

6th September 2024



# **Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been lovely to see all our year 1 and 2 children return to school and settle quickly into their new classes. This year, children in year 2 will be able to volunteer for different roles around school, enabling them to make a positive contribution to our school community.

A warm welcome to all our new families in reception. The children are getting to know their teachers and finding their way around the classroom. I look forward to getting to know all the children in the coming weeks.

This week we also welcome Mrs Wallbank to our midday assistant team.

A huge thank you to Mr Spencer and the staff who worked hard during the summer break, to prepare our school ready for the new academic year.

To keep our school site safe for everyone please be reminded that;

- Children should dismount bicycles and scooters once on the school site
- Children should not be on the play equipment before or after school
- Parents should be entering and leaving the school site via the pedestrian gates, not via the school car park
- Be respectful of our neighbours and park responsibly, this includes not parking or turning near the school gates or parking on double yellow lines.

If you are dropping your child at class 1 or 2, we would respectfully ask that you wait at the side of the pathway to enable other parents to get past. Thank you.

School uniform reminders:

- PE kit should be worn on PE days, white t-shirt, blue shorts or a navy tracksuit.
- Earrings must be removed on PE days, no other jewellery should be worn to school.
- Hair accessories should be small and blue in colour, long hair should be tied back

Children's tattoos, nail polish and hair dye should be saved for weekends and holidays and not worn to school. Thank you.

We look forward to a great term ahead. Please check the calendar HERE which is updated regularly for upcoming events. Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes. Lesley Schlanker Headteacher

# School Attendance

A reminder that the attendance policy has been updated in line with the new national guidance. Please take some time to read the policy on the school website, particularly if you are considering booking a holiday.



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.



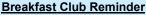
Click on the School Money icon above to book your child's dinners. Deadine to order meals for week commencing 16th September is 9am Wednesday 11th September.

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 gam 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. You are able to order meals up until the October half term, our menu will change after this.





If you need sessions for this current half term you will need to call to book and pay.

Please note that we are unable to accommodate your child if we are fully

**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.

Only pay in what is needed for each half term to prevent building up a large balance.



#### Amazon Wishlist

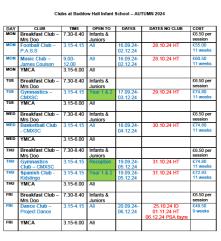
We have an Amazon wish list in school. If you are wanting to contribute something, please click <u>Here</u> for our wish list.

#### After School Clubs

ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS (the ones in blue) will start week commencing 16th September. Please book your child's place directly with the club provider's, their details are on their individual flyers and are open now. Please note that not all clubs are open to all year groups this term. These have been highlighted in green.

Childcare vouchers can be used for Breakfast Club but **not** extra-curricular clubs.

To book Gymnastics or Basketball, please click the CMXSC this <u>link.</u> HT = Half term. ID = Inset day. BH = Bank holiday



BREAKFAST CLU

Our new reception children may attend Breakfast Cub from week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September: Bootking will open on School Money for these families at 12 noon Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and will close 12 noon Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. We accept childrare vouchers for Breakfast Cub. Please provide the office with details of which childrare vouchers you will be using If applicable. Childrare vouchers can take 4 working days to clear into our bank accounts op lease be mindful of this.

# School Photographs

All children will have their individual school photos taken on **Wednesday 11th September.** Please ensure that they are wearing school uniform including their school jumper.



If it is their PE day they will need to bring their PE kit to change into. If your child has a sibling in the **infant school only**, sibling photos will also be taken on this day.

If your child has a **sibling in the junior school** you are able to have sibling photos taken on **Monday 9th September between 8.00—8.30am ONLY** in the **JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL.** This is the only opportunity for these photos to be taken so ensure to arrive in the time window stated. No photos will be able to be taken after 8.30am so the photographers will only be able to accommodate those families that have arrived in plenty of time.

## Lost Property

If your child has misplaced anything you are welcome to look in our lost property boxes which are in the reception lobby area. Please ensure that everything is named so that it can be easily identified. You can click the link at the bottom of the newsletter which can signpost you to where to order name labels whilst also raising money for the school.

## **Medication**

If your child requires medication to be administered in school you will need to bring it **to the office**, <u>in its original packaging</u> and complete some forms. 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 also.

## Change in details

If any of your or your child's details change please ensure to notify the office in writing. This could includes a new address, email or phone number, a change of consent, medical information and dietary needs and who can collect you child from school etc. If you have a change in circumstances your child may entitled to pupil premium funding. Please speak to the office if applicable..

# Useful information—including holiday club information

Please click <u>**HERE**</u> 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.