drop them into the office. Thank you.

### **Useful information**

Please click [HERE](#) for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families.

### **Pierced Ears**

If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, please bear in mind that children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE/after school clubs and tape is not allowed. We recommend having them pierced in the 6 weeks holiday.