



5th July 2024



BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge thank you to everyone who is part of and supported the PSA with the Summer Fayre. We were extremely lucky with the weather and there were lots of happy faces leaving through the gate, with a lot of children telling me what a fun time they had. We look forward to finding out from the PSA how much has been raised from the event.



This morning we have all woken up to a new government and Prime Minister. We will wait to see what that means for education in the coming months. We had an assembly earlier in the week to explain in simple terms to the children, what happens in a general election to enable them to understand democracy within our country.

This week in reception, the children have been preparing for their end of year assembly. They are practising their performance and we look forward to seeing parents and grandparents at the assembly next Friday 12th July at 9.30am. Preschoolers are welcome to attend, we would just ask that you step outside for a few moments if they are interrupting the performance.

Year 1 have been learning about money in maths this week. Each year we find the children have less and less knowledge around this topic, as adults around them use technology to pay for items. To support your child to embed this learning, which is part of the national curriculum, give them opportunities to handle money, recognise coins and understand the coins have different values.



As part of their transition programme, year 2 have been getting to know the adults in the junior school and are becoming familiar with their new school environment. This week they attended an assembly in the junior school and next week they will be spending one of their lunchtimes there.

Children in reception and year 1 will be spending time with their new teachers and in their new classroom next week.

Have a great weekend.
Best Wishes,
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher



Good Luck
England!



School Attendance

School attendance for the academic year to date continues to be 94.99%

The term dates for the next academic year are on the school website. Please ensure you refer to these prior to booking any holidays.

A reminder that there is an increase in Penalty Notices from September 2024.

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 15.07.24 need to be booking by 9am Wednesday 10th July.

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, if you miss the deadline you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch that week.



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.

(ad hoc sessions are available on request, depending on availability. These must be booked/paid for in advance of session).

Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for next half term opens 12noon

Monday 8th July and closes at 12noon Monday 15th July.

Please be reminded that sessions will be **£6.50** each from next half term.

If you need sessions for this current half term you will need to call to book and pay. **Please note that some days are already 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.**

End of year assemblies

You may have already seen these dates on our calendar on the website but just a reminder for the dates of our end of year assemblies.

The PSA will be selling refreshments before you enter the assemblies. They take cash or card as payment.

Reception—9.30-10.00am Friday 12th July

Year 1—9.30-10.00am Friday 19th July

Year 2—2.30-3.15pm Monday 22nd July

Parents/carers are invited to attend. Pre-schoolers are welcome too and must be supervised by their adult at all times.

Upcoming School Trips/Events

Year 2

Thursday 18th July—Thriftwood Scouting Camp. Year 2 children will need a packed lunch this day. Please read the letter giving details of what the children will need to wear. This can be found on our website.

If you haven't already done so, please pay any remaining installments by the deadline which is **Friday 28th June.**

Medication

If your child has medication that needs to be held in school, this will come home with your child on the last day of term. If they require the medication to be administered in school for the next academic year you will need to bring it to the office, in its original packaging and complete fresh forms for the year. Please ensure that the medication has not expired. If there are updated medical care plans relating to your child, please also bring these in to the office.

Pierced Ears—Reminder!

Children may wear stud earrings in school. **Hoops and other earrings are not permitted for safety reasons.**

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.

Children may wear a wrist watch in school if they are learning to tell time (analogue). We recommend not to wear high value watches in case they were to get lost or damaged. No other jewellery should be worn in school.

Safeguarding—end of day pick up IMPORTANT

If your child is going home with a different adult who is not on your approved regular contacts, please inform your child's class teacher that morning or please call or email the office. Your child will not be released unless we have received your permission.

Birthday's

Children are welcome to bring in sweets or birthday party invitations to hand out to their friends if it is their birthday. This will need to be done in the playground before or after school though when their parents are present. Please be mindful that some children may have allergies. Staff are unable to do this task on your child's behalf.



Spare PE Kit needed urgently.

We have run out of spare PE shorts, joggers and PE tops. If you have any you no longer need, please may we have them.

If you would like to donate any uniform at the end of the school year, please bring it to the office so we can either use it as spares or it can be given to the PSA for their pre-loved uniform sales.

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. It also gives information about events taking place within the local community, which are updated regularly.