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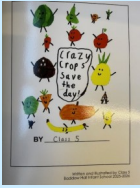
Dear Families,

A busy week in school and how lovely to have had a week of sunshine, particularly today as reception head off to Thorndon park for the Gruffalo trail. In preparation for their trip, the children have been using the Gruffalo and Gruffalo's child stories to inspire their learning. The children enjoyed drawing their own illustrations of the Gruffalo. Thank you to the parents who volunteered on the trip today, your support is very much appreciated.



Charlotte C2

Year 1 children have started their block of tennis lessons today, with Jane Gowers, who is a fully qualified and registered tennis coach with the Lawn Tennis Association. The children will learn important skills to develop their balance, agility and coordination.



A very exciting day for children in year 2, their books of published stories have been delivered this morning. We look forward to sharing the stories with the other children in school and year 2 are looking forward to taking their copy home to share with families.



As we are well into spring, we are now thinking about planting around the school. If anyone can donate some compost for the children's planting, we would be very grateful. We have added compost to our Amazon wish list if you would like to purchase some compost for us. Thank you.



Good luck to all the children taking part in the London mini marathon tomorrow. The weather looks great for the event and we look forward to hearing all about it on Monday. Remember to bring your medals to show in assembly!

Some very interesting crazy hair designs today, well done everyone. I hope all the hair dye comes out easily! We hope to have raised lots of money for the PSA.

Have a great weekend.
Lesley Schlanker
Headteacher

Family Learning Day
Friday 22nd May– we will be banging a drum about this soon!

School Attendance

A reminder that requests for leave for term time holidays will not be authorised and you may receive a penalty notice. You will all have received your child's attendance up until the end of the spring term. If your child's attendance is below 90% they are considered a persistent absentee by the DfE.



Reporting absence—reminder

If your child will be absent from school you must **call or email the office** rather than the class teacher by **9.30am**. When calling or emailing, please include the following information:

- **Child's first and last name**
- **Class number (or name of teacher)**
- **Reason for absence**

Please note that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhea, they must remain off school for **48 hours** from the last instance. This is to help prevent the spread of potential bugs.

Please ensure that your child does not bring any products into school containing nuts, including cereal bars, cakes and sandwich fillings.

This includes chocolate spread as we cannot be sure that it is not Nutella.

We have staff and children with severe nut allergies.

Pre-order your child's school dinners

Meals for the **week beginning 4th May must be booked by midnight on Tuesday 28th April.**

If a meal is not booked, reminders are not always sent out so parents will be phoned and asked to provide their child with a packed lunch. If a meal has been booked and they arrive with a packed lunch they will be given the meal and the packed lunch will come home with them.

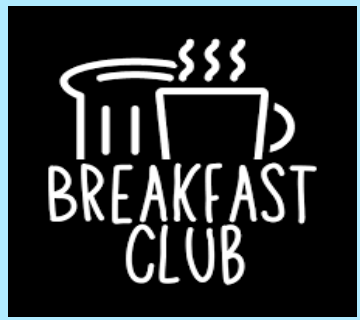


Breakfast Club

If you are needing a child care solution in the mornings due to needing to get to work, we run a fantastic Breakfast Club which caters for infant & junior children and starts at 7.30am. If you would like to register your child, please contact the infant office.

Breakfast Club sessions can be booked online via Parent Pay at any time, but no later than 7.15am on the day. (The serving of food finishes at 8.15am).

Childcare vouchers can be used as payment for breakfast club sessions, please see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for additional information on how to apply.



REMINDER: Important—PARENT PAY—do not use One Click Payments

When making a payment on Parent Pay please **do not** use One Click Payments as the payment method. Please see the letter that was emailed to parents regarding this.

Danbury Park year 1 school trip—Tuesday 12th May and Thriftwood Scouting Campsite year 2 school trip—Thursday 14th May

We hope your child is looking forward to their school trip coming up. Please refer to the trip letter which can be found on our website which advises you of what the children will need to wear and bring on the day. If it is going to be a warm sunny day please be reminded to put sunscreen on your child before school and that they have a water bottle and sun hat with them. They are not permitted to wear shorts/dresses so please ensure they are wearing something that covers their legs for protection. (NO jeans though please).

