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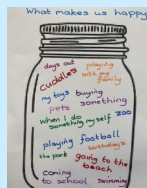
BADDOW NEWS

Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in reception have had their first full week at school. They are now more familiar with the school environment and are confident in getting the resources they need in the classroom. The children have been discussing different feelings and thinking about what makes them feel happy.

Please remember to have a look at Tapestry, where teachers will be adding wow moments to your child's portfolio. Parents are also invited to upload photographs of their child's achievements to share with school.



In year 1, children have been using the familiar story of 'We're going on a bear hunt', by Michael Rosen as their stimulus for writing. The children have written their own descriptive sentences. The children have also been on their own bear hunt, retelling the story.

Year 2 have been learning about where they live and the associated vocabulary, such as village, city, county, country and continent. Children are very inquisitive about where they live. We would encourage parents to support children with local geography and as you are out and about talk about the area.



As the weather is currently somewhat unpredictable, please ensure your child has a raincoat in school, with their name on it.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lesley Schlanker

Headteacher

School Attendance

Our school attendance is **97.5%**, which is above our school target. We are really pleased to have had such a strong start to the term.

A reminder that term time holidays will be **unauthorised** and you may be issued with a fine.

IMPORTANT: Primary and Junior school places for September 2024

From **Monday 6th November 2023** you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) or junior (year 3) school place.

Read about the primary (Reception) or junior (year 3) school place application process.

Applications received after the **Monday 15th January 2024** are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.



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: **9am Wednesday 27th September for week commencing 2nd October 2023.**

Please ensure to click PAY on the app to ensure that the meals are sent through to us. (all infant school children receive Universal Free School Meals). The current menu will continue until the October Half Term.

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. This helps to cut down on food wastage.

Please ensure that any changes to your child's meal choices are made by Wednesday's for the following week to ensure that your child is getting their favourite choice, we appreciate that children can change their preferences.

Individual Photographs

Proofs arrived in school and will be sent home with your child today.

If you wish to place an order, this is done directly with Horizon

Photographic, we do not accept orders or cash on their behalf. Please place orders by Sunday 1st October to have free delivery to the school.





Baddow Hall Schools
Breakfast Club
Monday –Friday
7.30-8.40am
Open to all Infant and Junior children

- Breakfast served – all dietary requirements catered for.
- Arts & Crafts table
- Puzzles & Games
- Movies
- Fancy dress
- Lego

& much more.



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For further details, to check availability and book your child's place, please contact the Infant School office on 01245 471338
Pre booking only, limited places.
Sessions are £6.00 each.
Childcare vouchers accepted

Breakfast Club Reminder

Please do not send your child to Breakfast Club if they are not booked in.

If you are in need of occasional adhoc sessions you will need to call the office to book and pay for the sessions that you need.

Please ensure that if you intend to pay for sessions with childcare vouchers that plenty of time is given before each booking window opens so that the 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.

PSA Fun Walk

Don't forget that it is our PSA Fundraising Family Fun Walk next Friday after school on the Junior field. Please ensure to collect your child from their classroom as you normally would on a Friday and then make your way over to the Juniors. All sponsor money raised should be paid on School Money. A payment is set up and open already. Please note that Dance Club is still on.

BADDOW HALL PSA AND THE FUN WALK TRUST
PRESENT

2K FUN WALK!

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
STARTING 3.20PM | MEET JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

JOIN US FOR A 2K FUN WALK

RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL

'BONUS POT' EXTRA ADDED TO ALL MONEY RAISED

WALK WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FILL OUT A SPONSOR FORM

8 LAPS OF THE TRACK! HAVE FUN!

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT AND ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. SPONSORSHIP MONEY MUST BE PAID ON SCHOOL MONEY BY 6TH OCTOBER 2023



*THE FUN WALK TRUST (CHARITY NO. 1151626) ORGANISE FUN WALKS TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITIES AND WITH THE GENEROSITY OF BUSINESSES AND SPONSORS ARE ABLE TO GIVE A % OF MONEY RAISED TOWARDS OUR FINAL AMOUNT. IN 2022 FOR £100 RAISED, THE TRUST GAVE £40. SO THE MORE WE RAISE THE BETTER!


Libraries and Schools: September 2023 Update

Kick Start September

September is always a busy month, with new faces and returning students filling up the hallways again! We understand that getting some children back into the routine of reading can be a challenge, so make the most of the support your local library can offer! If you would like to discuss any of our free resources, please email me on megan.crisp@essex.gov.uk.


The Sustainability Challenge!

The library is launching a new challenge this September, which is for all young people of secondary school age in Essex. There are six exciting challenges to complete, which lead to a digital badge and certificate. I've attached a poster with more information, and a QR code which young people and your school can register interest in taking part.




Outreach Bus

After its tour around Essex this summer, the outreach bus is ready to get back to visiting schools. This is a free service and includes a full day of the bus becoming your school's personal library! We arrange library cards in advance and encourage as many of them as we can to leave with a book. By presenting reading in a new way, we find it really excites the children about books!




Youth Advisory Board

This September, the library service is opening applications for a new volunteering experience for those in years 9 - 11, the Youth Advisory Board. This six-month scheme will include event planning, marketing, and budgeting. It can be used as the Duke of Edinburgh silver volunteering requirement. More information will be coming out soon, but if you would like to book an assembly about this or get more details, please email me: megan.crisp@essex.gov.uk



Moshi

This app allows children to develop emotional regulation, play educational games and read stories. It even has sounds to help children fall asleep and stay asleep! This app normally costs £9.99 per month, but with a library card it is completely free. All people have to do is sign up via the link on [this page](#) on the library website. I've attached a poster that can be shared with families.



Medical Appointments

If you are having to take your child out of school for medical or dental appointments, please ensure to provide proof of these appointments to the office. This can either be by showing us a hospital letter or text reminder. This can either be brought to the office or you can email us a clear screenshot of it. Where possible, please book dental appointments out of school hours.

Time off for illness

Just a reminder that if your child is unwell and unable to attend the school, please ensure to let the office know either by telephone or email by 9am on the first day of absence. If your child has sickness or diarrhea, they will need to remain off school for 48hours from the last instance.

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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Borrowed Clothing

If your child has borrowed clothing from us, please could it be returned to either their class teacher or to the office. Many thanks.