



22nd March 2024



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another busy week in school and it is hard to believe that this time next week the Easter holidays will have started.



Just a reminder that next Thursday will be our Easter Bonnet parade, followed by our church service at St Mary's. We are hoping the weather will enable us to do our parade outside and parents are invited to watch in the playground. We plan for it to start at 9am. We look forward to seeing the creative designs from the children.

In reception this week, George, Mrs Easterbrook's tortoise came to school for a visit. The children were really interested to find out about how Mrs Easterbrook looks after George and they found out some interesting facts about tortoises. We even learnt if you rubbed his shell in a certain place he would give you a wiggle!

This half term in science, year 1 have been looking at plants. They have been investigating the different conditions plants need to grow and also naming the parts of a plant. This is a great time of year to get your child interested in plants, perhaps they can grow some of their own vegetables at home.



In design and technology lessons this week, year 2 made their own pizza, including making the pizza dough. They took their pizza's home to enjoy for dinner. Thank you to all the parents who helped out in class.

A number of parents have raised their concerns with me about the planning application for the distribution warehouses at the A114/A130 junction. I have submitted an objection on behalf of the children and governing body of Baddow Hall Infants.

A reminder that the [parent survey](#) is open until Wednesday for parents to share their views.

Have a great weekend.  
Best Wishes,  
Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### School Attendance



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

A reminder that the school gates close at 8.45am, when registers will be taken. Children arriving after this will be marked late.



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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 15.04.24 must be booked by 9am Friday 22nd March due to deliveries before Easter. If you did not book, please provide a packed lunch for your child that week.**

**Meals for week commencing 22.04.24 need to be booked by 9am Wednesday 17th April** This is a new menu.

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.



**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 for next half term opened 12noon Monday 18th March and will close 12noon Monday 25th March.**

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.**

### **Beat The Streets**

This fun and free of charge game runs from 28th February to 10th April across Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers and you can earn points, get active and win awards and prizes for you and your school. Children will also love to follow the map and see how many taps of the Beat Boxes they can get. Don't forget to register your card. For full details on how to play and register for free, visit [beatthestreet.me/chelmsford](http://beatthestreet.me/chelmsford)



### **Easter Celebrations**

On Thursday 28th March at **9am**, we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade in the playground, Parents and younger siblings may watch the parade. (please ensure that younger siblings are not on the climbing equipment and supervised at all times). If the weather is poor the parade will take place in the hall but this will mean that unfortunately parents will be unable to spectate.



At **10am** we will be visiting St Mary's Church for our Easter service where parents and younger siblings may attend. Seating is limited so please bear this in mind and younger children should be sat on laps. We need a small number of parent helpers for each class to help walk the children to the church. If you are able to help, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **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 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.

### **Lost Property**

We have lost property boxes in our lobby area where any unnamed item will be put if found. Please ensure to name everything that your child brings in. Any items left at the end of term will be recycled.

### **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.