Tissue boxes donations please

We are running low on boxes of tissues in school as the colds and sniffles are now being replaced with Hayfever. If you are able to donate any tissues, please bring them to our office. Thank you in advance.

New Clubs

We are looking to start new clubs in the Autumn Term and one we are really interested in is Lego Club. We would need donations of Lego though in order for this to work as currently we do not have enough in school. If any of your older children or you know of anyone that wants to offload their Lego, we would most certainly give it a good home. If donations of Lego could please be brought to the office.



Medical Appointments

Medical appointments such as routine dental checkups should be done outside of school times where possible. If you are needing to take your child to a medical appointment during school hours please show proof of this appointment to the office either in person or you can email over a screenshot. Please let the office know the time your child will be either collected or dropped off and whether their school dinner would need cancelling.

School Trips 2025-26—please see dates below

Tuesday 12th May—Year 1 Danbury Park—Pond Dipping & Wildlife
Thursday 14th May—Year 2 Thriftwood Scout Campsite—Outdoor activities
Tuesday 16th June—Year 1 Seaside Day—with History Off The Page
Tuesday 30th June—Year 2 Mini Games—competing with other schools at CSAC

Letters for all the trips have been emailed to parents and are on our website under the parents-letters tab.

Other important dates coming up

Saturday 25th April—TCS Mini Marathon in London. (registered children only, via the PSA)

Tuesday 28th April—Dental Services Visit for reception children

Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May—Dental Screening for selected 5 year olds

Friday 8th May—PSA Games Night

Friday 22nd May—Family Learning Day (music themed)

Monday 2th May—Half Term

Monday 1st June—Inset Day

All events and important dates can be found on our calendar on our website.

PSA Crazy Hair/Hat Day– Friday 24th April

Thank you for participating in the crazy hair or hat day today in exchange for a donation.

Donations can be made via Parent Pay if you haven't already done so.





Amazon Wishlist

We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you would like to contribute something, please click [Here](#) for our wish list.

Easy Fundraising

Money raised can really help our school to buy additional equipment or resources to benefit the children and it doesn't cost you anything.

To register is simple (and FREE), please click the link [HERE](#)



Keep your postage stamps for us—Stamp Collecting for RNIB

We are collecting postage stamps on behalf of the Royal Institute for the Blind and have a collection box in the lobby.

Please cut around the stamps and place them in the donation box. (Please do not give them to us attached to envelopes with personal details on).

RNIB

See differently

Useful information—including local events and holiday clubs information

Please click [HERE](#) for the useful information tab on our website for parents such as ordering name labels, advice on health for families and courses for parents.

If you use **Stikins** to order name labels please ensure to use our unique code so that we get a small commission on the orders placed. **Our code is 1081.**

This page is also updated regularly with events taking place in the local area so please ensure to check them out.

Textiles Recycling

We have a textiles recycling box beside the bike shelter. If you are having a sort out of clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc, please use this bin to recycle them. This helps to raise funds for the school. A poster of which items can and can't be recycled can be found on the window of our main entrance and also on the side of the recycling box. **(They do not accept school uniform items with logo's on it).** If you have any school logo uniform in good condition that you no longer need, please give to the PSA rather than place in the recycle box.

Pre-loved uniform

The PSA regularly hold pre-loved uniform sales. You can also contact the PSA at anytime if you are in need of uniform and they can check what they have. Please contact the PSA directly at psa@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk (you can hand pre-loved uniform into the office and we will pass this onto the PSA).

Pre-loved Uniform Donations

If you are having a clear out, we are in need of the following for our spare clothing boxes: (please only give us any of the items below, thank you)

Boys white polo tops (any size), **PE shorts** (any size), **Tracksuit bottoms ONLY** (any size), **PE white tshirt** (any size), **spare sun hats.**

Lost Property

If your child has lost something please check in our lost property boxes which are in the lobby of the main entrance. We please urge parents to name everything, including lunch boxes, coats and water bottles so that they can be easily reunited with your child.

Any unclaimed items remaining in lost property on the last day of each term will be recycled or disposed of.



Our vision is for every child to make the best possible progress.