



# **Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter**

# Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of a busy half term. Thank you to everyone who attended parent consultations this week, it has been a good opportunity to reflect on the progress made by the children and share their next steps. Working in partnership with parents enables us to support your child in making the best possible progress. A huge thank you to the great team of staff we have at Baddow Hall Infants, for all their hard work this half term.



Last Friday the PSA held their Autumn Disco, thank you to all the volunteers for working so hard behind the scenes and helping to supervise the children. The children certainly threw some shapes on the dance floor and definitely enjoyed themselves.

I would like to thank Clare Shaw, who has stepped down as the PSA chair, for all her hard work. Thank you for your support and commitment to our schools. We welcome Emma Lewin as our new chair and I know she is looking for support from parents to continue to make the PSA such a success in fundraising for both schools. We have bought reading books, funded educational visits and experiences, and enhanced curriculum resources with funds raised by the PSA. They do need you to help support these events and if you can offer time for even just one event, we would be extremely grateful. Contact the PSA on PSA@baddowhall-inf.essex.sch.uk

Please remember that the clocks will change on Sunday 29th October. We return to school on Monday 30th October.

Have a great half term together. Best Wishes, Lesley Schlanker Headteacher

#### School Attendance

#### School attendance for this half term 96.8%

Reception: 97.5%

Year 1: 96.8%

Year 2: 96.2%

### 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 <u>primary (Reception)</u> or <u>junior (year 3)</u> school place application

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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 1st November for week commencing 6h November 2023. Please ensure to click <u>PAY</u> on the app to ensure that the meals are sent through to us.

Our new menu starts after half term and meals can be pre-ordered up until Christmas.

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.

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.



#### Breakfast Club Reminder

Booking for next half term is now closed on School Money. If you need sessions for next half term you will need to call to check availability and book/pay over the phone.

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 if we have spaces.

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 <u>Here</u> for our wish list.

### Attendance

Any messages regarding your child being absent from school should always come via the office, either by phone call or email by 9am, rather than messaging the class teacher. If your child is going to be absent during school hours, eg a hospital appointment, please provide proof of the appointment where possible.

If you intend to take your child out of school for a holiday, please complete a leave of absence form, available from the office, as soon as possible and return it to the office. Please be aware that holidays during term time will not be authorised and parents could be subject to a fine.

#### **Reception Height, Weight and Vision Checks**

Just a reminder that the nursing team will visit the reception children in school on **Wednesday 15th November** to conduct the height, weight and vision checks. A letter was sent to parents regarding this on Thursday 21st September. All reception children will be seen unless parents opted out by the deadline.

#### Clothes Recycling

We will be collecting clothing recycling when we return after half term to raise money for the school. This can be paired shoes, clean clothing of all types and can be adult or children's clothing. If you are having a sort out in the half term, please bag up any of these items securely and place them by the trees by the bike sheds near reception on **Monday 30th or Tuesday 31st October** as these items will be collected on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st. Many thanks.

#### ✦ Baddow Hall PSA present: ✦ Amigo's Magic Show!

- November 10th 3.15 4.45pm
- and snack, available now on School Money
- colouring competition. Winners will get to take part in the show!
- Opportunity to pre-order 'pocket money' magic items on school money, which will be given out at the end of the show
- All decession will be entered into a raffle to win a Magic Set!
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- There will need to be a cap of tickets sold, so please ensure that you buy early to avoid disappointment!
  See email for full details of this

## PSA Magic Show

The next fundraising event in the PSA Calendar is the Magic Show which is open to all infant children on **Friday 10th November 3.15-4.45pm.** If you would like your child to attend, please purchase a ticket on School Money as of now. Due to the hall capacity, there is a **limit of 150 tickets** that can be sold so once we have reached this number they will no longer appear on School Money.

Deadline to purchase tickets on School Money is 12noon Thursday 9th November.

You are also be able to purchase Magic pocket money items which are available on School Money as a shop item. These will be given to the children at the magic show, supplied by the magician. **Children should be collected from their** 

# classrooms at 4.45pm prompt! Please be aware that Dance club will still be on.

### Clothing for winter weather

As the weather has really started to change and it has become much colder and wetter, please ensure that your child is wearing suitable clothing for being outdoors. (eg wearing jumpers and trousers rather than shorts). If it is a PE Day, children should be wearing a tracksuit top and bottoms. Children should also have a



named coat with them everyday and if they are bringing in gloves and hats, please name these too.



#### Poppies for The Royal British Legion

When children return on Monday 30th October, we will be selling poppies and accessories on the school gates in the morning that week. Please bring some cash with you if you would like to purchase anything. Thank you.

#### 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.

