



1st March 2024



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone had a restful half term and what a start to spring it has been today, sunshine, rain, wind and hail!

I would like to welcome Mrs Sarah Billett, as SENCO, to our staff team. Mrs Billett will also be teaching Class 5 on Thursdays.

### Take One Picture

Yesterday, we held our joint art exhibition in the junior school hall. The artwork from reception through to year 6 was displayed for everyone to view. It was a fantastic opportunity to see the development of skills from reception through to year 6. I know all the children enjoyed their art lessons and we are very impressed with their final pieces. Thank you to everyone who attended, the children were very excited to show off their artwork.

### Governor Update

Thank you to Mrs Suzannah Leung for her time as parent governor supporting our school. Mrs Leung has stepped down from the role and following the recent parent governor elections Mrs Carla Dietrich has been appointed.

### All In Competition

Well done to Joseph, Shaun and Elena who represented our school at the 'All In' sporting event. The children all received a medal and Mrs Cook praised the children for demonstrating our school value of being resilient throughout the different events. Well done.

### World Book Day

A reminder that the children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 7th March.

### Sponsored Read

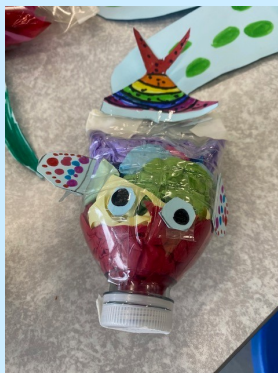
This week saw the start of our sponsored read. We hope you are enjoying sharing books together.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lesley Schlanker

Headteacher



### School Attendance



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

You may have seen in the news this week that the penalty notices for holidays in term time will be increasing. A reminder that the fines are one for each parent for each child.



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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 11th March need to be booked by 9am Wednesday 6th March. You are able to order meals up until Easter.**

Please ensure to click **PAY** on the app to ensure 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.



**Baddow Hall Schools**  
**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
 open to all Infant and Junior children  
**Monday – Friday**  
**7.30 – 8.40am**

For further details, to check availability and book your child's place, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 471338  
**Sessions are £6.00 each.**  
**Childcare vouchers accepted.**  
 Pre-booking only, limited places.  
(adhoc sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked/paid for in advance of session).

### Breakfast Club Reminder

**Booking is now closed. If you need sessions for this half term please call the office to book and pay.**

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—class 3

Reminder: Parent Consultations for class 3 take place on **Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March** after school. Please note that Football and Tennis Club will still take place on these dates.

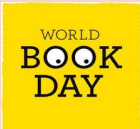
It is preferred that parents only attend the meeting, however if you are unable to get childcare we would rather you still came to your appointment. Any children attending with you must be supervised by the parent at all times.

**There is no parking onsite, if driving please park considerately on nearby residential roads.**

### Sponsored Read and World Book Day

Reminder: World Book Day is **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 toe shoes)

Sponsored Read commenced **Monday 26th February** and will end **Sunday 10th March**. Deadline to pay in any sponsor money and return your child's reading logs by **Friday 15th March**.



### Year 2 Music Festival—Thursday 14th March

**Please ensure that if another adult is collecting your child from the venue that you have let your child's class teacher know in writing by 9am Thursday 14th March** to ensure that handover of children to their adult is as smooth as possible at the end of the event.

**REMINDER: The school is not providing transport back to school from the venue. It is parent's responsibility to ensure that transport back has been arranged.**

Ticket Sales went live **Friday 16th February**, please click the link on the letter that was emailed to Year 2 parents. (it can also be found on our website under the parent-letters tab.

### School Trips

We are very excited to have organized some exciting educational events and trips as part of their topics for the children which will take place next term. Please see below:

#### 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 will be sent to parents nearer the time)

#### Year 2

**Wednesday 5th June—Mini Games at CSAC.** (letter will be sent to parents nearer the time)

**Thursday 18th July—Thriftwood Scouting Camp.** (letter will be sent to parents nearer the time)

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.

### Upcoming PSA Events

Thank you for your support with the most recent event for Mother's/Special Person shopping stall.



The PSA are busy preparing their next event which will take place after school on **Friday 22nd March** which will be an Easter Egg trail at the Junior school. You will also be able to purchase 'Baddow Bars' on School Money which could contain winning golden tickets. We will provide you with more details next week.

### 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.