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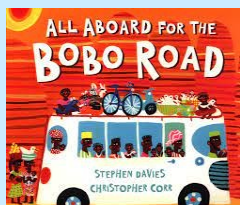


BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another productive week in school. We have been learning about the British value of democracy in our assembly today and demonstrating how we use democracy in school. We discussed how important it is to have a say and vote when we are given the opportunity. Children have been voting for a playground project that school council are leading on. We will share more details with you following our next school council meeting.



In Reception children have been reading a book called 'All Aboard for the BoBo Road'. They have enjoyed reading the story, set in Burkina Faso in Africa, and have compared how our lives are different. This has helped develop their communication and language skills as well as their understanding of the world.

Year 1 children are doing gymnastics in their PE lessons this half term. They are learning to use the equipment safely, develop their balance and use shapes in their sequence.

Children in year 2 have been looking at homes in Kenya, the materials they are made from and the design. They have then been on a local field trip to look at the houses in Great Baddow to see how they compare with those in Kenya. Thank you to the parents that supported this learning activity.

A few reminders regarding uniform. Children should be wearing shoes to school and not boots and wearing trainers on the days they have PE. Hair accessories should be small and reflect the school colours of blue and white. Thank you.

Have a good weekend.

Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

School Attendance

School attendance is currently 95%

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office by phone or email. Class Dojo should not be used to report absence.



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 5th February need to be booked by 9am Wednesday 31st 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.



Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for next half term opens on School Money 12noon Monday 5th February.

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.

Parent Consultations

The booking system to choose your 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher opens at 6pm Monday 29th January.

<https://baddowhallinf.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Please ensure to check that your log in details work before then.

Parent Consultations take place on **Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February** after school. Please note that Tennis and Gymnastics Club will still take place on these dates. Please refer to the letter sent to parents for more details.

Calendar Dates

We have added lots of new events onto our calendar on our website so please ensure to check this regularly so you are up to date with what is happening in school. We also regularly update our community news section on our website with events or clubs happening in the local community.

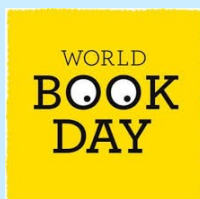
Sponsored Read Week and World Book Day

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.



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. Please also check items that your child brings home in case they have picked up someone else's by mistake.

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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Take One Picture—Art Week

Art week will take place from Monday 12th February. The children will be showcasing their art work in an exhibition in the juniors hall after school on **Thursday 15th February** so please pop along after you have collected your child from school. This is an exhibition for both the infant and juniors work so there may be staggered entry into the hall to prevent over crowding.