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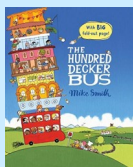


# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

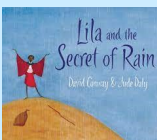
Dear Parent/Carer,

In our assemblies this week, we have been thinking about our school value, 'Be curious'. Research has shown that being curious helps to prepare the brain for learning. It is important that we foster curiosity in children, particularly about the world around them. As adults, we can model being curious by thinking aloud and letting children hear how we ask questions.



Reception have been reading 'The Hundred Decker Bus' as part of their Ready, Steady, Go topic. The children have also been investigating wheels, what makes them go faster and what stops them moving.

Year 1 have been learning about Mary Anning in their history lessons. They have also been looking at a range of fossils, some of which Mrs Timms and Mrs Cook brought in to share.



Year 2's English work this half term is based on the story of Lila and the secret of rain. The children are learning about life in Kenya in their geography lessons and their art lessons are based on work by Martin Bulinya.

A reminder that parents are required to supervise their children on the school site before and after school. We have had a few near misses, where children have been running across in front of prams and others as they make their way into school. Thank you.

Best Wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### School Attendance

**School attendance is currently 95%**

Is my child too ill for school? The NHS have advice for parents.

Visit [NHS](#) to find out more.



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 29th January needed to be booked by 9am Wednesday 24th 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 for classrooms. Please drop them into the office. 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 collection time

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. Many providers have to attend other schools after our club so please ensure that you are on time for collecting your child. Thank you.

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.

## 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.

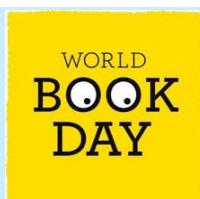
## Sponsored Read Week and World Book Day

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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Thank you to everyone that donated when they attended our Christmas performances. We raised **£318.38** for Farleigh Hospice.