



3rd November 2023



# BADDOW NEWS

## Baddow Hall Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,



In this week's newsletter, I would like to introduce Mr Daniel Davis, who has taken up the role of Chair of Governors at Baddow Hall Infant School. Daniel joined the governing body as a co-opted governor last academic year.

*I have lived in the Chelmsford area since 1995 and moved to Great Baddow in 2013. Our son was born in 2019 and now I would like to put something back into the community. What better way to do that than support the growth and development of the future. I hope that the governor role will also better enable me to support my son through his education. I have undertaken many roles since my Chemical Engineering degree and have supplemented my professional development with an MSc in Water and Wastewater Technology and a BSc in Business Studies with Economics. Most of my roles have been in an operational management capacity and I worked for 22 years in the Water Utilities sector before moving into Telecommunications and then since 2019 Surveying. As a Chartered Manager and Chartered Environmentalist using my leadership and operational knowledge and skills I will support the team and strive to enable the school to meet its objectives and ensure our children are given the best education.*

*Mr Daniel Davis*

This week we have sent out information to parents regarding a vacancy for a parent governor at Baddow Hall Infants. I would encourage parents to consider taking on this key role to support the strategic development of our school. If you would like to talk to either myself or a serving governor, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very happy to talk to you about the role. Deadline for nominations to be submitted is Monday 13th November.

Have a good weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lesley Schlanker  
Headteacher

### School Attendance

**School attendance for this half term 96.7%**

**Attendance is monitored daily. Please ensure you contact the school office if your child is going to be absent.**

### **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.



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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.

Orders must be placed by:

**9am Wednesday 8th November for week commencing 13th November 2023.**

**Please ensure to click PAY 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 [Here](#) for our wish list.

## Child Safety Warning about Water Beads

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has issued a warning regarding the use of water beads, a product used increasingly as a toy. Water beads also known as gel beads, sensory beads, and sold under various brand names, are becoming increasingly popular as a toy. These beads are made from super absorbent polymer and can retain hundreds of times their weight in water. The use of water beads, especially by babies and toddlers poses serious risks. If swallowed, the beads can continue to expand, growing considerably larger than their original size and causing intestinal blockages requiring medical intervention. Due to their growing popularity, driven by social media exposure, it's critical to be aware of the potential dangers. The CCPC advises that water beads should be kept out of sight and reach of young children to ensure their safety. More information, and guidance for Parents and caregivers can be found on the [CCPC](#) website.

## Flu Immunisation for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

An email was sent to parents this week regarding the flu immunisation which will be delivered in school on **Monday 20th November**. Please click on the link on the email to let the immunisation team know if you DO or DO NOT consent to your child having this. Please submit one per child, deadline is Thursday 16th November. If you have any questions please contact the immunisation team directly. Their contact details are on the email.

## Year 2 Great Fire of London Day—Friday 17th November

A letter has been sent to year 2 parents regarding this exciting day for the children. Please could parents pay their contribution to cover costs for this event on School Money, by Monday 6th November.



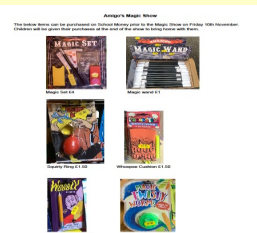
We need parent helpers on the day for either the morning. Afternoon or whole day. If you are able to help, please let your child's class teacher know by Friday 10th November. Thank you.

◆ Baddow Hall PSA present: Amigo's Magic Show! ◆

- ◆ November 10th 3.15 - 4.45pm
- ◆ Tickets are £6 and include a drink and snack, available now on School Money
- ◆ Children can take part in a 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 tickets sold will be entered into a raffle to win a Magic Set!
- ◆ 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 event

## 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.**

## Reception Library Visit

Reception children will be having their visit to the library on Monday 13th November. If you would like your child to join the library, please complete the joining letter which was emailed to parents this week by the morning of Thursday 9th November. If you are able to help walk the children to and from the library, please let your child's class teacher know by Monday 6th November. The letter can be found on our website with timings for each class.



## Poppies for The Royal British Legion

We will be selling poppies and accessories on the school gates in the mornings next 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.

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